

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE MINISTER
OF STATE FOR HEALTH
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
POISONS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS (AMENDMENT)
ORDINANCE 1978

The Poisons and Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Ordinance amends the Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Ordinance 1933 by making it lawful for dentists, registered under the Dentists Registration Ordinance 1931, to buy or obtain restricted substances.

The amendment also provides for a person to be supplied with a restricted substance on presentation of a prescription signed by a registered dentist.

Restricted substances for the purposes of this amendment and the principal Ordinance are substances that the Minister for Health has declared to be restricted substances by notice in the Commonwealth Gazette and are substances the supply of which should, in the public interest be restricted to medical, dental and veterinary prescription. Currently these substances are only available to the public on the prescription of a medical practitioner or veterinary surgeon.

