

# Resources Safety and Health Queensland Industry Leaders' Briefing 2023

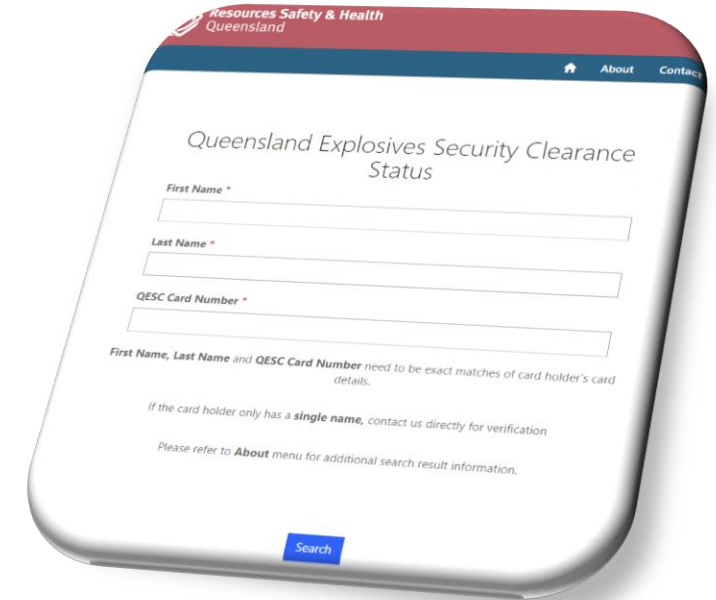
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# Key messages

- Access to explosives
- Security clearances
- Digitising licence applications
- Explosives licencing
- Industry incidents
- Engineering controls
- Misfire guideline
- Focus on the year ahead

# Access to explosives

- Queensland Explosives Security Clearance for work involving security-sensitive explosives
- Security clearance holders must advise employers of status change
- 24/7 Portal – [qescstatus.qld.gov.au](http://qescstatus.qld.gov.au)
- Employers must routinely check status of security clearances



The image shows a tablet displaying the 'Queensland Explosives Security Clearance Status' portal. The page header includes 'Resources Safety & Health Queensland' and navigation links for 'Home', 'About', and 'Contact'. The main content area contains three input fields: 'First Name \*', 'Last Name \*', and 'QESC Card Number \*'. Below the fields, there is a note: 'First Name, Last Name and QESC Card Number need to be exact matches of card holder's card details.' Another note states: 'If the card holder only has a **single name**, contact us directly for verification'. A final note says: 'Please refer to **About** menu for additional search result information.' A blue 'Search' button is located at the bottom of the form.

# Security clearances

- 250 applications per month
- 23% have disclosable criminal history
- FY23 – 29 applications refused – 28 suspended – 27 cancelled
- Employers must routinely check status of security clearances

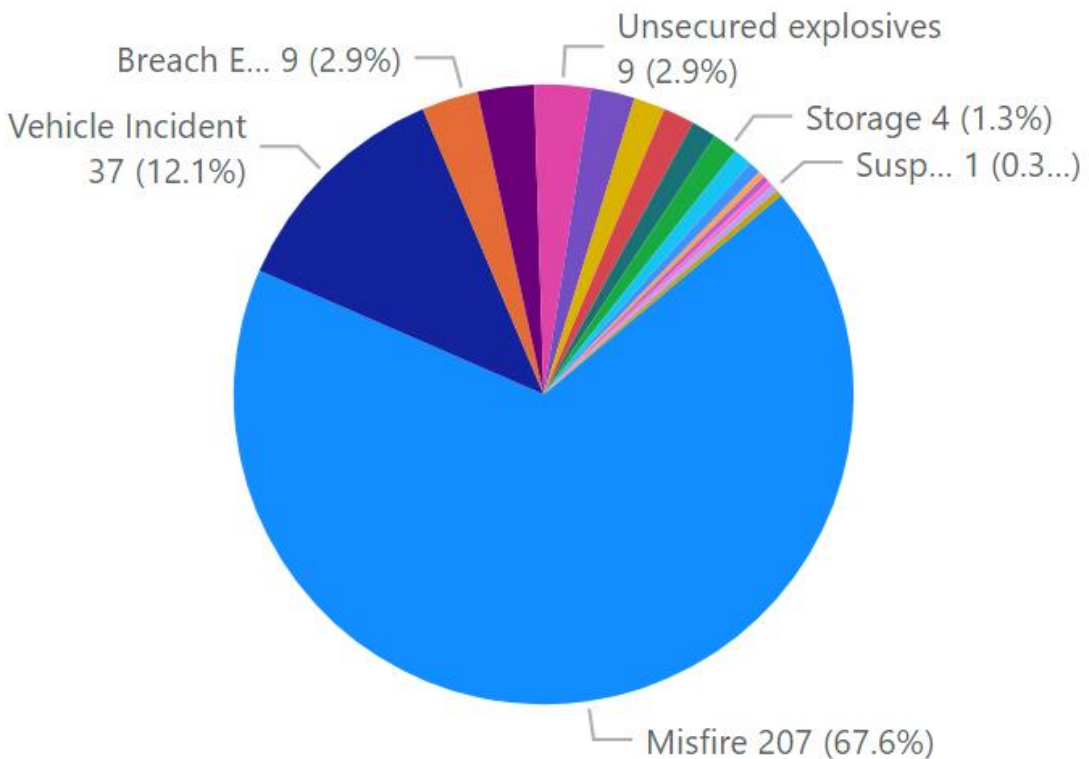
# Digitising licence applications

- SmartForms applications introduced on 6 March 2023
- Improvement in data quality and user accessibility
- Incomplete application can't be submitted
- Streamlined payment system
- The first stage in moving towards digital licensing

# Explosives licensing

- 120 new and renewal licence applications per month
- Renewal notifications sent out 3 months and 28 days prior to expiry
- Expired licences cannot be renewed
- Authority holder responsibility to submit timely applications

# Industry incidents



# Engineering control failure





# Prevention of Misfires Guideline

- Industry often fail to identify root cause of misfires
- Published to the Business Queensland website
- The working group for version 2 will be confirmed in June 2023

# Focus on the year ahead

- Increase near miss incident reporting
- Reduction of repeat events
- Application of higher order controls *elimination, substitution, isolation and engineering*

# Thank you