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Pharmacy Business Ownership Regulation 2025

1 Short title

This regulation may be cited as the *Pharmacy Business Ownership Regulation 2025*.

2 Commencement

This regulation commences on 1 November 2025.

3 Prescribed standards for authorised premises

For section 11(1)(b) of the Act, the standards for premises stated in schedule 1 are prescribed.

4 Fees

The fees payable under the Act are stated in schedule 2.

Schedule 1 Standards for premises

section 3

Part 1 Preliminary

1 Definition for schedule

In this schedule—

dispensary means an area dedicated to storing and dispensing medicines.

Part 2 Standards

- 1 The premises must be a building or other structure, or a part of a building or other structure, and must not, for example, be a caravan or vehicle.
- 2 The premises must be appropriately lit, temperature-controlled and ventilated to ensure the following are not compromised—
 - (a) the integrity of medicines kept at the premises;
 - (b) the standard of pharmacy services provided at the premises;
 - (c) the safety and comfort of persons at the premises.
- 3 The premises must be kept appropriately organised and uncluttered to ensure the following are not compromised—
 - (a) the standard of pharmacy services provided at the premises;
 - (b) the safety and comfort of persons at the premises.
- 4 The premises must—
 - (a) be clean and hygienic; and

- (b) have appropriate measures in place to ensure—
 - (i) the premises are kept clean and hygienic; and
 - (ii) the risk of contamination of medicines at the premises is minimised; and
 - (iii) the risk of infection at the premises is minimised.

Examples of measures for paragraph (b)—

hand washing facilities, sharps disposal, clinical waste disposal, cleaning arrangements

- 5 The premises must have a sink that—
 - (a) is supplied with hot and cold running water; and
 - (b) has an integrated drainer.
- 6 The premises must have a dispensary that—
 - (a) is of an appropriate size and design to ensure the standard of dispensing medicines and tasks associated with dispensing medicines are not compromised; and
 - (b) has a refrigerator dedicated to storing medicines with an internal temperature capable of being monitored and controlled at all times; and
 - (c) has all other equipment necessary for dispensing medicines or performing tasks associated with dispensing medicines, including, for example, a barcode scanner; and
 - (d) is constructed in a way that minimises the risk of unauthorised access to the dispensary.
- 7 The premises must have an area, for conducting private consultations with customers of the pharmacy business carried on at the premises, that—
 - (a) is separate from the dispensary at the premises; and
 - (b) is of an appropriate size and design to ensure—
 - (i) the comfort of persons involved in the consultation, including, for example, by including appropriate seating; and

Schedule 1

- (ii) the risk of the consultation being seen or heard by someone who is not involved in the consultation is minimised; and
 - (iii) the area contains all equipment necessary for conducting the consultation; and
 - (iv) the standard of the consultation is not compromised.
- 8 The premises must be constructed in a way that minimises the risk of unauthorised access to the premises.
- 9 Each means of access to the premises must be able to be secured in a way that minimises the risk of unauthorised access to the premises.

Examples of a means of access—

door, window, skylight
- 10 The premises must have equipment that detects unauthorised access to the premises at all times an authorised pharmacist for the pharmacy business carried on at the premises, or a person under the direction or control of the authorised pharmacist, is not at the premises.

Examples—

alarm system, security cameras
- 11 If the premises are licensed premises, the premises must have the following information on display to customers of the pharmacy business carried on at the premises—
 - (a) the name of each holder of the pharmacy business licence for the business;
 - (b) if the authorised pharmacist for the business is not a person mentioned in paragraph (a)—the name of the authorised pharmacist.

Schedule 2 Fees

section 4

Part 1 Preliminary

1 Definitions for schedule

In this schedule—

tier 1 application means—

- (a) an application by 1 person, if the person's ownership of the pharmacy business to which the application relates—
 - (i) does not involve ownership as trustee of a trust; or
 - (ii) involves ownership as trustee of only 1 trust; or
- (b) an application made jointly by 2 persons, if—
 - (i) not more than 1 of the persons is a corporation; and
 - (ii) the persons' joint ownership of the pharmacy business to which the application relates—
 - (A) does not involve ownership as trustee of a trust; or
 - (B) involves ownership as trustee of only 1 trust.

tier 2 application means—

- (a) an application by 1 person, if the person's ownership of the pharmacy business to which the application relates involves ownership as trustee of only 2 trusts; or
- (b) an application made jointly by 2 persons, if—
 - (i) it is not a tier 1 application; and
 - (ii) the persons' joint ownership of the pharmacy business to which the application relates—

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- (A) does not involve ownership as trustee of a trust; or
- (B) involves ownership as trustee of only 1 or 2 trusts; or
- (c) an application made jointly by 3, 4 or 5 persons, if—
 - (i) not more than 2 of the persons are corporations; and
 - (ii) the persons’ joint ownership of the pharmacy business to which the application relates—
 - (A) does not involve ownership as trustee of a trust; or
 - (B) involves ownership as trustee of only 1 or 2 trusts.

tier 3 application means an application other than a tier 1 application or tier 2 application.

Part 2 Fees

	Fee units
1 Application fee for pharmacy business licence (Act, s 25(1)(c))—	
(a) if the application is a tier 1 application	2,075.45
(b) if the application is a tier 2 application	2,358.50
(c) if the application is a tier 3 application	3,018.85
2 Fee for inspecting premises (Act, ss 27(1)(b) and 50(1)(b)(ii))	849.05
3 Licence fee for pharmacy business licence (Act, s 29(3)(b))	377.35
4 Application fee to renew pharmacy business licence (Act, s 33(4)(b))—	

	Fee units
(a) if the application is a tier 1 application	1,603.75
(b) if the application is a tier 2 application	1,792.45
(c) if the application is a tier 3 application	2,358.50
5 Application fee to restore pharmacy business licence (Act, s 34(3)(b))—	
(a) if the application is a tier 1 application	1,698.10
(b) if the application is a tier 2 application	1,886.80
(c) if the application is a tier 3 application	2,452.85
6 Application fee to add incoming party as holder of pharmacy business licence (Act, s 38(2)(b))	849.05
7 Application fee to remove person as holder of pharmacy business licence (Act, s 43(3)(b))	471.70
8 Application fee to change licensed premises for pharmacy business (Act, s 49(2)(c))	613.20
9 Application fee to add to, or remove from, pharmacy business licence the name of a person (Act, s 53(2)(b))	471.70
10 Application fee to change detail stated on pharmacy business licence (Act, s 59(2)(b))	377.35
11 Fee for having reviewer carry out, and prepare report on, review of document (Act, s 74(2)(b))	2,358.50