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## About this republication

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### Penalties

The value of a penalty unit for an offence against this republished law at the republication date is—

- (a) if the person charged is an individual—\$100; or
- (b) if the person charged is a corporation—\$500.



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# Health Professionals (Special Events Exemptions) Act 2000

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An Act to allow visiting health professionals to provide health services in connection with certain special events without being registered under Territory laws

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## Part 1 Preliminary

### 1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Health Professionals (Special Events Exemptions) Act 2000*.

### 2 Dictionary

The dictionary at the end of this Act is part of this Act.

*Note 1* The dictionary at the end of this Act defines certain terms used in this Act, and includes references (*signpost definitions*) to other terms defined elsewhere.

For example, the signpost definition '*drugs and poisons standard*—see the *Poisons and Drugs Act 1978*, dictionary.' means that the term 'drugs and poisons standard' is defined in that dictionary and the definition applies to this Act.

*Note 2* A definition in the dictionary (including a signpost definition) applies to the entire Act unless the definition, or another provision of the Act, provides otherwise or the contrary intention otherwise appears (see Legislation Act, s 155 and s 156 (1)).

### 4 Notes

A note included in this Act is explanatory and is not part of this Act.

*Note* See Legislation Act, s 127 (1), (4) and (5) for the legal status of notes.

## Part 2                      Special events

### 5                      Declaration of a special event

- (1) The Minister may, in writing, declare an event to be a *special event* for this Act if the Minister is satisfied that a significant number of persons from outside Australia will come to the ACT to participate in, or to prepare, train, practice, rehearse or acclimatise for, the event.
- (2) A declaration must specify, for the special event, the period or periods (the *exemption period*) when an exemption under this Act will apply.
- (3) An exemption period may include periods before or after the special event takes place.
- (4) A declaration must specify a *notification procedure* for giving notice within the ACT that a person will be a visiting health professional for a visitor to the special event.
- (5) A declaration is a notifiable instrument.

*Note*            A notifiable instrument must be notified under the Legislation Act.

### 6                      Meaning of *visitor*

A person is a *visitor* to a special event if—

- (a) the person is a resident of another country who is in the ACT for the purpose of officially participating in, or preparing, training, practising, rehearsing or acclimatising for, a special event; or
- (b) the person is a resident of Australia who—
  - (i) is in the ACT for the purpose mentioned in paragraph (a); and

- (ii) is a member of a group the majority of which is comprised of persons who are residents of other countries and are in the ACT for the same purpose.

## **7 Meaning of *visiting health professional***

A person is a *visiting health professional* for a visitor, if—

- (a) the person is a resident of another country; and
- (b) notice has been given, in accordance with the notification procedure for the relevant special event, that the person will be providing health care services to the visitor, or to a group that includes the visitor; and
- (c) the person is currently appointed, employed, contracted or otherwise engaged to provide health care services to the visitor.

*Note* A visiting health professional may provide services to other visitors to the event only after giving a further notification in accordance with the notification procedure.

## **8 Provision of health care services by visiting health professionals**

- (1) A visiting health professional for a visitor is authorised by this section to provide health care services to the visitor.
- (2) This section—
  - (a) applies only during the exemption period for the relevant special event; and
  - (b) ceases to apply if the health professional does not comply with conditions imposed under this Act.
- (3) This section does not authorise a visiting health professional to possess, or supply to a visitor, a prohibited substance for the *Drugs of Dependence Act 1989*, section 3 (1).



**9 Conditions on practice by visiting health professionals**

- (1) The regulations may impose conditions on the provision of health care services by a visiting health professional.
- (2) A special event declaration may impose further conditions on the provision of health care services by a visiting health professional.

**10 Issue of prescriptions and supply of certain substances**

- (1) A visiting health professional may be authorised under this section to issue a written prescription for a restricted substance.
- (2) An authorisation under this section does not authorise a visiting health professional to issue a prescription that could not be issued by an appropriate person under a Drug Regulation Act.
- (3) The Minister may, in a special event declaration—
  - (a) authorise an individual visiting health professional, or a class of visiting health professionals, whom the Minister is satisfied should be regarded as qualified to issue prescriptions, to issue written prescriptions for a restricted substance in the course of providing health care services in accordance with this Act; and
  - (b) authorise a particular supplier or class of suppliers to supply a restricted substance on such a prescription.
- (4) The Minister may, in a special event declaration, specify requirements for a visiting health professional to be regarded by the Minister as being qualified to issue prescriptions.
- (5) The Minister must not make a declaration containing an authorisation under this section unless satisfied that adequate arrangements are in place to ensure that the substances concerned will be prescribed for and supplied only to visitors to whom visiting health professionals are authorised to provide health care services under this Act.

