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About this republication

The republished law

This is a republication of the *Health Professionals (Special Events Exemptions) Act 2000* (including any amendment made under the *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 (Editorial changes)) as in force on 10 January 2009. It also includes any amendment, repeal or expiry affecting the republished law to 10 January 2009.

The legislation history and amendment history of the republished law are set out in endnotes 3 and 4.

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Uncommenced provisions and amendments

If a provision of the republished law has not commenced or is affected by an uncommenced amendment, the symbol **U** appears immediately before the provision heading. The text of the uncommenced provision or amendment appears only in the last endnote.

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Penalties

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



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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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Health Professionals (Special Events Exemptions) Act
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Part 1 Preliminary

1 Name of Act

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

U 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.

U 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 practise 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.

U 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.

U 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

U 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.

U 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

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

Endnotes

3 Legislation history

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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.

**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

**Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 2008 A2008-26 sch 2
pt 2.15**

notified LR 14 August 2008
s 1, s 2 commenced 14 August 2008 (LA s 75 (1))
sch 2 pt 2.15 awaiting commencement (s 2)

Note default commencement under LA s 79: 14 February 2009

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
am A2008-26 amdt 2.106

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 amdts 1.2033-1.2035

Endnotes

4 Amendment history

Provision of health care services by visiting health professionals

s 8 [am A2008-26 amdt 2.107](#)

Conditions on practice by visiting health professionals

s 9 [am 2001 No 44 amdt 1.2036](#)

Issue of prescriptions and supply of prescription medicines

s 10 [am 2001 No 44 amdt 1.2036](#)
[sub A2008-26 amdt 2.108](#)

Exemptions relating to offences

s 11 [am A2004-39 amdt 1.30](#)
[sub A2008-26 amdt 2.108](#)

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](#)
[sub A2008-26 amdt 2.109](#)

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 9 January 2009 \(s 16\)](#)

Application of pt 4

s 14 [ins A2004-39 amdt 1.33](#)
[exp 9 January 2009 \(s 16\)](#)

Dictionary, definition of *Health Professionals Act*

s 15 [ins A2004-39 amdt 1.33 \(as am by A2005-28 amdt 1.59\)](#)
[exp 9 January 2009 \(s 16\)](#)

Expiry of pt 4

s 16 [ins A2004-39 amdt 1.33](#)
[exp 9 January 2009 \(s 16\)](#)

Dictionary

dict [ins A2003-56 amdt 3.154](#)
def ***Drug Regulation Act*** [reloc from s 3 A2003-56 amdt 3.152](#)
[om A2008-26 amdt 2.111](#)
def ***drugs and poisons standard*** [ins 2002 No 49 amdt 3.55](#)
[reloc from s 3 A2003-56 amdt 3.152](#)
[om A2008-26 amdt 2.111](#)
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](#)
[om A2008-26 amdt 2.111](#)

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 **prescription medicine** ins A2008-26 amdt 2.112

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
om A2008-26 amdt 2.113

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
sub A2008-26 amdt 2.114

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 republications

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

Since 12 September 2001 every authorised republication has been published in electronic pdf format on the ACT legislation register. A selection of authorised republications have also been published in printed format. These republications are marked with an asterisk (*) in column 1. Electronic and printed versions of an authorised republication are identical.

Republication No	Amendments to	Republication date
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
6	A2006-3	1 November 2006

Endnotes

6 Uncommenced amendments

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The following amendments have not been included in this republication because they were uncommenced at the republication date:

<p>Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 2008 A2008-26 sch 2 pt 2.15</p>

Part 2.15 Health Professionals (Special Events Exemptions) Act 2000

[2.106] Section 2, note 1

substitute

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 ‘*supply*—see the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 2008*, section 24.’ means that the term ‘supply’ is defined in that section and the definition applies to this Act.

[2.107] Section 8 (3)

substitute

- (3) This section does not authorise a visiting health professional to possess, or supply to a visitor, a prohibited substance within the meaning of the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 2008*.

[2.108] Sections 10 and 11

substitute

10 Issue of prescriptions and supply of prescription medicines

- (1) A visiting health professional may be authorised under this section to issue a written prescription for a prescription medicine.
- (2) An authorisation under this section does not authorise a visiting health professional to issue a prescription unless the prescription could be issued by an authorised person under the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 2008*.
- (3) The Minister may, in a special event declaration—
 - (a) authorise a visiting health professional, whom the Minister is satisfied should be regarded as qualified to issue prescriptions, to issue written prescriptions for a prescription medicine in the course of providing health care services in accordance with this Act; and
 - (b) authorise a supplier to supply a prescription medicine on the prescription.

Note A power given under an Act to make a statutory instrument about particular matters includes power to make a statutory instrument about any 1 or more of the matters or a particular class of the matters (see Legislation Act, s 48 (2)).

- (4) The Minister must not make a special event declaration containing an authorisation under subsection (3) unless satisfied that adequate arrangements are in place to ensure that prescription medicines will be prescribed only for, and supplied only to, visitors to whom visiting health professionals are authorised to provide health care services under this Act.

Endnotes

6 Uncommenced amendments

(5) A special event declaration may impose conditions on an authorisation under subsection (3), including a visiting health professional's authority to issue prescriptions.

(6) In this section:

supplier, of a prescription medicine, means a person who is authorised under the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 2008* to supply the medicine.

11 Exemptions relating to offences

(1) A visiting health professional does not commit an offence against the *Health Professionals Act 2004*, the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 2008* or the *Skin Penetration Procedures Act 1994* by—

- (a) providing health care services authorised under this Act; or
- (b) possessing or supplying a prescription medicine in the course of providing the health care services; or
- (c) prescribing a prescription medicine in accordance with this Act; or
- (d) holding himself or herself out as being able to provide the health care services mentioned in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c); or
- (e) using any name, initials, description, word, symbol, addition or title that the health professional ordinarily uses.

(2) A visitor to a special event does not commit an offence against the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 2008* by doing anything, or possessing a prescription medicine, because of being provided with health care services in accordance with this Act.

(3) A person does not commit an offence against the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 2008* by supplying a prescription medicine 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 medicine on the prescription.
- (4) A regulation 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.

[2.109] Section 12

substitute

12 Complaints about visiting health professionals

- (1) A complaint may not be made about, nor may disciplinary action be taken against, a visiting health professional under the *Health Professionals Act 2004* or *Human Rights Commission Act 2005* in relation to anything done by the health professional in—
- (a) providing health care services authorised under this Act; or
 - (b) possessing or supplying a prescription medicine in the course of providing the health care services; or
 - (c) prescribing a prescription medicine in accordance with this Act; or
 - (d) holding himself or herself out as being able to provide the health care services mentioned in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c); or
 - (e) using any name, initials, description, word, symbol, addition or title that the health professional ordinarily uses.
- (2) This section does not prevent the bringing of proceedings for an offence against the *Health Professionals Act 2004* or *Human Rights Commission Act 2005*.

Endnotes

6 Uncommenced amendments

- (3) This section does not apply to a complaint about a person who is registered under the *Health Professionals Act 2004*.

[2.110] Part 4

omit

[2.111] Dictionary, definitions of *Drug Regulation Act, drugs and poisons standard* and *Health Professionals Act*

omit

[2.112] Dictionary, new definition of *prescription medicine*

insert

prescription medicine means a controlled medicine, or prescription only medicine, within the meaning of the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 2008*.

[2.113] Dictionary, definition of *restricted substance*

omit

[2.114] Dictionary, definition of *supply*

substitute

supply—see the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 2008*, section 24.

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