

TASMANIA

**POISONS AMENDMENT (AUTHORISED HEALTH
PROFESSIONALS) REGULATIONS 2025**

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I, the Lieutenant-Governor in and over the State of Tasmania and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, make the following regulations under the *Poisons Act 1971*.

Dated 26 May 2025.

C. P. SHANAHAN
Lieutenant-Governor

By His Excellency's Command,

R. C. JAENSCH
Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing

1. Short title

These regulations may be cited as the *Poisons Amendment (Authorised Health Professionals) Regulations 2025*.

2. Commencement

These regulations take effect on the day on which their making is notified in the *Gazette*.

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3. Principal Regulations

In these regulations, the *Poisons Regulations 2018** are referred to as the Principal Regulations.

4. Regulation 7 amended (Authorised health professionals)

Regulation 7 of the Principal Regulations is amended as follows:

- (a) by omitting from subregulation (1)(c) “(Tasmania).” and substituting “(Tasmania);”;
- (b) by inserting the following paragraphs after paragraph (c) in subregulation (1):
 - (d) registered nurses whose registration is endorsed under section 94 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Tasmania);
 - (e) pharmacists who are –
 - (i) authorised to prescribe a scheduled substance under subregulation (4);
or
 - (ii) endorsed to prescribe a scheduled substance in

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accordance with section
25C(2) of the Act.

- (c) by omitting from subregulation (2)(b) “podiatrists.” and substituting “podiatrists; and”;
- (d) by inserting the following paragraphs after paragraph (b) in subregulation (2):
 - (c) the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia is prescribed as the authorised body for registered nurses; and
 - (d) the Secretary of the Department is prescribed as the authorised body for pharmacists.
- (e) by inserting in subregulation (3) “registered nurse,” after “optometrist,”;
- (f) by inserting the following subregulations after subregulation (3):
 - (4) A pharmacist, in the lawful practice of the pharmacist’s profession, may possess, sell, supply or prescribe any scheduled substance in accordance with a protocol authorised by the Secretary, that specifically authorises the possession, sale, supply or prescription of that substance by a pharmacist.

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- (5) Subject to these regulations, a pharmacist may only prescribe a scheduled substance –
- (a) in accordance with subregulation (4); or
 - (b) if the pharmacist is endorsed to prescribe the substance in accordance with section 25C(2) of the Act.

Penalty: Fine not exceeding 10 penalty units.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations)

These regulations amend the *Poisons Regulations 2018* by prescribing –

- (a) endorsed registered nurses and pharmacists as authorised health professionals for the purposes of the *Poisons Act 1971*; and
- (b) the circumstances in which endorsed registered nurses, and pharmacists, respectively, are authorised to prescribe scheduled substances.