- (6) A special event declaration may impose conditions on any authorisation made under this section.
- (7) In this section:  
*supplier*, of a substance, means a person who is authorised under a Drug Regulation Act to supply the substance to a doctor.

## 11 Exemptions relating to offences

- (1) A visiting health professional does not commit an offence against the Health Professionals Act, a Drug Regulation Act or the *Skin Penetration Procedures Act 1994*, by—
  - (a) providing health care services authorised under this Act; or
  - (b) possessing or supplying any substance in the course of providing such health care services; or
  - (c) prescribing any substance in accordance with this Act; or
  - (d) holding himself or herself out as being able to provide such health care services; or
  - (e) using any name, initials, description, word, symbol, addition or title that he or she ordinarily uses.
- (2) A visitor does not commit an offence against a Drug Regulation Act by doing any thing, or possessing any substance, as a result of being provided with health care services in accordance with this Act.
- (3) A person does not commit an offence against a Drug Regulation Act by supplying a restricted substance in accordance with a written prescription issued by a visiting health professional if—
  - (a) the health professional is authorised under this Act to issue the prescription; and
  - (b) the person is authorised under this Act to supply the substance on such a prescription.

- (4) The regulations may prescribe other offences to which exemptions under this section apply.

*Note* A visiting health professional who provides health care services otherwise than in accordance with this Act loses the exemption.

## Part 3                      Miscellaneous

### 12                      Complaints about visiting health professionals

- (1) A complaint may not be made about a visiting health professional, and no disciplinary action may be taken against him or her, under the *Human Rights Commission Act 2005* or the Health Professionals Act in relation to anything done by him or her in—
  - (a) providing health care services authorised under this Act; or
  - (b) possessing or supplying any substance in the course of providing such health care services; or
  - (c) prescribing any substance in accordance with this Act; or
  - (d) holding himself or herself out as being able to provide such health care services; or
  - (e) using any name, initials, description, word, symbol, addition or title that he or she ordinarily uses.
- (2) This section does not prevent the bringing of proceedings for an offence against the *Human Rights Commission Act 2005* or the Health Professionals Act.
- (3) This section does not apply to a complaint about a person who is registered under the Health Professionals Act.

### 13                      Regulation-making power

- (1) The Executive may make regulations for this Act.

*Note*       Regulations must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the Legislation Act.
- (2) The regulations may prescribe offences for contraventions of the regulations and may prescribe maximum penalties of not more than 10 penalty units for offences against the regulations.

## Part 4                      Modification of Act

### 14              Application of pt 4

This part modifies this Act.

### 15              Dictionary, definition of *Health Professionals Act*

*substitute*

***Health Professionals Act***—

- (a) means the *Health Professionals Act 2004*; and
- (b) includes the following Acts:
  - (i) *Chiropractors and Osteopaths Act 1983*;
  - (ii) *Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists Registration Act 1988*;
  - (iii) *Dentists Act 1931*;
  - (iv) *Nurses Act 1988*;
  - (v) *Optometrists Act 1956*;
  - (vi) *Pharmacy Act 1931*;
  - (vii) *Physiotherapists Act 1977*;
  - (viii) *Podiatrists Act 1994*;
  - (ix) *Psychologists Act 1994*;
  - (x) *Veterinary Surgeons Act 1965*.

### 16              Expiry of pt 4

This part expires on the day the *Health Professionals Act 2004*, section 136 (Repeals) expires.

## Dictionary

(see s 2)

*Note 1* The Legislation Act contains definitions and other provisions relevant to this Act.

*Note 2* For example, the Legislation Act, dict, pt 1, defines the following terms:

- ACT
- dental prosthetist
- dental technician
- dentist
- doctor
- Minister (see s 162)
- notifiable instrument (see s 10)
- nurse
- penalty unit (see s 133)
- pharmacist.

***Drug Regulation Act*** means any of the following Acts:

- (a) the *Poisons Act 1933*;
- (b) the *Poisons and Drugs Act 1978*;
- (c) the *Drugs of Dependence Act 1989*.

