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Part 1 Preliminary

1 Short title

This regulation may be cited as the *Medicines and Poisons (Medicines) Amendment Regulation 2026*.

2 Commencement

- (1) Part 2 commences on 1 March 2026.
- (2) Part 3 commences on 5 October 2026.

3 Regulation amended

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

Part 2 Amendments commencing on 1 March 2026

4 Insertion of new ch 10, pt 4

Chapter 10—

insert—

Part 4 Transitional provision for Medicines and Poisons (Medicines) Amendment Regulation 2026

258 Particular qualifications or training taken to be immunisation training

- (1) This section applies if, immediately before the

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commencement—

- (a) a person was required, for practising a profession under a former extended practice authority, to hold a particular qualification or have completed particular training to deal with a medicine stated in the authority to carry out an immunisation program or service; and
 - (b) the person held the qualification or had completed the training.
- (2) From the commencement, for applying schedule 3, 7 or 9 to the person practising the profession, the person is taken to have completed immunisation training to carry out the same type of dealing with any immunisation medicine.
- (3) In this section—

former extended practice authority means an extended practice authority in effect immediately before the commencement.

5 Amendment of sch 1 (Extended practice authorities and departmental standards)

- (1) Schedule 1, part 1, table, entries for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers—

omit, insert—

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners	7
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers	5

- (2) Schedule 1, part 1, table, entries for Midwives, Registered Nurses and Pharmacists—

omit, insert—

Midwives	6
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Registered nurses	7
Pharmacists	10

6 Amendment of sch 3, pt 1 (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners)

Schedule 3, part 1, section 3, table, items 1, 3 and 4—
omit, insert—

1	give a treatment dose	(a) a medicine mentioned in the extended practice authority called ‘Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners’	the medicine is given— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • under the extended practice authority; and • in accordance with a practice plan for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner
		(b) an S2 medicine that is paracetamol	the medicine is given for the treatment of a side effect, or a potential side effect, of an immunisation medicine

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3	administer	(a) a medicine mentioned in the extended practice authority called ‘Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners’	the medicine is administered— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • under the extended practice authority; and • in accordance with a practice plan for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner
		(b) an S4 medicine that is an immunisation medicine	the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner has completed immunisation training
		(c) adrenaline (epinephrine)	the medicine is administered to treat anaphylaxis
		(d) an S2 medicine that is paracetamol	the medicine is administered for the treatment of a side effect, or a potential side effect, of an immunisation medicine
4	give a purchase order	(a) stock of a medicine mentioned in the extended practice authority called ‘Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners’	the purchase order— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is given under the extended practice authority; and • is for stock for the relevant health service to be used in a place in an isolated practice area
		(b) stock of an S4 medicine that is an immunisation medicine	the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner has completed immunisation training

7 Amendment of sch 7, pt 2 (Midwives)

(1) Schedule 7, part 2, section 6, table, item 1—

insert—

		(e) an S2 medicine that is paracetamol	the medicine is given for the treatment of a side effect, or a potential side effect, of an immunisation medicine
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(2) Schedule 7, part 2, section 6, table, item 2—

insert—

		(g) an S4 medicine that is an immunisation medicine	the midwife has completed immunisation training
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(3) Schedule 7, part 2, section 6, table, item 4—

omit, insert—

4	give a purchase order	(a) stock of a medicine mentioned in the extended practice authority called ‘Midwives’	the purchase order is given under the extended practice authority
		(b) stock of an S4 medicine that is an immunisation medicine	the midwife has completed immunisation training

8 Amendment of sch 7, pt 3 (Registered nurses)

(1) Schedule 7, part 3, section 11, table, item 1—

omit, insert—

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1	give a treatment dose	(a) a medicine mentioned in the extended practice authority called 'Registered nurses'	the medicine is given under the extended practice authority
		(b) an S2 medicine that is paracetamol	the medicine is given for the treatment of a side effect, or a potential side effect, of an immunisation medicine

(2) Schedule 7, part 3, section 11, table, item 2—

insert—

		(f) an S4 medicine that is an immunisation medicine	the registered nurse has completed immunisation training
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(3) Schedule 7, part 3, section 11, table, item 3—

omit, insert—

3	give a purchase order	(a) stock of a medicine mentioned in the extended practice authority called 'Registered nurses'	the purchase order is given under the extended practice authority
		(b) stock of an S4 medicine that is an immunisation medicine	the registered nurse has completed immunisation training

9 Amendment of sch 9, pt 1 (Pharmacists)

(1) Schedule 9, part 1, section 2, table, item 4—

omit, insert—

4	give a treatment dose	(a) any medicine	the medicine is given on a standing order at a public hospital
		(b) an S2 medicine that is paracetamol	the medicine is given for the treatment of a side effect, or a potential side effect, of an immunisation medicine

(2) Schedule 9, part 1, section 2, table, item 5—

insert—

		(c) an S4 medicine that is an immunisation medicine	the pharmacist has completed immunisation training
		(d) adrenaline (epinephrine)	the medicine is administered to treat anaphylaxis
		(e) an S2 medicine that is paracetamol	the medicine is administered for the treatment of a side effect, or a potential side effect, of an immunisation medicine

(3) Schedule 9, part 1, section 2, table, item 8—

omit, insert—

8	give a purchase order	(a) stock of an S4 or S8 medicine, including an S4 medicine that is an immunisation medicine	the stock is not for a specified place
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		(b) stock of an S4 medicine that is an immunisation medicine	the stock is for a specified place and— <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the pharmacist has completed immunisation training; or• the pharmacist is otherwise authorised to give a purchase order for the specified place
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10 Amendment of sch 22 (Dictionary)

Schedule 22—

insert—

immunisation training means—

- (a) an immunisation education program that is accredited by the entity known as ‘Health Education and Services Australia’ as meeting the standards set out in the document called the ‘National immunisation education framework for health professionals’ published by the Commonwealth; or
- (b) an immunisation training program that is accredited by the entity known as the ‘Australian Pharmacy Council’ as meeting the standards set out in the document called the ‘Standards for the accreditation of programs to support pharmacist administration of vaccines’ published by that entity.

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13 Amendment of sch 18 (Monitored medicines database)

Schedule 18, part 1, ‘podiatric surgeon’—

omit, insert—

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14 Amendment of sch 22 (Dictionary)

(1) Schedule 22, definition *podiatric surgeon*—

omit.

(2) Schedule 22—

insert—

surgical podiatrist see schedule 10, section 1.

ENDNOTES

- 1 Made by the Governor in Council on 26 February 2026.
- 2 Notified on the Queensland legislation website on 27 February 2026.
- 3 The administering agency is Queensland Health.

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