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Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances, to amend the **Health**  
**Act 1958** and the **Crimes Act 1958** and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by  
and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council  
and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria in this present  
Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as  
follows (that is to say):

**1 Short title and commencement**

- (1) This Act may be cited as the **Drugs, Poisons and  
Controlled Substances Act 1981**.
- (2) The several provisions of this Act shall come into  
operation on a day or on the respective days to be  
fixed by proclamation or successive proclamations  
of the Governor in Council published in the  
Government Gazette.

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**S. 1(3)**  
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7(2), 11(2),  
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s. 55(1)(a).

## Part I—Introductory and transitional

### 2 Repeals and revocations

- (1) The Acts and enactments mentioned in the table to this subsection, to the extent to which they are therein expressed to be repealed are hereby repealed accordingly.

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<i>Number of Act</i>	<i>Title of Act</i>	<i>Extent of Amendment or Repeal</i>
6889	<b>Poisons Act 1962</b>	So much as has not already been repealed.
7065	<b>Statute Law Revision Act 1963</b>	Items in Schedule relating to the <b>Poisons Act 1962</b> .
7588	<b>Poisons (Amendment) Act 1967</b>	The whole.
7703	<b>Abolition of Bailiwicks Act 1968</b>	Item in Schedule relating to the <b>Poisons Act 1962</b> .
8181	<b>Statute Law Revision Act 1971</b>	Item in Schedule relating to the <b>Poisons Act 1962</b> .
8233	<b>Poisons (Amendment) Act 1971</b>	The whole.
8247	<b>Crimes (Powers of Arrest) Act 1972</b>	Item in Schedule relating to the <b>Poisons Act 1962</b> .
8266	<b>Poisons (Amendment) Act 1972</b>	The whole.
8287	<b>Dentists Act 1972</b>	Section 45(2).
8424	<b>Medical Practitioners (Amendment) Act 1973</b>	Section 12.
8456	<b>Poisons (Fees) Act 1973</b>	The whole.
8961	<b>Poisons (Drugs of Addiction) Act 1977</b>	The whole.

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9023	<b>Health Commission Act 1977</b>	Item 16 of Part A of Schedule One.
9294	<b>Poisons (Amendment) Act 1979</b>	The whole.
9427	<b>Statute Law Revision Act 1980</b>	Item in Third Schedule relating to the <b>Poisons Act 1962</b> .
9576	<b>Crimes (Classification of Offences) Act 1981</b>	Item in the Schedule relating to the <b>Poisons Act 1962</b> .

- (2) All proclamations made under the **Poisons Act 1962** and amending any of the Schedules to that Act are revoked.

**3 Savings**

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**S. 3(1)  
repealed by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 34.**

- (2) On and from the commencement of this section in any order, proclamation, regulation, licence, permit, warrant, authority, Order in Council or other instrument or document made, issued or given under the **Poisons Act 1962** before the commencement of this section and deemed to have been made, issued or given under this Act or continued in force under this Act—
- (a) a reference to a pharmaceutical chemist shall be deemed and taken to be a reference to a pharmacist;

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S. 3(2)(b)  
repealed by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 34.

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S. 3(3)  
repealed by  
No. 10087  
s. 3(1)(Sch. 1  
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S. 3(4)  
amended by  
No. 10087  
s. 3(1)(Sch. 1  
item 39).

(4) Subject to subsection (2), nothing in this Act shall affect the continuity of status, operation or effect of any permit issued under section 11 of the **Poisons Act 1962** before the commencement of this section and in force immediately before that commencement, and that permit shall, on and from the date of commencement of this section, be deemed to have been issued under the provisions of this Act that corresponds to section 11 of the **Poisons Act 1962**.

S. 3(5)(6)  
repealed by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 34.

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- (7) Except as is in this Act expressly or by necessary implication provided—
- (a) all persons, things and circumstances appointed or created by or under the **Poisons Act 1962** or existing or continuing under that Act immediately before the commencement of this section shall under and subject to this Act continue to have the same status, operation and effect as they respectively would have had if that Act had not been repealed; and

(b) in particular and without limiting the generality of paragraph (a), the repeal of the **Poisons Act 1962** shall not disturb the continuity of status, operation or effect of any order, proclamation, regulation, recommendation, certificate, proceeding, appointment, notification, writ, summons, award, judgment, decree, fee, suspension, revocation, renewal, enquiry, registration, document, panel, submission, remuneration, approval, disapproval, refusal, decision, report, investigation, requirement, forfeiture, direction, analysis, examination, liability or right made, effected, issued, granted, given, instituted, imposed, accrued, incurred or acquired or existing or continuing by or under the repealed Act before the commencement of this section.

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S. 3(8)  
repealed by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 34.

#### 4 Definitions

(1) In this Act unless inconsistent with the context or subject-matter—

*aged care service* has the same meaning as it has in the Aged Care Act 1997 of the Commonwealth;

S. 4(1) def. of  
*aged care service*  
inserted by  
No. 17/2006  
s. 3.

*analogue*, of a drug specified in column 1 of Part 1 or column 1 of Part 3 of Schedule Eleven, means a substance, however obtained, that is—

S. 4(1) def. of  
*analogue*  
inserted by  
No. 9/2014  
s. 3(2).

(a) a structural modification of the drug obtained in one or more of the following ways—

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- (i) by the replacement of one or more of its functional groups with another;
- (ii) by the replacement of up to 2 ring structures with any other ring structure;
- (iii) by the addition of hydrogen atoms to one or more unsaturated bonds; or

(b) a homologue of the drug; or

(c) a derivative or isomer of a substance referred to in paragraph (a) or (b)—

but does not include a substance that is itself specified in column 1 of Part 1 or column 1 of Part 3 of Schedule Eleven;

S. 4(1) def. of *approved medicinal cannabis product* inserted by No. 20/2016 s. 101(1), repealed by No. 34/2019 s. 4(1).

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S. 4(1) def. of *authorised police employee* inserted by No. 52/2006 s. 4, amended by No. 37/2014 s. 10(Sch. item 47.1(b)).

*authorised police employee* means—

- (a) a Victoria Police employee authorised under section 44A; or
- (b) a Victoria Police employee who is a member of a class of Victoria Police employee authorised under section 44A;

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S. 4(1) def. of *authorised practitioner* inserted by No. 18/2000 s. 96(1), amended by Nos 11/2002 s. 3(Sch. 1 item 16.1), 80/2004 s. 150(Sch. 2 item 2.1(a)), repealed by No. 97/2005 s. 178(1), new def. of *authorised practitioner* inserted by No. 97/2005 s. 178(2), repealed by No. 13/2010 s. 35(1)(a).

*authorised supplier* means a person who—

S. 4(1) def. of *authorised supplier* inserted by No. 50/2017 s. 4.

- (a) is authorised by the Secretary under section 30C(5) to access the monitored poisons database for a purpose specified in section 30C(5)(a); or
- (b) is authorised by regulations referred to in section 30C(4) to access the monitored poisons database; or
- (c) belongs to a class of person that is authorised as described in paragraph (a) or (b);

*authorised user* means a person who—

S. 4(1) def. of *authorised user* inserted by No. 50/2017 s. 4.

- (a) is authorised by the Secretary under section 30C(5) to access the monitored poisons database for a purpose specified in section 30C(5)(b) or (c); or

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- (b) is authorised by regulations referred to in section 30C(4) to access the monitored poisons database; or
- (c) belongs to a class of person that is authorised as described in paragraph (a) or (b);

S. 4(1) def. of *authorized officer* amended by Nos 10262 s. 4, 46/1998 s. 7(Sch. 1), 37/2014 s. 10(Sch. item 47.1(c)).

***authorized officer*** means a person authorized by the Secretary under section 41 and any police officer;

S. 4(1) def. of *automatic machine* amended by No. 9/1998 s. 10(a)(i).

***automatic machine*** means any machine or mechanical device used or capable of being used for the purpose of selling or supplying goods without the personal manipulation or attention of the seller or supplier or his employee or other agent at the time of the sale or supply;

S. 4(1) def. of *baseline sentence* inserted by No. 52/2014 s. 17, repealed by No. 34/2017 s. 15.

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S. 4(1) def. of *category 1 precursor chemical* inserted by No. 55/2009 s. 7.

***category 1 precursor chemical*** means a substance prescribed as a category 1 precursor chemical and—

- (a) includes—
  - (i) any form of that substance, whether natural or synthetic; and

(ii) if specified in the regulations for that category 1 precursor chemical, the salts, derivatives and isomers of that substance and any salt of those derivatives and isomers;

(b) despite the definition of *substance* in this section, does not include that substance when contained in or mixed with another substance;

*category 2 precursor chemical* means a substance prescribed as a category 2 precursor chemical and—

S. 4(1) def. of *category 2 precursor chemical* inserted by No. 55/2009 s. 7.

(a) includes—

(i) any form of that substance, whether natural or synthetic; and

(ii) if specified in the regulations for that category 2 precursor chemical, the salts, derivatives and isomers of that substance and any salt of those derivatives and isomers;

(b) despite the definition of *substance* in this section, does not include that substance when contained in or mixed with another substance;

*category 3 precursor apparatus* means an item or class of item prescribed as a category 3 precursor apparatus;

S. 4(1) def. of *category 3 precursor apparatus* inserted by No. 55/2009 s. 7.

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S. 4(1) def. of  
*certificate of  
health and  
safety  
destruction or  
disposal*  
inserted by  
No. 52/2006  
s. 4.

