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Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act

Prescribed Qualifications to Supply or Administer or Possess Vaccinations

- (a) I, Dinesh Arya Kumar, Chief Health Officer:
- (i) under sections 63(2) and 65(1A) of the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act (Act)* with reference to section 43 of the *Interpretation Act*, revoke the notice entitled 'Prescribed Qualifications to Supply or Administer or Possess Vaccinations' dated 24 April 2014 and published in *Gazette* S22 of 30 April 2014; and
 - (ii) under section 63(2) of the Act, prescribe any one of the qualifications in Schedule 1 and any one of the qualifications in Schedule 2 as the qualifications required by an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner (**health practitioner**), in the course of practising in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice profession, to:
 - (A) supply or administer a Schedule 4 substance that is a vaccine to a person; and
 - (B) possess that substance for those purposes; and

- (iii) under section 65(1A) of the Act, prescribe any one of the qualifications in the Schedule 1 and any one of the qualifications in Schedule 2 as the qualifications required by a nurse or midwife (**health practitioner**), in the course of practising in the nursing or midwifery profession as a nurse or midwife, to:
 - (A) supply or administer a Schedule 4 substance that is a vaccine to a person; and
 - (B) possess that substance for those purposes; and
 - (iv) with reference to section 42(1)(b) of the *Interpretation Act*, prescribe the qualifications mentioned in subparagraphs (a)(i) and (a)(ii) of this instrument, subject to the conditions specified in Schedule 3.
- (b) In this instrument:
- Schedule 4 substance**, see section 7(2) of the Act.
- Scheduled substance treatment protocol**, see section 5 of the Act.

Dated 19 February 2016

D. A. Kumar
Chief Health Officer

Schedule 1

State/Territory	Provider	Qualification
New South Wales	The Australian College of Nursing	Immunisation Course for Registered Nurses
Northern Territory	Centre for Disease Control	About Giving Vaccines Course
South Australia	Department of Health and Aging (SA)	South Australian Two Day Immunisation Education Workshop
South Australia	Department of Health and Aging (SA)	Immunise the Basics
South Australia	Department of Health and Aging (SA)	A Short Course on Immunology and Immunisation for Nurses
South Australia	Department of Health and Aging (SA)	Understanding vaccines and the immunisation program
Queensland	Australian Catholic University	Certificate of Immunisation Course of The Program for Nurse Immunisers
Queensland	Central Queensland Health Service District Education and Research Unit	Advanced Nursing Practice: Immunisation Course
Queensland	Cunningham Centre – Toowoomba and Cairns	Immunisation Program – Registered Nurse Health (Drugs and Poisons) Regulation 1996
Queensland	University of Southern Queensland	ANP5004 Immunisation Nursing
Queensland	Yangulla Centre Rural Health Training Unit	Advanced Nursing Practice: Immunisation Course
Tasmania	University of Tasmania	Immunisation Education for Registered Nurses
Victoria	La Trobe University	Nurse Immuniser Program
Victoria	University of Melbourne General Practice and Primary Health Care Academic Centre	Immunisation and travel Health
Western Australia	WA Health	Immunisation Certification

Schedule 2

- 1 Basic Life Support Certificate or Apply First Aid Certificate

Schedule 3

1. The health practitioner must be registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency without conditions.
2. The health practitioner must adhere to the Scheduled substance treatment protocol which has been approved by the Chief Health Officer.
3. The health practitioner's qualifications specified in Schedule 2 must be current and the health practitioner must provide documentary evidence of the qualifications.
4. The health practitioner must provide documentary evidence of the qualification specified in Schedule 1 from the provider including the date on which the qualification was obtained.
5. A health practitioner who completed a qualification specified in Schedule 1 from an interstate provider is only authorised under subparagraphs (a)(ii) and (a)(iii) of this instrument if:
 - (a) the qualification was obtained within the last 5 years or the health practitioner has completed, within the last 5 years, an up-skill course for the health practitioner's Schedule 1 qualification as approved by the provider from which the health practitioner completed the qualification; and
 - (b) the health practitioner completes the About Giving Vaccines Up-Skill course provided by the Centre for Disease Control in the Northern Territory within 6 months from the date the health practitioner starts practising in the Northern Territory.

6. The health practitioner must continue to complete regular up skill courses. If the period since the date the health practitioner completed the qualification specified in Schedule 1 or the date the health practitioner completed the most recent up skill course, is more than 3 years but less than 5 years, then the health practitioner must complete either the About Giving Vaccines Up-Skill Course provided by the Centre for Disease Control in the Northern Territory, or an up-skill course for the health practitioner's Schedule 1 qualification as approved by the provider or a full course from Schedule 1.
7. If 5 years or more have elapsed since the health practitioner completed the most recent up-skill course or qualification the health practitioner must successfully complete a full course qualification specified in Schedule 1.