***drugs and poisons standard***—see the *Poisons and Drugs Act 1978*, dictionary.

***exemption period***—see section 5 (2).

***health care services*** means—

- (a) services ordinarily provided by doctors, nurses, dentists, dental technicians, dental prosthetists, pharmacists, podiatrists, chiropractors, osteopaths, optometrists, physiotherapists or psychologists; or
- (b) any other service prescribed by the regulations.

***Health Professionals Act*** means the *Health Professionals Act 2004*.

***notification procedure***, for a special event—see section 5 (4).

***registered*** includes licensed and enrolled.

***restricted substance*** means—

- (a) a substance mentioned in the drugs and poisons standard, schedule 4; or
- (b) a restricted substance under the *Poisons and Drugs Act 1978*; or
- (c) a drug of dependence under the *Drugs of Dependence Act 1989*.

***special event*** means an event that is declared to be a special event under section 5 (1).

***special event declaration*** means a declaration under section 5 (1).

***supply***—see the *Poisons and Drugs Act 1978*, dictionary.

***visiting health professional***, for a visitor to a special event—see section 7.

***visitor***, to a special event—see section 6.

## Endnotes

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### 1 About the endnotes

Amending and modifying laws are annotated in the legislation history and the amendment history. Current modifications are not included in the republished law but are set out in the endnotes.

Not all editorial amendments made under the *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 are annotated in the amendment history. Full details of any amendments can be obtained from the Parliamentary Counsel's Office.

Uncommenced amending laws and expiries are listed in the legislation history and the amendment history. These details are underlined. Uncommenced provisions and amendments are not included in the republished law but are set out in the last endnote.

If all the provisions of the law have been renumbered, a table of renumbered provisions gives details of previous and current numbering.

The endnotes also include a table of earlier republications.

### 2 Abbreviation key

am = amended	ord = ordinance
amdt = amendment	orig = original
ch = chapter	par = paragraph/subparagraph
def = definition	pres = present
dict = dictionary	prev = previous
disallowed = disallowed by the Legislative Assembly	(prev...) = previously
div = division	pt = part
exp = expires/expired	r = rule/subrule
Gaz = gazette	renum = renumbered
hdg = heading	reloc = relocated
IA = Interpretation Act 1967	R[X] = Republication No
ins = inserted/added	RI = reissue
LA = Legislation Act 2001	s = section/subsection
LR = legislation register	sch = schedule
LRA = Legislation (Republication) Act 1996	sdiv = subdivision
mod = modified/modification	sub = substituted
o = order	SL = Subordinate Law
om = omitted/repealed	<u>underlining</u> = whole or part not commenced or to be expired



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### 3 Legislation history

**Health Professionals (Special Events Exemptions) Act 2000 No 25**

notified 15 June 2000 (Gaz 2000 No 24)  
commenced 15 June 2000 (s 2)

as amended by

**Legislation (Consequential Amendments) Act 2001 No 44 pt 177**

notified 26 July 2001 (Gaz 2001 No 30)  
s 1, s 2 commenced 26 July 2001 (IA s 10B)  
pt 177 commenced 12 September 2001 (s 2 and see Gaz 2001 No S65)

**Statute Law Amendment Act 2002 (No 2) No 49 pt 3.8**

notified LR 20 December 2002  
s 1, s 2 taken to have commenced 7 October 1994 (LA s 75 (2))  
pt 3.8 commenced 17 January 2003 (s 2 (1))

**Statute Law Amendment Act 2003 (No 2) A2003-56 sch 3 pt 3.12**

notified LR 5 December 2003  
s 1, s 2 commenced 5 December 2003 (LA s 75 (1))  
sch 3 pt 3.12 commenced 19 December 2003 (s 2)

**Health Professionals Legislation Amendment Act 2004 A2004-39  
sch 1 pt 1.6 (as am by A2005-28 amdt 1.59)**

notified LR 8 July 2004  
s 1, s 2 commenced 8 July 2004 (LA s 75 (1))  
sch 1 pt 1.6 commenced 7 July 2005 (s 2 and see Health Professionals Act 2004 A2004-38, s 2 and CN2005-11)

**Health Legislation Amendment Act 2005 A2005-28 amdt 1.59**

notified LR 6 July 2005  
s 1, s 2 commenced 6 July 2005 (LA s 75 (1))  
amdt 1.59 commenced 7 July 2005 (s 2)

*Note* This Act only amends the Health Professionals Legislation Amendment Act 2004 A2004-39.

