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*Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act*

**Prescribed Qualifications for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioners to Supply, Administer or Possess Vaccines**

I, Hugh Crosbie Heggie, Chief Health Officer:

(a) under section 63(2) of the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act* and with reference to section 43 of the *Interpretation Act*, revoke the prescription of qualifications in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners made by instrument entitled "Prescribed Qualifications to Supply or Administer or Possess Vaccinations" dated 9 November 2016 and published in *Gazette* S115 of 21 November 2016; and

(b) under section 63(2) of the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act*, prescribe the qualifications specified in the Schedule, Part A, for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner (***practitioner***), in the course of practising in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice profession, to supply or administer a Schedule 4 substance that is a vaccine to another person, and possess the substance for those purposes.

Dated 15 May 2017

H. C. Heggie

Chief Health Officer

**Schedule**

**Part A**

**1 Definitions**

In this Schedule:

***NT up-skill course*** means the About Giving Vaccines Up-Skill Course developed by the Northern Territory Centre for Disease Control.

***refresher course*** means an immunisation refresher course delivered by the provider of a relevant course.

***relevant course*** means a course listed in the Schedule, Part B.

**2 Qualifications**

(a) The practitioner must be registered in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice profession without conditions.

(b) The practitioner must have completed:

(i) a relevant course; and

(ii) a refresher course, or the NT up-skill course, at least once every 3 years after completing the relevant course.

(d) The practitioner must hold a current Basic Life Support Certificate (HLTAID002) or Provide First Aid (HLTAID003) Certificate.

**Part B**

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| **State/Territory**  | **Provider**  | **Course**  |
| New South Wales  | The Australian College of Nursing  | Immunisation for Registered Nurses and Midwives  |
| Northern Territory  | Centre for Disease Control  | About Giving Vaccines Course |
| Queensland  | Australian Catholic University  | 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  |
| South Australia  | Department of Health and Ageing | South Australian Two Day Immunisation Education Workshop  |
| South Australia  | Department of Health and Ageing | Immunise the Basics  |
| South Australia  | Department of Health and Ageing | A Short Course on Immunology and Immunisation for Nurses  |
| South Australia  | Department of Health and Ageing | Understanding Vaccines and the National Immunisation Program  |
| 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 |

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*Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act*

**Prescribed Qualifications for Nurses and Midwives to Supply, Administer or Possess Vaccines**

I, Hugh Crosbie Heggie, Chief Health Officer:

(a) under section 65(1A) of the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act* and with reference to section 43 of the *Interpretation Act*, revoke the prescription of qualifications in relation to nurses or midwives made by instrument entitled "Prescribed Qualifications to Supply or Administer or Possess Vaccinations" dated 9 November 2016 and published in *Gazette* S115 of 21 November 2016; and

(b) under section 65(1A) of the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act*, prescribe the qualifications specified in the Schedule, Part A, for a nurse or midwife (***practitioner***), in the course of practising in the nursing and midwifery profession, to supply or administer a Schedule 4 substance that is a vaccine to another person, and possess the substance for those purposes.

Dated 15 May 2017

H. C. Heggie

Chief Health Officer

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**Part A**

**1 Definitions**

In this Schedule:

***NT up-skill course*** means the About Giving Vaccines Up-Skill Course developed by the Northern Territory Centre for Disease Control.

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***relevant course*** means a course listed in the Schedule, Part B.

**2 Qualifications**

(a) The practitioner must be registered in the nursing and midwifery profession without conditions.

(b) The practitioner must have completed:

(i) a relevant course; and

(ii) a refresher course, or the NT up-skill course, at least once every 3 years after completing the relevant course.

(c) The practitioner must hold a current Basic Life Support Certificate (HLTAID002) or Provide First Aid (HLTAID003) Certificate.

**Part B**

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| **State/Territory**  | **Provider**  | **Course**  |
| New South Wales  | The Australian College of Nursing  | Immunisation for Registered Nurses and Midwives  |
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