*certificate of health and safety destruction or disposal* means a certificate given by an analyst or a botanist under section 91(1)(c);

S. 4(1) def. of  
*Chief General  
Manager*  
inserted by  
No. 10262 s. 4,  
substituted by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 35(b),  
repealed by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

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S. 4(1) def. of  
*child*  
inserted by  
No. 66/2017  
s. 4.

*child*, in Part IIA, means a person under 18 years of age;

S. 4(1) def. of  
*Commission*  
repealed by  
No. 10262 s. 4.

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*Committee* means the Poisons Advisory Committee constituted under Division 3 of Part II;

S. 4(1) def. of  
*Common-  
wealth  
standard*  
inserted by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 35(c),  
repealed by  
No. 75/2014  
s. 10(2)(a).

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*compound* in relation to a poison or controlled substance means a medicament prepared in accordance with a formula and being a combination of—

- (a) a poison or controlled substance; and
- (b) any other substance or substances—  
in such a way that the poison or controlled substance cannot be readily separated from the other substance or substances, and *to compound* and derivative expressions have corresponding meanings;

*consume*, in relation to a substance, includes the following—

S. 4(1) def. of *consume* inserted by No. 40/2017 s. 4.

- (a) ingest the substance;
- (b) inject the substance;
- (c) inhale the substance;
- (d) smoke the substance, or inhale fumes caused by heating or burning the substance;
- (e) apply the substance externally to the body of a person;
- (f) by any other means introduce the substance into any part of the body of a person;

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S. 4(1) def. of *dangerous poison* repealed by No. 42/1993 s. 35(a).

*data source entity* means an entity, or a class of entity, prescribed to be a data source entity for the purposes of the monitored poisons database;

S. 4(1) def. of *data source entity* inserted by No. 50/2017 s. 4.

*date of supply*, in Part VB, means the date a category 1 precursor chemical, a category 2 precursor chemical or a category 3 precursor apparatus, as the case requires, leaves the premises of the person who supplied it;

S. 4(1) def. of *date of supply* inserted by No. 55/2009 s. 7.

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S. 4(1) def. of  
*declared  
testing facility*  
inserted by  
No. 9/2014  
s. 4.

*declared testing facility* means a facility declared  
by the Chief Commissioner of Police under  
section 97;

S. 4(1) def. of  
*delegated  
police officer*  
inserted by  
No. 52/2006  
s. 4.

*delegated police officer* means—

- (a) a person to whom a function under  
section 91 has been delegated under  
section 92; or
- (b) a person who is a member of a class to  
which a function under section 91 has  
been delegated under section 92;

S. 4(1) def. of  
*dentist*  
substituted by  
No. 26/1999  
s. 107(Sch.  
item 2),  
repealed by  
No. 97/2005  
s. 178(1),  
new def. of  
*dentist*  
inserted by  
No. 97/2005  
s. 178(2),  
substituted by  
No. 13/2010  
s. 35(1)(b).

*dentist* means a person registered under the Health  
Practitioner Regulation National Law—

- (a) to practise in the dental profession as a  
dentist (other than as a student); and
- (b) in the dentists division of that  
profession;

S. 4(1) def. of  
*designated  
place*  
inserted by  
No. 45/2017  
s. 16.

*designated place* has the same meaning as in the  
**Victoria Police Act 2013**;

S. 4(1) def. of  
*director*  
inserted by  
No. 66/2017  
s. 4.

*director*, in relation to the licensed medically  
supervised injecting centre, has the meaning  
given in section 55B;

S. 4(1) def. of  
*drug of  
addiction*  
repealed by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 35(a).

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***drug of dependence*** means a substance that is—

- (a) a drug—
  - (i) specified in column 1 of Part 1 of Schedule Eleven; or
  - (ii) included in a class of drug specified in column 1 of Part 1 of Schedule Eleven; or
- (b) any fresh or dried parts of any plant specified in column 1 of Part 2 of Schedule Eleven; or
- (ba) prescribed as a drug of dependence in accordance with section 132AA whether specified as included in Part 1, Part 2 or Part 3 of Schedule Eleven; or
- (c) a drug—
  - (i) specified in column 1 of Part 3 of Schedule Eleven; or
  - (ii) included in a class of drug specified in column 1 of Part 3 of Schedule Eleven—

S. 4(1) def. of *drug of dependence* substituted by No. 10002 s. 2(a), amended by No. 101/1986 s. 58(1)(a), substituted by No. 48/1997 s. 36(1)(a), amended by Nos 9/1998 s. 10(a)(ii), 74/2004 s. 6(1)(a)–(c), 41/2011 s. 4, 9/2014 s. 3(1).

and includes—

- (d) any form of a drug specified in column 1 of Part 1 or column 1 of Part 3 of Schedule Eleven, whether natural or synthetic, and the salts, analogues, derivatives and isomers of that drug and any salt of those analogues, derivatives and isomers; and
- (e) any—
  - (i) drug specified in, or drug included in a class of drug specified in column 1 of Part 1 or column 1 of Part 3 of Schedule Eleven, whether natural or synthetic; or

- (ii) salts, analogues, derivatives or isomers of a drug specified in column 1 of Part 1 or column 1 of Part 3 of Schedule Eleven; or
- (iii) salt of any analogue, derivative or isomer mentioned in subparagraph (ii)—  
contained in or mixed with another substance;

S. 4(1) def. of *end user declaration* inserted by No. 55/2009 s. 7.

*end user declaration* means a declaration required for the purposes of section 80J, 80L or 80M, as the case requires;

S. 4(1) def. of *functional group* inserted by No. 9/2014 s. 3(2).

*functional group*, of a drug, means any of the following where attached to an oxygen, nitrogen, sulphur, phosphorous or carbon atom of the drug—

- (a) an aryl, alkoxy, cyclic diether, carbonyl, acyl, carboxylic acid, acyloxy, alkylamino or dialkylamino group with up to 6 carbon atoms in any alkyl residue;
- (b) an alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl group with up to 6 carbon atoms in the group;
- (c) a hydroxy, nitro or amino group;
- (d) a hydrogen atom;
- (e) a halogen;

S. 4(1) def. of *hazardous substance* repealed by No. 42/1993 s. 35(a).

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*heroin* means diacetyl morphine (also known as diamorphine) and its salts;



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*licensee* means the person named in a licence;  
*manufacture* includes the process of refining,  
manipulating and mixing any poison or  
controlled substance (including a poison or  
controlled substance in the raw state); and  
"manufacturer" has a corresponding  
interpretation;

S. 4(1) def. of  
*medical  
practitioner*  
repealed by  
No. 23/1994  
s. 118(Sch. 1  
item 17.1(a)).

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S. 4(1) def. of  
*medically  
supervised  
injecting  
centre licence*  
inserted by  
No. 66/2017  
s. 4.

*medically supervised injecting centre licence*  
means the licence issued under section 55C;

S. 4(1) def. of  
*medicinal  
cannabis*  
inserted by  
No. 20/2016  
s. 101(1),  
repealed by  
No. 34/2019  
s. 4(1).

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S. 4(1) def. of  
*medicinal  
cannabis  
cultivation  
licence*  
inserted by  
No. 20/2016  
s. 101(1),  
repealed by  
No. 34/2019  
s. 4(1).

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*	*	*	*	*	<p>S. 4(1) def. of <i>medicinal cannabis manufacturing licence</i> inserted by No. 20/2016 s. 101(1), repealed by No. 34/2019 s. 4(1).</p>
*	*	*	*	*	<p>S. 4(1) def. of <i>medicinal cannabis product</i> inserted by No. 20/2016 s. 101(1), repealed by No. 34/2019 s. 4(1).</p>
*	*	*	*	*	<p>S. 4(1) def. of <i>medicinal poison</i> repealed by No. 42/1993 s. 35(a).</p>
<p><b><i>mobile facility</i></b> means a trailer or vehicle suitably fitted out or containing equipment and apparatus for the manufacture, sale and supply of a perishable pest animal bait that is a Schedule 7 poison to which a mobile facility licence relates;</p>					<p>S. 4(1) def. of <i>mobile facility</i> inserted by No. 75/2014 s. 4.</p>
<p><b><i>mobile facility licence</i></b> means a licence issued under section 19(6);</p>					<p>S. 4(1) def. of <i>mobile facility licence</i> inserted by No. 75/2014 s. 4.</p>
<p><b><i>mobile facility location</i></b> means a location where the manufacture, sale or supply of a perishable pest animal bait that is a Schedule 7 poison authorised under a mobile facility licence is carried out;</p>					<p>S. 4(1) def. of <i>mobile facility location</i> inserted by No. 75/2014 s. 4.</p>

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S. 4(1) def. of  
*monitored  
poison*  
inserted by  
No. 50/2017  
s. 4.

