

Petroleum and Gas – Production or Storage Testing

This context diagram shows the reporting and notification obligations for petroleum and gas production or storage testing.

Note:

- You must notify us about your petroleum and gas production or storage testing on an Authority to Prospect (ATP) or Petroleum Lease (PL).
- If you are operating on an ATP or PL administered under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (2004 Act ATP or PL) the allowed period for production testing for a petroleum well is:
 - 13 months from the day the testing first starts - if the petroleum well intersects a natural underground reservoir containing coal seam gas, shale gas, tight gas or basin-centered gas and the testing relates to petroleum produced from the reservoir; otherwise
 - 6 months from the day the testing first starts for any other type of production and storage testing.
- It is a condition of the 2004 Act ATP or PL that the holder provides the chief executive with a written notice to the Petroleum Assessment Hub within 20 business days of commencement of production or storage testing.
- If the 2004 Act ATP or PL holder ceases production or storage testing for a continued period of 14 days or more, the holder must notify the Petroleum Assessment Hub within 20 business days after the testing stops.
- If a period of testing, beyond the allowed period is required by the 2004 Act ATP or PL holder, a production or storage testing approval must be in place. The length of this period may vary depending on the individual holder's requirements. Please refer to the [Production and/or storage testing Practice Direction](#) for information on what needs to accompany a request for extended production testing.
- If you are operating on an ATP or PL administered under the *Petroleum Act 1923*, all production testing requires an approval before production testing can commence.

Reporting:

- Forty business days after the end of the initial period of production testing a production testing report must be lodged with the Department.
- Forty business days from the end of any approved additional production testing period, a further production testing report must be lodged.

Further information: <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industry/mining/applications-compliance/lodging-statutory-reports>

