



Australian Capital Territory

# **Maternal Health Information Regulations Amendment**

**Subordinate Law 1999 No 23**

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The Australian Capital Territory Executive makes the following regulations  
under the *Health Regulation (Maternal Health Information) Act 1998*.

Dated 1 October 1999.

GARY HUMPHRIES  
Minister

BRENDAN SMYTH  
Minister

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**1 Commencement**

These regulations commence on the day they are notified in the *Gazette*.

**2 Regulations amended**

These regulations amend the *Maternal Health Information Regulations 1999*.

**3 Schedule**

The Schedule is repealed and the following Schedule substituted:

## SCHEDULE

(See paragraph 4 (b))

### MATERIAL TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PAMPHLET

# Foetal development

*This information has been approved under the Maternal Health Information Regulations 1999.*

Development begins on the day of fertilisation, which is usually two weeks after the start of the last menstrual period (LMP). The conventional method of measuring the age of a foetus is the number of weeks since the start of the last menstrual period. The sizes and weights of the embryo/foetus are approximate only and can vary.

## 4 weeks

At the first missed period the embryo is about the size of an apple seed (0.25 cm).

## 8 weeks

At the second missed period the embryo is about 1.2 cm long. The heart has been beating for more than two weeks and limbs are beginning to develop.

*Picture of Embryo at  
8 weeks*

## 10 weeks

The foetus is now about 3 cm long and weighs about 15 grams. Arms, legs, fingers and toes are developing.

*Picture of Embryo at  
9 weeks*

## **12 weeks**

The foetus is about 6 cm from head to rump and weighs about 30 grams. The heartbeat can be detected electronically. All major body organs have begun to develop. The foetus begins small movements that cannot yet be felt by the mother.

## **14 weeks**

The foetus is about 8-9 cm from head to rump and weighs about 45 grams. The foetus is able to swallow and the kidneys are able to make urine.

*Picture of Embryo at  
14 weeks*

## **16 weeks**

The foetus is about 12 cm, the legs are developed and the weight is about 100 grams.

## **18 weeks**

The foetus is about 14 cm long and is able to respond to sound.

## **Endnotes**

### **Regulations amended**

- 1 SL 1999 No 15 (not republished).

### **Notification**

- 2 Notified in the *Gazette* on 6 October 1999.