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# FLUORIDATION REGULATIONS 2019 STATUTORY RULES 2019, No. 8

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#### **FLUORIDATION REGULATIONS 2019**

I, the Governor in and over the State of Tasmania and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council and on the recommendation of the Fluoridation Committee, make the following regulations under the *Fluoridation Act 1968*.

Dated 26 February 2019.

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By Her Excellency's Command,

MICHAEL DARREL JOSEPH FERGUSON
Minister for Health

#### 1. Short title

These regulations may be cited as the *Fluoridation Regulations 2019*.

#### 2. Commencement

These regulations take effect on 11 March 2019.

#### 3. Interpretation

In these regulations –

Act means the Fluoridation Act 1968;

*fluoride concentration* means the level of fluoride residual in water intended for human consumption.

## 4. Prescribed fluoride concentration range

For the purposes of the Act, the prescribed fluoride concentration range is between, and including, 0.8 milligrams per litre and 1.1 milligrams per litre.

### 5. Record-keeping

A water supply authority having the control of a fluoridated water supply must keep the following records for the purposes of the Act:

- (a) a record of the volume of water treated each day by the water supply authority;
- (b) a record of the quantity of fluoride added to that water supply each day by the water supply authority;
- (c) a record of the results of analyses and tests of samples of water taken by the water supply authority from that water supply;
- (d) a record of the fluoride concentration in that water supply.

Penalty: Fine not exceeding 5 penalty units.

#### 6. Analyses and tests

(1) A water supply authority having the control of a fluoridated water supply is to take samples from that water supply, for the purpose of making analyses and tests of those samples, from such

points on the reticulation system, used in respect of that water supply, as the Committee determines for that system.

- (2) A water supply authority is to cause a sample from a fluoridated water supply, taken in accordance with subregulation (1), to be analysed and tested by a laboratory that is accredited by the National Association of Testing Authorities, Australia
  - (a) at least twice in each calendar month; or
  - (b) at such other frequency as may be directed by the Committee.
- (3) A water supply authority that has undertaken analyses and tests of a sample from a fluoridated water supply, taken in accordance with subregulation (1), is to send details of the results of the analyses and tests taken in any calendar month to the Committee by the 15th day of the following calendar month.
- (4) Despite subregulation (3), a water supply authority having the control of a fluoridated water supply must notify the Committee within 24 hours after receiving the result of any analysis or test that shows that the fluoride concentration is in excess of 1.5 milligrams per litre.

Penalty: Fine not exceeding 5 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 –

- (a) prescribe for the purposes of the *Fluoridation Act 1968*
  - (i) the acceptable concentration range for fluoride within a public drinking water supply; and
  - (ii) the record-keeping, analysis and testing requirements for water supply authorities; and
- (b) are made consequent on the repeal of the *Fluoridation (Interim) Regulations 2009* under section 11 of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1992*.