



Queensland

# Medicines and Poisons (Medicines) Amendment Regulation (No. 3) 2025

## Subordinate Legislation 2025 No. 90

made under the

*Medicines and Poisons Act 2019*

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**1 Short title**

This regulation may be cited as the *Medicines and Poisons (Medicines) Amendment Regulation (No. 3) 2025*.

**2 Regulation amended**

This regulation amends the *Medicines and Poisons (Medicines) Regulation 2021*.

**3 Amendment of sch 2 (Categories of medicines)**

Schedule 2, part 1, division 1, entries for buprenorphine for treating opioid dependency and methadone for treating opioid dependency, ‘dependency’—

*omit, insert—*

dependence

**4 Amendment of sch 6 (Medical practitioners and assistants)**

(1) Schedule 6, section 5, heading, ‘Definition’—

*omit, insert—*

**Definitions**

(2) Schedule 6, section 5—

*insert—*

*continuing opioid dependence treatment*, by a medical practitioner of a patient, means—

- (a) the practitioner is treating the patient with an approved opioid in a hospital or custodial facility; and
- (b) the patient was being treated with the approved opioid under an opioid treatment program within a reasonable period before—

- (i) being admitted to the hospital or being taken into custody at the custodial facility; or
- (ii) being treated by the practitioner.
- (3) Schedule 6, section 5, definition *continuing institutional treatment*, paragraphs (a) and (b)—  
*omit, insert—*
- (a) the practitioner is treating the patient in a hospital or custodial facility; and
- (b) the patient was being treated with the medicine within a reasonable period before—
- (i) being admitted to the hospital or being taken into custody at the custodial facility; or
- (ii) being treated by the practitioner.
- (4) Schedule 6, section 7, table—  
*omit, insert—*

	Column 1 Dealing	Column 2 Medicine	Column 3 Scope of dealing
1	prescribe	(a) a restricted medicine, other than an approved opioid	the medicine is prescribed for administration by a health practitioner— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>for the continuing institutional treatment of a patient; and</li> <li>under the supervision of a registrar or specialist medical practitioner authorised to prescribe the medicine</li> </ul>
		(b) an approved opioid	the medicine is prescribed for administration by a health practitioner for the continuing opioid dependence treatment of a patient

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	Column 1 Dealing	Column 2 Medicine	Column 3 Scope of dealing
2	administer	(a) a restricted medicine, other than an approved opioid	the medicine is administered— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for the continuing institutional treatment of a patient; and</li> <li>• under the supervision of a registrar or specialist medical practitioner authorised to administer the medicine</li> </ul>
		(b) an approved opioid	the medicine is administered for the continuing opioid dependence treatment of a patient
3	possess	(a) a restricted medicine, other than an approved opioid	the medicine is possessed— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for the continuing institutional treatment of a patient; and</li> <li>• under the supervision of a registrar or specialist medical practitioner authorised to possess the medicine</li> </ul>
		(b) an approved opioid	the medicine is possessed for the continuing opioid dependence treatment of a patient

## 5 Amendment of sch 7 (Nursing and midwifery professions)

(1) Schedule 7, section 1—

*insert—*

***continuing opioid dependence treatment***, by a nurse practitioner of a patient, means—

- (a) the practitioner is treating the patient with an approved opioid in a hospital or custodial facility; and
- (b) the patient was being treated with the approved opioid under an opioid treatment

program within a reasonable period before—

(i) being admitted to the hospital or being taken into custody at the custodial facility; or

(ii) being treated by the practitioner.

(2) Schedule 7, section 1, definition *continuing institutional treatment*, paragraphs (a) to (c)—

*omit, insert—*

(a) the practitioner is treating the patient in a hospital or custodial facility; and

(b) the patient was being treated with the medicine within a reasonable period before—

(i) being admitted to the hospital or being taken into custody at the custodial facility; or

(ii) being treated by the practitioner.

(3) Schedule 7, section 3, table, entry for item 1—

*omit, insert—*

1	prescribe	(a) a medicine, other than a restricted medicine	
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		(b) a restricted medicine other than hydroxychloroquine or an approved opioid	the medicine is prescribed for administration by a health practitioner— <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• for the continuing institutional treatment of a patient; and</li><li>• under the supervision of a registrar or specialist medical practitioner authorised to prescribe the medicine</li></ul>
		(c) hydroxychloroquine	the medicine is prescribed for the continuing hydroxychloroquine treatment of a patient
		(d) an approved opioid	the medicine is prescribed for administration for the continuing opioid dependence treatment of a patient

(4) Schedule 7, section 3, table, entries for items 3 and 4—  
*omit, insert—*

3	give a treatment dose	(a) a medicine, other than a restricted medicine	
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		(b) a restricted medicine, other than hydroxychloroquine or an approved opioid	<p>the medicine is given—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for the continuing institutional treatment of a patient; and</li> <li>• under the supervision of a registrar or specialist medical practitioner authorised to give the medicine</li> </ul>
		(c) hydroxychloroquine	the medicine is given for the continuing hydroxychloroquine treatment of a patient
4	administer	(a) a medicine, other than a restricted medicine	
		(b) a restricted medicine, other than hydroxychloroquine or an approved opioid	<p>the medicine is administered—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for the continuing institutional treatment of a patient; and</li> <li>• under the supervision of a registrar or specialist medical practitioner authorised to administer the medicine</li> </ul>

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		(c) hydroxychloroquine	the medicine is administered for the continuing hydroxychloroquine treatment of a patient
		(d) an approved opioid	the medicine is administered for the continuing opioid dependence treatment of a patient
		(e) any medicine, including a restricted medicine	the medicine is administered on a prescription

## 6 Amendment of sch 12 (Other health practitioners)

(1) Schedule 12, section 6, table, entry for item 1—

*omit, insert—*

1	administer	(a) a medicine, other than an adrenaline (epinephrine) autoinjector	the medicine is administered— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>on a clinical protocol applying to the nuclear medicine technologist; or</li> <li>on a written prescription</li> </ul>
		(b) an adrenaline (epinephrine) autoinjector	the nuclear medicine technologist has completed anaphylaxis training and the medicine is administered to treat anaphylaxis— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>on a clinical protocol applying to the technologist; or</li> <li>on a written prescription</li> </ul>



- (2) Schedule 12, section 6, table, entry for item 2, column 2, from ‘medicine’ to ‘column’—

*omit, insert—*

or S8 medicine

- (3) Schedule 12, section 6, table—

*insert—*

3	dispose	waste from a diversion-risk medicine mentioned in this column	
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## 7 Amendment of sch 14 (Suppliers and representatives)

- (1) Schedule 14, section 4, table, column 3, paragraph (b), ‘a’—

*omit.*

- (2) Schedule 14, section 6, table, column 3, paragraph (b), ‘a person’—

*omit, insert—*

someone

Endnotes

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ENDNOTES

- 1 Made by the Governor in Council on 7 August 2025.
- 2 Notified on the Queensland legislation website on 8 August 2025.
- 3 The administering agency is Queensland Health.

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