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**POISONS (INTERIM AUTHORISATION) ORDER
2024**

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POISONS (INTERIM AUTHORISATION) ORDER 2024

I make the following order under section 25D of the *Poisons Act 1971*.

Dated 28 May 2024.

GUY BARNETT
Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing

1. Short title

This order may be cited as the *Poisons (Interim Authorisation) Order 2024*.

2. Commencement

This order takes effect on 6 June 2024.

3. Interpretation

In this order –

Act means the *Poisons Act 1971*.

4. Declaration of authorised health professionals and authorised body

- (1) For the purposes of the Act, pharmacists are declared to be a class of health professionals who are authorised health professionals.

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- (2) The department responsible for the administration of the Act is declared to be the authorised body in respect of authorised health professionals who are pharmacists.

5. Authorisation in relation to pharmacists

A pharmacist, in the lawful practice of the pharmacist's profession, is authorised to possess, sell, supply or prescribe a scheduled substance, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) that the possession, sale, supply or prescription of the scheduled substance is in accordance with section 25C(2) of the Act;
- (b) that the scheduled substance is only prescribed in accordance with –
 - (i) a treatment plan, in respect of a specific patient, that is produced by a medical practitioner; or
 - (ii) a protocol, in relation to the prescription of that substance by a pharmacist, published by the department responsible for the administration of the Act.

6. Expiry of order

In accordance with section 25D(2) of the Act, this order is revoked at the end of the period of 6 months commencing on the day on which it takes effect.

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Notified in the *Gazette* on 5 June 2024.

This order is administered in the Department of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the order)

This order –

- (a) declares pharmacists to be authorised health professionals for the purposes of the *Poisons Act 1971*; and
- (b) declares the Department of Health to be the authorised body in respect of pharmacists; and
- (c) authorises pharmacists to possess, sell, supply and prescribe certain scheduled substances in certain circumstances; and
- (d) is in effect for 6 months.