

Northern Territory of Australia

Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 2012

**Exemption From Requirement to Hold Schedule 8 Authorisation – Methadone
Liquid for Patients in Intensive Care**

I, Hugh Crosbie Heggie, Chief Health Officer, 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 the restricted Schedule 8 substance specified in the Schedule, Part B, for the purpose of therapeutic use, 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 methadone in liquid form 5 mg/mL for oral administration to be a restricted Schedule 8 substance.

Schedule

Part A

- 1 An authorised health practitioner engaged to practise at a hospital as an intensive care registrar under the supervision of an authorised health practitioner engaged to practise at the hospital as an intensive care consultant.
- 2 An authorised health practitioner engaged to practise at a hospital as an intensive care consultant.

Part B

Methadone in liquid form 5 mg/mL for oral administration

Part C

An authorised health practitioner specified in Part A may prescribe the restricted Schedule 8 substance specified in Part B to a person if:

- (a) the person is a patient of the hospital in which the authorised health practitioner is engaged to practise; and
- (b) the authorised health practitioner is providing intensive care to the patient:
 - (i) for acute pain; or
 - (ii) who is intubated to avoid withdrawal symptoms while being weaned off sedative medicines.