

Northern Territory of Australia

Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 2012

**Revocation of Exemption and Exemption From Requirement to Hold Schedule 8
Authorisation
Methadone Liquid for Palliative Care in an End of Life Situation**

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 Requirement to Hold Schedule 8 Authorisation – Methadone Liquid for Palliative Care in an End of Life Situation" dated 26 September 2018 and published in *Gazette* No. S79 of 1 October 2018; 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 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.
- 2 An authorised health practitioner engaged by the Territory to practise at a Northern Territory Palliative Care Service (an **NTPCS**).
- 3 An authorised health practitioner working in conjunction with an NTPCS in a health centre or clinic.

Part B

Methadone in liquid form 5 mg/mL for oral administration

Part C

- 1 An authorised health practitioner specified in Part A, item 1 or 2, may prescribe the restricted Schedule 8 substance specified in Part B (the **substance**) to a person if:
 - (a) the person is a patient of a hospital or an NTPCS specified in Part A; and
 - (b) the patient is in the care of the authorised health practitioner; and
 - (c) the authorised health practitioner is providing palliative care to the patient in an end of life situation.
- 2 An authorised health practitioner specified in Part A, item 3, may prescribe the substance to a person on the condition that the practitioner notifies the CHO as soon as practicable but within 7 days after commencing a prescription of the substance to the patient.