***monitored poison*** means—

- (a) a Schedule 8 poison; or
- (b) a monitored supply poison; or
- (c) a poison that is prescribed to be a monitored poison; or
- (d) a poison that belongs to a class of poisons that are prescribed to be monitored poisons;

S. 4(1) def. of  
*monitored  
poisons  
database*  
inserted by  
No. 50/2017  
s. 4.

***monitored poisons database*** means the database established under Division 9 of Part II;

S. 4(1) def. of  
*monitored  
supply poison*  
inserted by  
No. 50/2017  
s. 4.

***monitored supply poison*** means a poison that—

- (a) is prescribed to be a monitored supply poison; or
- (b) belongs to a class of poisons that are prescribed to be monitored supply poisons;

S. 4(1) def. of  
*narcotic plant*  
repealed by  
No. 10002  
s. 2(b).

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S. 4(1) def. of  
*nurse  
practitioner*  
inserted by  
No. 94/2000  
s. 48,  
repealed by  
No. 97/2005  
s. 178(1),  
new def. of  
*nurse  
practitioner*  
inserted by  
No. 97/2005  
s. 178(2),  
substituted by  
No. 13/2010  
s. 35(1)(c).

***nurse practitioner*** means a nurse whose registration is endorsed by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia under section 95 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law;

***Order in Council*** means an Order made by the Governor in Council published in the Government Gazette;

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S. 4(1) def. of *patient medicinal cannabis access authorisation* inserted by No. 20/2016 s. 101(1), repealed by No. 34/2019 s. 4(1).

***permitted quantity of injecting centre drug*** means a prescribed amount of an injecting centre drug;

S. 4(1) def. of *permitted quantity of injecting centre drug* inserted by No. 66/2017 s. 4.

***permitted site*** means the land described in Vol. 09195 Fol. 045;

S. 4(1) def. of *permitted site* inserted by No. 66/2017 s. 4.

***pharmacist*** means a person registered under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law to practise in the pharmacy profession (other than as a student);

S. 4(1) def. of *pharmacist* substituted by No. 80/2004 s. 150(Sch. 2 item 2.1(b)), repealed by No. 97/2005 s. 178(1), new def. of *pharmacist* inserted by No. 97/2005 s. 178(2), substituted by No. 13/2010 s. 35(1)(d).

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S. 4(1) def. of *poison or controlled substance* substituted by No. 42/1993 s. 35(e), amended by Nos 20/2016 s. 101(2)(a)(b), 34/2019 s. 4(2)(a).

*poison or controlled substance* means—

- (a) a Schedule 1 poison; or
- (b) a Schedule 2 poison; or
- (c) a Schedule 3 poison; or
- (d) a Schedule 4 poison; or
- (e) a Schedule 5 poison; or
- (f) a Schedule 6 poison; or
- (g) a Schedule 7 poison; or
- (h) a Schedule 8 poison; or
- (i) a Schedule 9 poison; or
- (j) a regulated poison other than a Schedule 7 poison;

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S. 4(1) def. of *Poisons Code* inserted by No. 42/1993 s. 35(f), amended by No. 68/1996 s. 9.

*Poisons Code* means the Poisons Code prepared under section 12 as amended or substituted and in force from time to time;

S. 4(1) def. of *Poisons List* inserted by No. 42/1993 s. 35(f).

*Poisons List* means the Poisons List in the Poisons Code;

S. 4(1) def. of *Poisons Standard* inserted by No. 75/2014 s. 10(1).

*Poisons Standard* means the current Poisons Standard within the meaning of the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989 of the Commonwealth;

S. 4(1) def. of *police officer* inserted by No. 37/2014 s. 10(Sch. item 47.1(a)).

*police officer* has the same meaning as in the **Victoria Police Act 2013**;

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*prescribed* means prescribed by this Act or the regulations;

*proclamation* means proclamation of the Governor in Council;

*protective services officer* has the same meaning as in the **Victoria Police Act 2013**;

S. 4(1) def. of *protective services officer* inserted by No. 43/2011 s. 18, substituted by No. 37/2014 s. 10(Sch. item 47.1(d)).

*psychoactive effect*, in relation to a person, means—

S. 4(1) def. of *psychoactive effect* inserted by No. 40/2017 s. 4.

- (a) stimulation or depression of the person's central nervous system, resulting in hallucinations or in a significant disturbance in, or significant change to, motor function, thinking, behaviour, perception, awareness or mood; or

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S. 4(1) def. of  
*psychoactive  
substance*  
inserted by  
No. 40/2017  
s. 4,  
amended by  
No. 34/2019  
s. 4(2)(b).

- (b) causing a state of dependence,  
including physical or psychological  
addiction;

*psychoactive substance* means—

- (a) a substance that, when consumed by a  
person, has a psychoactive effect; or
- (b) a substance that is represented as,  
or in any other way held out to be, a  
substance that, when consumed by a  
person, has a psychoactive effect; or
- (c) a substance referred to in paragraph (a)  
or (b) that is contained in or mixed with  
another substance—

but does not include any of the following—

- (d) a drug of dependence;
- (e) a poison or controlled substance;
- (f) a volatile substance within the meaning  
of Part IV;

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(h) a therapeutic good—

- (i) included in the Register within the  
meaning of the Therapeutic Goods  
Act 1989 of the Commonwealth;  
or
- (ii) exempted from the operation of  
Part 3-2 of that Act by regulations  
made under section 18 of that Act;  
or
- (iii) exempted from Division 2  
of Part 3-2 of that Act under  
section 18A of that Act; or

- (iv) that is the subject of an approval or authority under section 19 of that Act, if used in accordance with that approval or authority; or
- (v) that is the subject of an approval under section 19A of that Act, if used in accordance with that approval;
- (i) food within the meaning of the **Food Act 1984** that complies with the Food Standards Code within the meaning of that Act;
- (j) liquor within the meaning of the **Liquor Control Reform Act 1998**;
- (k) a tobacco product within the meaning of the **Tobacco Act 1987**;
- (l) a chemical product within the meaning of the **Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 1992**;
- (m) a plant or fungus or an extract of a plant or fungus;
- (n) a prescribed substance or a substance that is in a prescribed class of substances;

***public health emergency order*** means an order made under section 22D and includes an order extended, amended or varied under section 22G;

S. 4(1) def. of *public health emergency order* inserted by No. 17/2008 s. 4.

***public place*** has the same meaning as it has in the **Summary Offences Act 1966**;

S. 4(1) def. of *public place* inserted by No. 40/2017 s. 4.

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S. 4(1) def. of  
*registered  
Chinese  
herbal  
dispenser*  
inserted by  
No. 18/2000  
s. 96(1),  
repealed by  
No. 97/2005  
s. 178(1),  
new def. of  
*registered  
Chinese  
herbal  
dispenser*  
inserted by  
No. 97/2005  
s. 178(2),  
substituted by  
No. 27/2012  
s. 9(a).

*registered Chinese herbal dispenser* means a person registered under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law to practise in the Chinese medicine profession in the division of Chinese herbal dispenser;

S. 4(1) def. of  
*registered  
Chinese  
medicine  
practitioner*  
inserted by  
No. 18/2000  
s. 96(1),  
repealed by  
No. 97/2005  
s. 178(1),  
new def. of  
*registered  
Chinese  
medicine  
practitioner*  
inserted by  
No. 97/2005  
s. 178(2),  
substituted by  
No. 27/2012  
s. 9(b).

*registered Chinese medicine practitioner* means a person registered under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law to practise in the Chinese medicine profession in the division of Chinese herbal medicine practitioner;

S. 4(1) def. of  
*registered  
health  
practitioner*  
inserted by  
No. 50/2017  
s. 4.

*registered health practitioner* means a person registered under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law to practise in a health profession within the meaning of that Law (other than as a student);

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***registered medical practitioner*** means a person registered under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law to practise in the medical profession (other than as a student);

S. 4(1) def. of *registered medical practitioner* inserted by No. 23/1994 s. 118(Sch. 1 item 17.1(b)), repealed by No. 97/2005 s. 178(1), new def. of *registered medical practitioner* inserted by No. 97/2005 s. 178(2), substituted by No. 13/2010 s. 35(1)(e).

***registered midwife*** means a person registered under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law—

S. 4(1) def. of *registered midwife* inserted by No. 14/2012 s. 4.

- (a) to practise in the nursing and midwifery profession as a midwife (other than as a nurse or student); and
- (b) in the register of midwives kept for that profession;

***registered nurse*** means a person registered under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law—

S. 4(1) def. of *registered nurse* inserted by No. 13/2010 s. 35(2).

- (a) to practise in the nursing and midwifery profession as a nurse (other than as a midwife or as a student); and
- (b) in the registered nurses division of that profession;

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S. 4(1) def. of *registered optometrist* inserted by No. 56/1996 s. 100(1), repealed by No. 97/2005 s. 178(1), new def. of *registered optometrist* inserted by No. 97/2005 s. 178(2), substituted by No. 13/2010 s. 35(1)(e), amended by No. 29/2011 s. 3(Sch. 1 item 30).

