

Northern Territory of Australia

Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 2012

**Exemption From Requirement to Hold Schedule 8 Authorisation –
Authorised Health Practitioners providing services at Alcohol and Other Drugs
Services and Correctional Centres**

I, Hugh Crosbie Heggie, Chief Health Officer:

- (a) under section 245(1)(a), (4)(b) and (5) of the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 2012* and with reference to section 43 of the *Interpretation Act 1978*, revoke the exemption from the requirement to hold a Schedule 8 authorisation made by instrument entitled "Exemption from Holding Schedule 8 Authorisation" dated 22 April 2014 and published in *Gazette* No. G17, notice 4/17, of 30 April 2014; and
- (b) under section 245(1)(a), (4)(b) and (5) of the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 2012*, exempt each class of authorised health practitioner specified in the Schedule, Part A, from the requirement to hold a Schedule 8 authorisation for dealing with a restricted Schedule 8 substance specified in the Schedule, Part B, for the purpose of treating an addiction to a substance, subject to the conditions specified in the Schedule, Part C.

Dated 24 June 2020

H. C. Heggie
Chief Health Officer

Note

The instrument entitled "Revocation of Declaration and Declaration of Restricted Schedule 8 Substances" dated 2 March 2020 and published in Gazette No. G10 of 11 March 2020 declares each Schedule 8 substance specified in the Schedule, to be a restricted Schedule 8 substance.

Schedule

Part A

- 1 Medical practitioners who provide clinical services in Alcohol and other Drugs Services or a correctional centre; and
- 2 Nurse practitioners who provide clinical services in Alcohol and other Drugs Services or a correctional centre.
- 3 In this Part:

Alcohol and other Drugs Services includes the following:

- (a) Alcohol and Other Drugs Services Central Australia;
- (b) Top End Health Service, Alcohol and Other Drugs.

correctional centre as defined under section 4 the *Correctional Services Act 2014*.

Part B

Buprenorphine in tablet form 0.4 mg, 2 mg or 8 mg for sublingual administration

Buprenorphine in injectable depot formulations

Buprenorphine/Naloxone formulations in film form for sublingual or buccal administration

Methadone in liquid form 5mg/mL for oral administration

Part C

An authorised health practitioner specified in Part A (an ***exempt health practitioner***) may issue a prescription for the supply of a restricted Schedule 8 substance specified in Part B (a ***restricted Schedule 8 substance***) to a person if:

- (a) another health practitioner holds a Schedule 8 authorisation under section 139(1)(b) and (c)(ii) of the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 2012* to issue a prescription for the supply of the restricted Schedule 8 substance to the person; and
- (b) the exempt health practitioner issues the prescription to the person under the conditions of the Schedule 8 authorisation mentioned in paragraph (a).