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### **Human Rights Commission Legislation Amendment Act 2005 A2005-41 sch 1 pt 1.5 (as am by A2006-3 amdt 1.3)**

notified LR 1 September 2005

s 1, s 2 commenced 1 September 2005 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 1 pt 1.5 commenced 1 November 2006 (s 2 (3) (as am by A2006-3 amdt 1.3) and see Human Rights Commission Act 2005 A2005-40, s 2 (as am by A2006-3 s 4) and CN2006-21)

### **Human Rights Commission Legislation Amendment Act 2006 A2006-3 amdt 1.3**

notified LR 22 February 2006

s 1, s 2 commenced 22 February 2006 (LA s 75 (1))

amdt 1.3 commenced 23 February 2006 (s 2)

*Note* This Act only amends the Human Rights Commission Legislation Amendment Act 2005 A2005-41

## 4 Amendment history

### **Preliminary**

pt 1 hdg ins A2004-39 amdt 1.28

### **Dictionary**

s 2 om R1 LRA  
ins A2003-56 amdt 3.153

### **Definitions for Act**

s 3 defs reloc to dict A2003-56 amdt 3.152  
def **special event notice** om 2001 No 44 amdt 1.2032  
om A2003-56 amdt 3.153

### **Special events**

pt 2 hdg ins A2004-39 amdt 1.29

### **Declaration of a special event**

s 5 am 2001 No 44 amdt 1.2033-1.2035

### **Conditions on practice by visiting health professionals**

s 9 am 2001 No 44 amdt 1.2036

### **Issue of prescriptions and supply of certain substances**

s 10 am 2001 No 44 amdt 1.2036

### **Exemptions relating to offences**

s 11 am A2004-39 amdt 1.30

### **Miscellaneous**

pt 3 hdg ins A2004-39 amdt 1.31

**Complaints about visiting health professionals**

s 12 am A2004-39 amdt 1.32; A2005-41 amdt 1.91

**Regulation-making power**

s 13 am 2001 No 44 amdt 1.2037, amdt 1.2038

**Modification of Act**

pt 4 hdg ins A2004-39 amdt 1.33  
exp on the day the Health Professionals Act 2004, s 136  
expires (s 16)

**Application of pt 4**

s 14 ins A2004-39 amdt 1.33  
exp on the day the Health Professionals Act 2004, s 136  
expires (s 16)

**Dictionary, definition of *Health Professionals Act***

s 15 ins A2004-39 amdt 1.33 (as am by A2005-28 amdt 1.59)  
exp on the day the Health Professionals Act 2004, s 136  
expires (s 16)

**Expiry of pt 4**

s 16 ins A2004-39 amdt 1.33  
exp on the day the Health Professionals Act 2004, s 136  
expires (s 16)

**Dictionary**

dict ins A2003-56 amdt 3.154  
 def ***Drug Regulation Act*** reloc from s 3 A2003-56 amdt 3.152  
 def ***drugs and poisons standard*** ins 2002 No 49 amdt 3.55  
 reloc from s 3 A2003-56 amdt 3.152  
 def ***exemption period*** reloc from s 3 A2003-56 amdt 3.152  
 def ***health care services*** reloc from s 3 A2003-56 amdt 3.152  
 def ***Health Professionals Act*** ins A2004-39 amdt 1.34  
 def ***Health Registration Act*** reloc from s 3 A2003-56  
 amdt 3.152  
 om A2004-39 amdt 1.34  
 def ***notification procedure*** reloc from s 3 A2003-56  
 amdt 3.152  
 def ***registered*** reloc from s 3 A2003-56 amdt 3.152  
 def ***restricted substance*** sub 2002 No 49 amdt 3.56  
 am A2003-56 amdt 3.149  
 reloc from s 3 A2003-56 amdt 3.152  
 def ***special event*** sub A2003-56 amdt 3.150  
 reloc from s 3 A2003-56 amdt 3.152  
 def ***special event declaration*** ins 2001 No 44 amdt 1.2032  
 reloc from s 3 A2003-56 amdt 3.152  
 def ***supply*** sub A2003-56 amdt 3.151  
 reloc from s 3 A2003-56 amdt 3.152

## Endnotes

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def **visiting health professional** reloc from s 3 A2003-56  
amdt 3.152  
def **visitor** reloc from s 3 A2003-56 amdt 3.152

## 5 Earlier replications

Some earlier replications were not numbered. The number in column 1 refers to the publication order.

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1	not amended	24 July 2000
2	Act 2001 No 44	18 July 2002
3	A2002-49	17 January 2003
4	A2003-56	19 December 2003
5	A2004-39	7 July 2005

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