***registered optometrist*** means a person registered under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law to practise in the optometry profession (other than as a student);

S. 4(1) def. of *registered podiatrist* inserted by No. 97/2005 s. 178(2), substituted by No. 13/2010 s. 35(1)(e).

***registered podiatrist*** means a person registered under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law to practise in the podiatry profession (other than as a student);

S. 4(1) def. of *regulated poison* inserted by No. 42/1993 s. 35(g).

***regulated poison*** means—

- (a) a Schedule 7 poison; or
- (b) a substance included in the Poisons Code in the list of substances that are not for general sale by retail;

***Regulations*** means Regulations made under this Act or any corresponding previous enactment;

S. 4(1) def. of *restricted substance* repealed by No. 42/1993 s. 35(a).

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***Schedule 1 Poison*** means a substance in  
Schedule 1 in the Poisons List;

S. 4(1) def. of  
*Schedule 1  
Poison*  
inserted by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 35(h).

***Schedule 2 Poison*** means a substance in  
Schedule 2 of the Poisons Standard;

S. 4(1) def. of  
*Schedule 2  
Poison*  
inserted by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 35(h),  
amended by  
Nos 74/2004  
s. 6(2)(a),  
75/2014  
s. 10(2)(b).

***Schedule 3 Poison*** means a substance in  
Schedule 3 of the Poisons Standard;

S. 4(1) def. of  
*Schedule 3  
Poison*  
inserted by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 35(h),  
amended by  
Nos 74/2004  
s. 6(2)(b),  
75/2014  
s. 10(2)(c).

***Schedule 4 Poison*** means a substance in  
Schedule 4 of the Poisons Standard;

S. 4(1) def. of  
*Schedule 4  
Poison*  
inserted by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 35(h),  
amended by  
Nos 74/2004  
s. 6(2)(c),  
75/2014  
s. 10(2)(d).

***Schedule 5 Poison*** means a substance in  
Schedule 5 of the Poisons Standard;

S. 4(1) def. of  
*Schedule 5  
Poison*  
inserted by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 35(h),  
amended by  
Nos 74/2004  
s. 6(2)(d),  
75/2014  
s. 10(2)(e).

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S. 4(1) def. of  
*Schedule 6  
Poison*  
inserted by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 35(h),  
amended by  
Nos 74/2004  
s. 6(2)(e),  
75/2014  
s. 10(2)(f).

*Schedule 6 Poison* means a substance in  
Schedule 6 of the Poisons Standard;

S. 4(1) def. of  
*Schedule 7  
Poison*  
inserted by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 35(h),  
amended by  
Nos 74/2004  
s. 6(2)(f),  
75/2014  
s. 10(2)(g).

*Schedule 7 Poison* means a substance in  
Schedule 7 of the Poisons Standard;

S. 4(1) def. of  
*Schedule 8  
Poison*  
inserted by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 35(h),  
amended by  
Nos 74/2004  
s. 6(2)(g),  
75/2014  
s. 10(2)(h),  
20/2016  
s. 101(2)(c),  
substituted by  
No. 34/2019  
s. 4(2)(c).

*Schedule 8 Poison* means a substance in  
Schedule 8 of the Poisons Standard;

S. 4(1) def. of  
*Schedule 9  
Poison*  
inserted by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 35(h),  
amended by  
Nos 74/2004  
s. 6(2)(h),  
75/2014  
s. 10(2)(i),  
20/2016  
s. 101(2)(d),  
substituted by  
No. 34/2019  
s. 4(2)(c).

*Schedule 9 Poison* means a substance in  
Schedule 9 of the Poisons Standard;

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**Secretary** has the same meaning as in section 3(1) of the **Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008**;

S. 4(1) def. of *Secretary* inserted by No. 46/1998 s. 7(Sch. 1), amended by No. 46/2008 s. 275(1).

**sell** means sell, whether by—

- (a) wholesale or retail or otherwise, barter, exchange, deal in, agree to sell, offer or expose for sale, keep or have in possession for sale, send forward, deliver or receive for or for the purpose of sale or in the course of sale; and
- (b) authorize, direct, allow, cause, suffer, permit or attempt any of the acts or things mentioned in paragraph (a)—

and **sale** and each of the other derivatives of **sell** have corresponding meanings;

**serious risk to public health** means a material risk that substantial injury or prejudice to the health of human beings has occurred or may occur having regard to—

S. 4(1) def of *serious risk to public health* inserted by No. 17/2008 s. 4.

- (a) the number of persons likely to be affected;
- (b) the location, immediacy and seriousness of the threat to the health of persons;
- (c) the nature, scale and effects of the harm, illness or injury that may develop;

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S. 4(1) def. of *special poison* repealed by No. 42/1993 s. 35(a).

S. 4(1) def. of  
*staff*  
inserted by  
No. 66/2017  
s. 4.

*staff* means—

- (a) in relation to the licensed medically supervised injecting centre, the persons engaged (whether under contracts of employment, or as volunteers, or otherwise) to provide services for the centre; and
- (b) in relation to the permitted site, the persons engaged (whether under contracts of employment, or as volunteers, or otherwise), to provide services for any facility that is located at the permitted site, including at the licensed medically supervised injecting centre;

S. 4(1) def. of  
*standard sentence*  
inserted by  
No. 34/2017  
s. 36.

*standard sentence*, in relation to an offence, has the same meaning as in the **Sentencing Act 1991**;

S. 4(1) def. of  
*substance*  
amended by  
No. 48/1997  
s. 36(1)(b).

*substance* includes material, preparation, extract and admixture;

S. 4(1) def. of  
*sufficient proof of identity of receiver*  
inserted by  
No. 55/2009  
s. 7.

*sufficient proof of identity of receiver*, for the purposes of Part VB, means proof of identity provided by one of the following—

- (a) a driver licence issued under the **Road Safety Act 1986**, or a licence issued in another State or a Territory that is the equivalent of a driver licence, that displays a photograph of the person; or
- (b) an Australian passport or a foreign passport; or

- (c) a proof of age card issued under the **Liquor Control Reform Act 1998** or a card issued in another State or a Territory that is the equivalent of a proof of age card;

*supervisor*, in relation to the licensed medically supervised injecting centre, has the meaning given in section 55B;

S. 4(1) def. of *supervisor* inserted by No. 66/2017 s. 4.

*supply* means—

- (a) supply, provide, give or deliver, whether or not for fee, reward or consideration or in expectation of fee, reward or consideration;
- (b) agree or offer for the purpose of supply as defined in paragraph (a), expose for the purpose of supply as so defined, keep or have in possession for the purpose of supply as so defined, send forward or receive for the purpose of supply as so defined; and
- (c) authorize, direct, cause, allow, suffer, permit or attempt to do any of the acts or things mentioned in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b)—

and the derivatives of *supply* shall have corresponding meanings;

*therapeutic use* means use in or in connection with—

- (a) the preventing, diagnosing, curing or alleviating of a disease, ailment, defect or injury in human beings or animals; or

S. 4(1) def. of *therapeutic use* inserted by No. 42/1993 s. 35(i).

- (b) influencing, inhibiting, or modifying of a physiological process in human beings or animals; or
- (c) the testing of the susceptibility of human beings or animals to a disease or ailment;

S. 4(1) def. of *veterinary practitioner* inserted by No. 58/1997 s. 96(Sch. item 3.1).

*veterinary practitioner* means a veterinary practitioner registered under the **Veterinary Practice Act 1997**;

S. 4(1) def. of *veterinary surgeon* repealed by No. 58/1997 s. 96(Sch. item 3.1).

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S. 4(1) def. of *Victoria Police employee* inserted by No. 37/2014 s. 10(Sch. item 47.1(a)).

*Victoria Police employee* has the same meaning as in the **Victoria Police Act 2013**;

S. 4(1) def. of *voluntary assisted dying permit* inserted by No. 61/2017 s. 122.

*voluntary assisted dying permit* has the same meaning as it has in the **Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017**;

S. 4(1) def. of *voluntary assisted dying substance* inserted by No. 61/2017 s. 122.

*voluntary assisted dying substance* has the same meaning as it has in the **Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017**;

*wholesale* means—

- (a) sale or supply for the purposes of resale;
- (b) sale or supply to a person for the purposes of supply by that person to another person; and
- (c) sale or supply for the purposes of use in connexion with a trade, business, profession or industry;

*wholesale dealer* means a person who sells or supplies by wholesale.

(2) A reference in this Act to *manufacture* does not include a reference to the process of refining, manipulating and mixing a poison or controlled substance, where the process is carried out by a pharmacist in the lawful practise of his profession in—

(a) premises used for sale by retail and registered under Part 3 of the **Pharmacy Regulation Act 2010**; or

S. 4(2)(a) substituted by No. 80/2004 s. 150(Sch. 2 item 2.2), amended by Nos 97/2005 s. 182(Sch. 4 item 16.1(a)), 39/2010 s. 119(a).

(b) premises used for sale by retail in circumstances approved under Part 3 of the **Pharmacy Regulation Act 2010**; or

S. 4(2)(b) substituted by No. 80/2004 s. 150(Sch. 2 item 2.2), amended by Nos 97/2005 s. 182(Sch. 4 item 16.1(b)), 39/2010 s. 119(b).

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S. 4(2)(c)  
inserted by  
No. 80/2004  
s. 150(Sch. 2  
item 2.2),  
amended by  
Nos 97/2005  
s. 182(Sch. 4  
item 16.1(c)),  
39/2010  
s. 119(c).

(c) a pharmacy department approved under  
Part 3 of that Act—

in which the pharmacist manufactures  
preparations of poisons or controlled substances  
for sale or distribution only from those premises  
or from such other premises as may be owned and  
operated by that pharmacist selling by retail.

S. 4(3)  
inserted by  
No. 10002  
s. 8(2),  
repealed by  
No. 48/1997  
s. 36(2),  
new s. 4(3)  
inserted by  
No. 18/2000  
s. 96(2).

(3) A reference in this Act to *manufacture* does not  
include a reference to the process of refining,  
manipulating and mixing a Schedule 1 poison,  
where the process is carried out by a registered  
Chinese medicine practitioner, a registered  
Chinese herbal dispenser or an authorised  
practitioner in the lawful practice of his or her  
profession for the purposes of use, sale or supply  
by that practitioner or dispenser.

S. 4A  
inserted by  
No. 54/1997  
s. 4.

**4A Act does not apply to certain processed products**

(1) This Act does not apply to—

- (a) a processed fibre product made from  
cannabis if the product—
- (i) does not contain more than 0.1 per cent  
of tetrahydrocannabinol; and
  - (ii) does not contain whole cannabis seeds;  
and
  - (iii) is in a form not suitable for ingestion,  
smoking or inhaling purposes; or

- (b) a processed product made from cannabis seeds if the product—
  - (i) does not contain more than 0.001 per cent of tetrahydrocannabinol; and
  - (ii) does not contain whole cannabis seeds.

(2) In this section—

*cannabis* means a plant or any part of a plant of the genus *Cannabis L.*, whether fresh or dried;

*processed* means treated by mechanical, chemical or other artificial means but does not include—

- (a) harvesting; or
- (b) the natural process of decay.

**5 Meaning of *possession***

Without restricting the meaning of the word *possession*, any substance shall be deemed for the purposes of this Act to be in the possession of a person so long as it is upon any land or premises occupied by him or is used, enjoyed or controlled by him in any place whatsoever, unless the person satisfies the court to the contrary.

S. 5  
amended by  
No. 10002  
s. 3(a)(b).

**6 Meaning of *corresponding law***

- (1) In this Act the expression *corresponding law* means any law stated in a certificate purporting to be issued by or on behalf of the Government of—
  - (a) any British possession (including any territory which is under Her Majesty's protection or which is governed under a trusteeship agreement by the Government of any part of Her Majesty's dominions) outside Victoria; or

- (b) any foreign country (including any protectorate thereof or any territory which is governed under a trusteeship agreement by the Government thereof)—

to be a law providing for the control and regulation in that possession or country of the manufacture sale use export or import of drugs in accordance with the provisions of—

- (i) the International Opium Convention signed at The Hague on the twenty-third day of January One thousand nine hundred and twelve; or
- (ii) the Convention which is referred to as the Geneva Convention in the preamble to the Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom known as the Dangerous Drugs Act 1925 and as having been signed on behalf of His Majesty on the nineteenth day of February One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five; or
- (iii) the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1954 signed at New York on the thirtieth day of March One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one.
- (2) Any statement in a certificate mentioned in subsection (1) as to the effect of the law mentioned in the certificate or any statement in a certificate mentioned in subsection (1) that any facts constitute an offence against that law shall be conclusive.

**7 Act not to derogate from provisions of certain other Acts**

This Act shall be read and construed as being in aid and not in derogation of the **Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008**, the **Wildlife Act 1975**, the **Liquor Control Reform Act 1998**, the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, the **Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017**, the **Veterinary Practice Act 1997**, the **Severe Substance Dependence Treatment Act 2010**, the **Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 1992** and the **Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Victoria) Act 1994**.

S. 7 amended by Nos 12/1987 s. 36(5)(a), 97/1987 s. 181(2), 23/1994 s. 118(Sch. 1 item 17.2), 46/1992 s. 78(1) (a)(b) (as amended by Nos 73/1994 s. 56(1)(a)), 74/2000 s. 3(Sch. 1 item 38.1 (a)(b)), 80/2004 s. 150(Sch. 2 item 2.3), 97/2005 s. 182(Sch. 4 item 16.2), 46/2008 s. 275(2), 13/2010 s. 36, 43/2010 s. 45, 27/2012 s. 10, 20/2016 s. 102, 61/2017 s. 123, 34/2019 s. 5.

**8 References in other Acts**

In any Act other than this Act and in any rule regulation or by-law made under any Act other than this Act—

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S. 8(a) repealed by No. 42/1993 s. 36.

(b) a reference to a dangerous drug within the meaning of the **Poisons Act 1958** which was by virtue of section 3(3) of the **Poisons Act 1962** deemed to have been a reference to a specified drug within the meaning of the **Poisons Act 1962** shall, notwithstanding anything in section 3(3) of that Act, be deemed to be a reference to a drug of

dependence within the meaning of section 4  
of this Act.

## 9 Revocation of proclamation etc.

- (1) An Order in Council made for the purposes of this Act may be amended varied or revoked by Order in Council.

S. 9(2)  
amended by  
No. 10002  
s. 16(a)(b),  
repealed by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 37(a).

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- (3) A proclamation made for the purposes of this Act—

S. 9(3)  
amended by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 37(b).

(a) shall be published in the Government Gazette; and

(b) may be amended varied or revoked by proclamation published in the Government Gazette.

S. 10  
repealed by  
No. 10002  
s. 5(2)(c).

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## 11 Act to bind the Crown

- (1) This Act shall bind the Crown in right of the State of Victoria and, so far as the legislative power of the Parliament permits, shall also bind the Crown in all its other capacities.

- (2) Insofar as the Crown in any relevant capacity is bound by this Act, a reference in this Act to a person includes a reference to the Crown in that capacity.

S. 11(3)  
repealed by  
No. 101/1986  
s. 55(1)(b).

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**S. 11(4)**  
**repealed by**  
**No. 10002**  
**s. 5(2)(c).**

## Part II—Poisons and controlled substances

### Division 1—Classification

#### 12 Poisons Code

S. 12  
substituted by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 38.

(1) The Minister may prepare a Poisons Code.

(2) The Poisons Code must contain—

(a) a Poisons List; and

S. 12(2)(b)  
amended by  
No. 75/2014  
s. 11(a).

(b) any provisions (including appendices) of the Poisons Standard concerning the labelling, storing, packaging or advertising of poisons or controlled substances that the Minister considers are in a form suitable for inclusion in the Code; and

S. 12(2)(c)  
amended by  
No. 75/2014  
s. 11(b).

(c) any provisions (including appendices) of the Poisons Standard relating to the interpretation of provisions included in the Code under paragraph (a) or (b).

S. 12A  
inserted by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 38.

#### 12A The Poisons List

S. 12A(1)  
amended by  
No. 74/2004  
s. 7(1)(a).

(1) The Poisons List may contain—

S. 12A(1)(a)  
substituted by  
No. 74/2004  
s. 7(1)(b),  
amended by  
Nos 97/2005  
s. 182(Sch. 4  
item 16.3),  
27/2012 s. 11.

(a) a list of substances that are of plant, animal or mineral origin that in the public interest should be available only from a person registered by the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law or authorised under another Act, being Schedule 1 poisons; and

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- (b) a list of any of the substances in Schedule 1 of the Poisons List or Schedules 2 to 9 of the Poisons Standard or the Appendices to the Poisons Standard that are not for general sale by retail but can only be supplied to persons specifically authorised by this Act or the Regulations, or with a permit or warrant under this Act, to obtain them; and
- (c) a list of exemptions from Schedule 1 of the Poisons List or Schedules 2 to 9 of the Poisons Standard.
- \* \* \* \* \*
- (3) The Poisons List may specify—
- \* \* \* \* \*
- (b) any substance in the list of substances that are not for general sale by retail by incorporating by reference any provisions (including appendices) in the Poisons Standard relating to that matter, and any provision of that standard relating to the interpretation of any part of the standard so incorporated; and
- (c) any substances in the list of exemptions by incorporating by reference any provisions (including appendices) in the Poisons Standard relating to substances that are wholly or partially exempted from the standard.

S. 12A(1)(b) amended by Nos 74/2004 s. 7(1)(c), 75/2014 s. 12(1).

S. 12A(1)(c) amended by Nos 74/2004 s. 7(1)(d), 75/2014 s. 12(2).

S. 12A(2) repealed by No. 74/2004 s. 7(2).

S. 12A(3)(a) repealed by No. 74/2004 s. 7(3).

S. 12A(3)(b) amended by No. 75/2014 s. 12(3)(a).

S. 12A(3)(c) amended by No. 75/2014 s. 12(3)(b).

S. 12A(4)  
substituted by  
No. 74/2004  
s. 7(4),  
amended by  
No. 75/2014  
s. 12(4).

(4) In this Act, a reference to a particular substance in Schedule 1 of the Poisons List or to a particular substance in Schedules 2 to 9 of the Poisons Standard excludes that substance to the extent that it is included in the list of exemptions under subsection (1)(c).

S. 12A Table  
amended by  
Nos 23/1994  
s. 118(Sch. 1  
item 17.3),  
46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1),  
18/2000 s. 97,  
repealed by  
No. 74/2004  
s. 7(5).

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S. 12B  
inserted by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 38,  
amended by  
No. 75/2014  
s. 13.

### **12B Requirements for labelling and other matters**

Without limiting section 12(2)(b), in determining for the purposes of that provision whether a provision of the Poisons Standard is suitable for inclusion in the Poisons Code, the matters which the Minister may take into account include but are not limited to—

- (a) whether the provision applies to the State or an individual;
- (b) whether the provision is in the form of a recommendation or suggestion, rather than an obligation;
- (c) whether the provision is in terms sufficiently certain to enable it to be understood and complied with.

S. 12C  
inserted by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 38.

### **12C What if the Poisons Code conflicts with the Act or regulations?**

If there is an inconsistency between the Poisons Code and a provision of this Act or the regulations, the provision of this Act or the regulations prevails.

**12D Incorporation of the Poisons Standard**

S. 12D  
(Heading)  
inserted by  
No. 75/2014  
s. 14(1).

S. 12D  
inserted by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 38.

- (1) Any part of the Poisons Standard to be incorporated by reference in the Poisons Code may be so incorporated as in force at a particular time or from time to time. S. 12D(1) amended by No. 75/2014 s. 14(2).
- (2) To the extent that it is incorporated by reference in the Poisons Code, the Poisons Standard forms part of that Code. S. 12D(2) amended by No. 75/2014 s. 14(3).
- (3) Subject to subsection (4), if any part of the Poisons Standard, as in force from time to time, is incorporated by reference in the Poisons Code the part so incorporated must be taken to include that part as amended, varied, remade or superseded from time to time. S. 12D(3) amended by No. 75/2014 s. 14(4).
- (4) If part of the Poisons Standard, as in force from time to time, is incorporated by reference in the Poisons Code and that part is amended, varied, remade or superseded, then until the date fixed under section 12K as the date on which the new matter takes effect the matter so incorporated must be taken not to have been so amended, varied, remade or superseded. S. 12D(4) amended by No. 75/2014 s. 14(5).

**12E Amendment of Code**

S. 12E  
inserted by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 38.

- (1) The Minister may at any time amend the Poisons Code—
- (a) to correct—
- (i) a clerical error or an error arising from an accidental slip or omission; or

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| S. 12E(1)(a)(ii)<br>amended by<br>No. 75/2014<br>s. 15(1)(a).                                   | (ii) an evident material mistake in the description of the Poisons Standard or a provision of that standard; or   |
| S. 12E(1)(b)<br>amended by<br>No. 75/2014<br>s. 15(1)(b).                                       | (b) if the Code incorporates a part of the Poisons Standard as in force at a particular date—<br>(i) to change that date; or<br>(ii) to provide that the part of the Poisons Standard is incorporated as in force from time to time; or     |
| S. 12E(1)(b)(ii)<br>amended by<br>No. 75/2014<br>s. 15(1)(c).                                   | (ii) to provide that the part of the Poisons Standard is incorporated as in force from time to time; or   |
| S. 12E(1)(c)<br>amended by<br>No. 75/2014<br>s. 15(1)(d).                                       | (c) if part of the Poisons Standard is incorporated as in force from time to time to provide that the part is incorporated as in force at a particular time; or   |
| S. 12E(1)(d)<br>amended by<br>Nos 74/2004<br>s. 8(1),<br>75/2014<br>s. 15(1)(e).                | (d) to alter the heading to Schedule 1 in the Poisons List so that it corresponds more closely with the heading of the appropriate Schedule in the Poisons Standard; or   |
| S. 12E(1)(e)<br>repealed by<br>No. 75/2014<br>s. 15(1)(f).                                      | * * * * *   |
| S. 12E(1A)<br>inserted by<br>No. 68/1996<br>s. 10(1),<br>amended by<br>No. 75/2014<br>s. 15(2). | (1A) To ensure consistency with the Poisons Standard, the Minister may at any time—<br>(a) amend the Poisons Code; or<br>(b) revoke and substitute the Poisons Code.  |
| S. 12E(1B)<br>inserted by<br>No. 18/2000<br>s. 98.  | (1B) The Minister may, at any time, amend the Poisons Code to—<br>(a) specify the substances to be included in Schedule 1 in the Poisons List; and<br>(b) amend, revoke, substitute or insert substances in Schedule 1 in the Poisons List. |

- (1C) The Minister may, at any time, amend the Poisons Code to—
- (a) specify the substances to be included in the Poisons List in the list of substances that are not for general sale by retail but can only be supplied to persons specifically authorised by this Act or the Regulations, or with a permit or warrant under this Act, to obtain them; and
  - (b) amend, revoke, substitute or insert substances in the list referred to in paragraph (a).
- (1D) The Minister may, at any time, amend the Poisons Code to—
- (a) specify the substances to be included in the Poisons List in the list of exemptions from Schedule 1 of the Poisons List or Schedules 2 to 9 of the Poisons Standard; and
  - (b) amend, revoke, substitute or insert substances in the list of exemptions referred to in paragraph (a).
- (2) The provisions of this Act applying to the preparation, notification, tabling and availability of the Poisons Code apply to an amendment to or revocation and substitution of that Code.
- 12F Status of the Poisons Code**
- (1) The Poisons Code is not a statutory rule for the purposes of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**.

S. 12E(1C)  
inserted by  
No. 74/2004  
s. 8(2).

S. 12E(1D)  
inserted by  
No. 74/2004  
s. 8(2).

S. 12E(1D)(a)  
amended by  
No. 75/2014  
s. 15(3).

S. 12E(2)  
amended by  
No. 68/1996  
s. 10(2).

S. 12F  
inserted by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 38.

S. 12F(1)  
amended by  
No. 9/1998  
s. 10(b).

- (2) The Poisons Code is a subordinate instrument for the purposes of the **Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984** except section 32 of that Act.

S. 12F(3)  
repealed by  
No. 68/1996  
s. 11.

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S. 12G  
inserted by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 38.

### **12G Procedure for preparation of the Poisons Code**

- (1) As soon as possible after preparing the Poisons Code, the Minister must publish notice of its preparation in a daily newspaper circulating generally throughout Victoria.
- (2) The Minister may do anything else he or she considers appropriate to bring the preparation of the Code to the attention of the public.
- (3) After complying with subsections (1) and (2) the Minister must publish notices of the preparation of the Code in the Government Gazette.
- (4) A notice under this section must—
- (a) give a brief and general description of the content of the Code; and
  - (b) fix a date, being a date on or after the date of publication of the notice in the Government Gazette, on which the Code takes effect; and
  - (c) state where and when the Code is available for inspection by members of the public; and
  - (d) give details of where, when and from whom a copy of the Code can be obtained.

S. 12H  
inserted by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 38.

### **12H Tabling before Parliament**

- (1) The Minister must cause a copy of the Poisons Code prepared under section 12 and of the notice of its preparation to be laid before the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly on or before the 7th sitting day of that House after the

date of publication of that notice in the Government Gazette.

- (2) If the Poisons Code incorporates by reference a part of the Poisons Standard, the Minister must include that incorporated material in the material tabled under subsection (1). **S. 12H(2) amended by No. 75/2014 s. 16(1).**
- (3) If the Poisons Code incorporates by reference a part of the Poisons Standard as in force from time to time, and that part is amended, varied, remade or superseded, the Minister must, as the case requires— **S. 12H(3) amended by No. 75/2014 s. 16(2).**
- (a) cause a copy of the amendment or variation; or
- (b) cause a copy of any matter superseding or remaking the earlier matter—

to be laid before the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly on or before the 7th sitting day of that House after the date of publication in the Government Gazette of notice that the amendment, variation, remaking or superseding of that matter has taken effect.

## **12I Availability of Code**

**S. 12I inserted by No. 42/1993 s. 38.**

- (1) The Minister must ensure that the documents listed in subsection (2) are kept available at the principal office of the Secretary and at any other appropriate public office specified by the Minister by notice published in the Government Gazette, during normal office hours, for inspection by members of the public, without charge. **S. 12I(1) amended by No. 46/1998 s. 7(Sch. 1)**
- (2) The documents are—
- (a) the Poisons Code as amended or substituted and in force from time to time; **S. 12I(2)(a) amended by No. 68/1996 s. 12.**

- (b) any matter incorporated by reference in the Poisons Code and, if the Code incorporates matter as in force from time to time, that matter as amended, varied, remade or superseded and in force for the time being;
- (c) if any matter is incorporated in the Code as in force from time to time, a copy of each amendment or variation of the matter;
- (d) a copy of any amendment to the Code;
- (e) a copy of each notice published in the Government Gazette under section 12G.

S. 12J  
inserted by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 38.

**12J What if documents are not notified or made available?**

- (1) A failure to comply with section 12G, 12H or 12I does not affect the validity, operation or effect of the Poisons Code or any matter incorporated in it.
- (2) Despite subsection (1), a person must not be convicted of an offence against this Act or the regulations, based on any provision in the Poisons Code if, at the time of the commission of the offence, there was, in relation to that provision, a contravention of section 12G or 12I.
- (3) Despite subsection (1), a person is not prejudicially affected or made subject to any liability under this Act or the regulations based on any provision in the Poisons Code, if it is proved that, at the relevant time, in relation to that provision there was a contravention of section 12G or 12I.

S. 12K  
inserted by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 38.

**12K Commencement of Poisons Code and incorporated materials**

- (1) The Poisons Code or an amendment to that Code takes effect on the date fixed for that purpose by notice under section 12G.

- (2) If the Poisons Code incorporates by reference a part of the Poisons Standard as in force from time to time, and that part is amended, varied, superseded or remade, the amendment, variation or superseding or remaking material takes effect on the date fixed for that purpose by notice published in the Government Gazette.
- (3) On the date of commencement of material incorporated by reference in the Poisons Code that remakes or supersedes any earlier matter, that earlier matter ceases to have effect to the extent that it is part of the Code.

S. 12K(2)  
amended by  
No. 75/2014  
s. 17.

**12L Evidence**

A document certified in writing purporting to be signed by the Secretary and purporting to be—

- (a) a copy of or an extract from the Poisons Code; or
- (b) a copy of or an extract from any matter incorporated by reference in the Poisons Code; or
- (c) a copy of an amendment of the Poisons Code; or
- (d) a copy of or an extract from any matter amending, varying, remaking or superseding any matter incorporated by reference in the Poisons Code—

S. 12L  
inserted by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 38,  
amended by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

is evidence and, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, is proof of the matters stated in the document.

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S. 12M  
inserted by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 38,  
repealed by  
No. 74/2004  
s. 9.

## **Division 2—Authorized persons**

### **13 Persons authorized to have possession etc. of poisons or controlled substances**

S. 13(1)  
amended by  
Nos 20/2016  
s. 103, 34/2019  
s. 6.

(1) Subject to this Act and the regulations—

S. 13(1)(a)  
amended by  
Nos 10002  
s. 4(a)(b),  
23/1994  
s. 118(Sch. 1  
item 17.4),  
58/1997  
s. 96(Sch.  
item 3.2),  
18/2000  
s. 99(1).

(a) any registered medical practitioner, pharmacist, veterinary practitioner or dentist is hereby authorized to obtain and have in his possession and to use, sell or supply any poison or controlled substance (other than a Schedule 1 poison) or drug of dependence in the lawful practice of his profession as a registered medical practitioner, pharmacist, veterinary practitioner or dentist (as the case may be); and

S. 13(1)(b)  
amended by  
Nos 10002  
s. 4(b),  
56/1996  
s. 100(2).

(b) any authorized officer is hereby authorized to obtain and have in his possession and to sell or supply any poison or controlled substance or drug of dependence in the exercise or performance of any power, function or duty conferred or imposed upon him by this Act or the regulations; and

S. 13(1)(baa)  
inserted by  
No. 9/2014  
s. 5.

(baa) any person employed or engaged by a declared testing facility is hereby authorised to possess a drug of dependence, a poison or controlled substance or any other thing that has been supplied to the declared testing facility under section 98 to the extent that the possession is required for the purpose for which the drug of dependence, poison or controlled substance or thing has been supplied to the facility; and

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| (bab) any person who is authorised under section 44C is hereby authorised to obtain and possess a drug of dependence, a poison or controlled substance or any other thing in accordance with that authorisation; and  | S. 13(1)(bab) inserted by No. 9/2014 s. 5.  |
| (ba) any nurse practitioner is hereby authorised to obtain and have in his or her possession and to use, sell or supply any Schedule 2, 3, 4 or 8 poison approved by the Minister in relation to the relevant category of nurse practitioner in the lawful practice of his or her profession as a nurse practitioner; and   | S. 13(1)(ba) inserted by No. 94/2000 s. 49(1), amended by No. 97/2005 s. 179(1)(a), substituted by No. 13/2010 s. 37(1)(a). |
| (bb) any registered nurse whose registration is endorsed under section 94 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law is hereby authorised to obtain and have in his or her possession and to use, sell or supply any Schedule 2, 3, 4 or 8 poison approved by the Minister in relation to the relevant category of nurse in the lawful practice of his or her profession as a registered nurse; and | S. 13(1)(bb) inserted by No. 13/2010 s. 37(1)(a).   |
| (bc) any registered midwife whose registration is endorsed under section 94 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law is hereby authorised to obtain and have in his or her possession and to use, sell or supply any Schedule 2, 3, 4 or 8 poison approved by the Minister and specified in the endorsement in the lawful practice of his or her profession as a registered midwife; and          | S. 13(1)(bc) inserted by No. 14/2012 s. 5(1).   |

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S. 13(1)(c)  
inserted by  
No. 56/1996  
s. 100(2),  
amended by  
Nos 18/2000  
s. 99(2),  
97/2005  
s. 179(1)(b),  
13/2010  
s. 37(1)(b),  
40/2017 s. 5.

(c) any registered optometrist whose registration is endorsed under section 94 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law is hereby authorised to obtain and have in his or her possession and to use, sell or supply any Schedule 2, 3 or 4 poison for ophthalmic use that is approved by the Minister and specified in the endorsement in the lawful practice of his or her profession as a registered optometrist; and

S. 13(1)(ca)  
inserted by  
No. 97/2005  
s. 179(2),  
amended by  
No. 13/2010  
s. 37(1)(c).

(ca) any registered podiatrist whose registration is endorsed under section 94 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law is hereby authorised to obtain and have in his or her possession and to use, sell or supply any Schedule 2, 3 or 4 poison approved by the Minister and specified in the endorsement in the lawful practice of his or her profession as a registered podiatrist; and

S. 13(1)(d)  
inserted by  
No. 18/2000  
s. 99(2),  
amended by  
Nos 97/2005  
s. 179(1)(c),  
27/2012  
s. 12(1).

(d) any registered Chinese medicine practitioner whose registration is endorsed under section 94 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law is hereby authorised to obtain and have in his or her possession and to use, sell or supply any Schedule 1 poison that is approved by the Minister in accordance with the endorsement in the lawful practice of his or her profession as a registered Chinese medicine practitioner; and

S. 13(1)(e)  
inserted by  
No. 18/2000  
s. 99(2),  
amended by  
Nos 97/2005  
s. 179(1)(c),  
27/2012  
s. 12(2).

(e) any registered Chinese herbal dispenser whose registration is endorsed under section 94 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law is hereby authorised to obtain and have in his or her possession and to use, sell or supply any Schedule 1 poison that is approved by the Minister in accordance with the endorsement

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in the lawful practice of his or her profession  
as a registered Chinese herbal dispenser.

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| (2) Subsection (1)(a) or (b) shall not be construed as authorizing a registered medical practitioner, veterinary practitioner or dentist to sell or supply any poison or controlled substance (other than a Schedule 5 poison, a Schedule 6 poison or a Schedule 7 poison that is not a Schedule 7 poison that is included in the Poisons Code in the list of substances that are not for general sale by retail) or drug of dependence by retail in an open shop unless he is licensed under this Act to do so. | S. 13(2)<br>amended by<br>Nos 10002<br>s. 4(b),<br>42/1993<br>s. 39(1),<br>23/1994<br>s. 118(Sch. 1<br>item 17.4),<br>58/1997<br>s. 96(Sch.<br>item 3.2),<br>56/1996<br>s. 100(3),<br>9/1998 s. 5(1). |
| (2AA) Subsection (1)(ba) shall not be construed as authorising a nurse practitioner referred to in that paragraph to sell or supply any Schedule 2, 3, 4 or 8 poison by retail in an open shop unless the nurse practitioner is licensed under this Act to do so.  | S. 13(2AA)<br>inserted by<br>No. 94/2000<br>s. 49(2).   |
| (2AAB) Subsection (1)(bb) shall not be construed as authorising a registered nurse referred to in that paragraph to sell or supply any Schedule 2, 3, 4 or 8 poison by retail in an open shop unless the registered nurse is licensed under this Act to do so.   | S. 13(2AAB)<br>inserted by<br>No. 13/2010<br>s. 37(2).  |
| (2AAC) Subsection (1)(bc) shall not be construed as authorising a registered midwife referred to in that paragraph to sell or supply any Schedule 2, 3, 4 or 8 poison by retail in an open shop unless the registered midwife is licensed under this Act to do so.   | S. 13(2AAC)<br>inserted by<br>No. 14/2012<br>s. 5(2).   |
| (2A) Subsection (1)(c) shall not be construed as authorising a registered optometrist referred to in that paragraph to sell or supply any Schedule 2, 3 or 4 poison by retail in an open shop unless the optometrist is licensed under this Act to do so.  | S. 13(2A)<br>inserted by<br>No. 56/1996<br>s. 100(4),<br>amended by<br>No. 97/2005<br>s. 179(1)(d).   |

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S. 13(2AB)  
inserted by  
No. 97/2005  
s. 179(3).

(2AB) Subsection (1)(ca) shall not be construed as authorising a registered podiatrist referred to in that paragraph to sell or supply any Schedule 2, 3 or 4 poison by retail in an open shop unless the podiatrist is licensed under this Act to do so.

S. 13(2B)  
inserted by  
No. 56/1996  
s. 100(4),  
amended by  
No. 74/2004  
s. 10(a)–(c),  
repealed by  
No. 75/2014  
s. 18.

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S. 13(3)  
amended by  
No. 10002  
s. 4(b).

(3) Where a pharmacist sells or supplies by wholesale to another pharmacist a poison or controlled substance or drug of dependence for use by the other pharmacist in the lawful practice of his profession as a pharmacist, the sale or supply shall for the purposes of subsection (1) be regarded as a sale or supply in the lawful practice of his profession by the first-mentioned pharmacist.

S. 13(3A)  
inserted by  
No. 18/2000  
s. 99(3),  
amended by  
No. 97/2005  
s. 179(1)(e),  
substituted by  
No. 13/2010  
s. 37(3),  
amended by  
No. 27/2012  
s. 12(3).

(3A) If a registered Chinese herbal dispenser sells or supplies by wholesale a Schedule 1 poison to any other registered Chinese herbal dispenser in accordance with an endorsement of that other dispenser's registration under section 94 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law for use by the other registered Chinese herbal dispenser in the lawful practice of his or her profession as a registered Chinese herbal dispenser, the sale or supply shall, for the purposes of subsection (1), be regarded as a sale or supply in the lawful practice of his or her profession by the first-mentioned registered Chinese herbal dispenser.

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| (4) A person is authorised to sell or supply by retail, subject to and in accordance with the regulations—<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) any Schedule 5 poison; or</li><li>(b) any Schedule 6 poison; or</li><li>(c) any Schedule 7 poison that is not a Schedule 7 poison that is included in the Poisons Code in the list of substances that are not for general sale by retail.</li></ul> | S. 13(4)<br>inserted by<br>No. 42/1993<br>s. 39(2),<br>substituted by<br>No. 9/1998<br>s. 5(2).  |
| (4A) A person is authorised to sell or supply by wholesale, subject to and in accordance with the regulations—<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) any Schedule 5 poison; or</li><li>(b) any Schedule 6 poison.</li></ul>  | S. 13(4A)<br>inserted by<br>No. 74/2004<br>s. 3.   |
| (4B) A person is authorised to manufacture and sell or supply by retail, subject to and in accordance with the regulations—<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) any Schedule 5 poison; or</li><li>(b) any Schedule 6 poison.</li></ul>   | S. 13(4B)<br>inserted by<br>No. 74/2004<br>s. 3.   |
| (4C) A person is authorised to manufacture and sell or supply by wholesale, subject to and in accordance with the regulations—<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) any Schedule 5 poison; or</li><li>(b) any Schedule 6 poison.</li></ul>  | S. 13(4C)<br>inserted by<br>No. 74/2004<br>s. 3.   |
| (5) Despite subsection (1)(a), a registered medical practitioner or pharmacist who is also a registered Chinese medicine practitioner or registered Chinese herbal dispenser with an endorsement with respect to Schedule 1 poisons is authorised to obtain and have in his or her possession and to use, sell or supply Schedule 1 poisons in accordance with that endorsement in the lawful               | S. 13(5)<br>inserted by<br>No. 18/2000<br>s. 99(4),<br>substituted by<br>No. 13/2010<br>s. 37(4),<br>amended by<br>No. 27/2012<br>s. 12(4)(5). |

practice of his or her profession as a registered medical practitioner or pharmacist.

S. 13(6)  
inserted by  
No. 80/2004  
s. 150(Sch. 2  
item 2.4),  
amended by  
Nos 97/2005  
s. 179(1)(f),  
39/2010 s. 120.

- (6) A person who is licensed to carry on a pharmacy business or pharmacy depot under Part 3 of the **Pharmacy Regulation Act 2010** is authorized to sell or supply by retail, subject to and in accordance with this Act and regulations, any poison or controlled substance or drug of dependence if the sale or supply is under the supervision of a registered pharmacist who is employed or engaged by that person to provide pharmacy services for that pharmacy business or pharmacy depot.

S. 13(7)  
inserted by  
No. 61/2017  
s. 124.

- (7) If a registered medical practitioner obtains, has in the registered medical practitioner's possession, uses, supplies, sells or administers a voluntary assisted dying substance to a person who is the subject of a voluntary assisted dying permit in accordance with the **Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017** in the lawful practice of the registered medical practitioner's profession as a registered medical practitioner, the obtaining, possession, use, supply, selling or administration is, for the purposes of subsection (1)—

(a) taken to be the obtaining, possession, use, supply, selling or administration in the lawful practice of the practitioner's profession by the registered medical practitioner; and

(b) authorised by this Act.

S. 13(8)  
inserted by  
No. 61/2017  
s. 124.

- (8) If a pharmacist obtains, has in the pharmacist's possession, sells or supplies a voluntary assisted dying substance to a person who is the subject of a voluntary assisted dying permit in accordance with the **Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017** for use by the person in the lawful practice of the pharmacist's profession as a pharmacist, the

obtaining, possession, sale or supply is, for the purposes of subsection (1)—

- (a) taken to be the obtaining, possession, sale or supply in the lawful practice of the pharmacist's profession by the pharmacist; and
- (b) authorised by this Act.

**13A Chinese medicine practitioners and herbal dispensers must establish therapeutic need**

S. 13A  
inserted by  
No. 18/2000  
s. 100.

(1) A registered Chinese medicine practitioner must not administer, prescribe, sell or supply a Schedule 1 poison unless—

S. 13A(1)  
amended by  
No. 13/2010  
s. 38(a).

- (a) the poison is for the therapeutic use of a person who has consulted the practitioner; and
- (b) the practitioner has taken all reasonable steps to ensure that the person has a therapeutic need for the Schedule 1 poison.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

(2) A registered Chinese herbal dispenser must not sell or supply a Schedule 1 poison to a person unless—

S. 13A(2)  
amended by  
No. 13/2010  
s. 38(a).

- (a) the sale or supply is on production of and in accordance with the original written prescription or order of a registered Chinese medicine practitioner; and
- (b) the dispenser has taken reasonable steps to ensure that the prescription or order is in accordance with any endorsement of the registration of the registered Chinese medicine practitioner.

S. 13A(2)(a)  
amended by  
No. 13/2010  
s. 38(a).

S. 13A(2)(b)  
amended by  
No. 13/2010  
s. 38(b).

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

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## 14 Restrictions on authorisations for certain health practitioners

S. 14  
(Heading)  
inserted by  
No. 13/2010  
s. 39(1).

S. 14  
amended by  
Nos 10002  
s. 4(a)–(c),  
23/1994  
s. 118(Sch. 1  
item 17.5(a)–  
(d)), 18/2000  
s. 101 (ILA  
s. 39B(1)).

S. 14(1)  
amended by  
Nos 97/2005  
s. 179(4)(a),  
13/2010  
s. 39(2).

(1) If, under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, the Medical Board of Australia has imposed in relation to the practice of a registered medical practitioner conditions, limitations or restrictions including a condition, limitation or restriction prohibiting the prescription of any drug or substance or class of drugs or substances, being a poison or controlled substance or drug of dependence or poisons or controlled substances or drugs of dependence that registered medical practitioner for the purpose of this Act and the regulations shall be deemed to be not authorized to obtain and have in his possession or to use sell or supply in the lawful practice of his profession the poison or controlled substance or drug of dependence or the poisons or controlled substances or drugs of dependence to which the condition, limitation or restriction relates.

S. 14(2)  
inserted by  
No. 18/2000  
s. 101,  
amended by  
Nos 97/2005  
s. 179(4)(b),  
27/2012 s. 13.

(2) If the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia acting under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law has imposed in relation to the practice of a practitioner registered under that Act a condition, limitation or restriction prohibiting the prescription, ordering or dispensing of any Schedule 1 poison, that registered practitioner for the purposes of this Act and the regulations is deemed to be not authorised to obtain and have in his or her possession or to use sell or supply in the

lawful practice of his or her profession the Schedule 1 poison to which the condition, limitation or restriction relates.

- (3) If the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia acting under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law has imposed in relation to the practice of a nurse practitioner, registered nurse or registered midwife conditions, limitations or restrictions including a condition, limitation or restriction prohibiting the prescription of any drug or substance or class of drugs or substances, being a poison or controlled substance or drug of dependence or poisons or controlled substances or drugs of dependence that nurse practitioner, registered nurse or registered midwife for the purposes of this Act and the regulations is deemed to be not authorized to obtain and have in his or her possession or to use sell or supply in the lawful practice of his or her profession the poison or controlled substance or drug of dependence or the poisons or controlled substances or drugs of dependence to which the condition, limitation or restriction relates.

**S. 14(3)**  
inserted by  
**No. 67/2003**  
s. 3,  
amended by  
**Nos 97/2005**  
s. 179(4)(c),  
13/2010  
s. 39(3),  
14/2012 s. 6.

- (4) If the Optometry Board of Australia acting under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law has imposed in relation to the practice of an optometrist registered under that Act a condition, limitation or restriction prohibiting the prescription, ordering or dispensing of any Schedule 2, 3 or 4 poison, that optometrist for the purposes of this Act and the regulations is deemed to be not authorised to obtain and have in his or her possession or to use sell or supply in the lawful practice of his or her profession the Schedule 2, 3 or 4 poison to which the condition, limitation or restriction relates.

**S. 14(4)**  
inserted by  
**No. 97/2005**  
s. 179(5),  
amended by  
**No. 13/2010**  
s. 39(4).

S. 14(5)  
inserted by  
No. 97/2005  
s. 179(5),  
amended by  
No. 13/2010  
s. 39(5).

- (5) If the Podiatry Board of Australia acting under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law has imposed in relation to the practice of a podiatrist registered under that Act a condition, limitation or restriction prohibiting the prescription, ordering or dispensing of any Schedule 2, 3 or 4 poison, that podiatrist for the purposes of this Act and the regulations is deemed to be not authorised to obtain and have in his or her possession or to use sell or supply in the lawful practice of his or her profession the Schedule 2, 3 or 4 poison to which the condition, limitation or restriction relates.

S. 14A  
(Heading)  
amended by  
No. 13/2010  
s. 40(1).

**14A Minister to approve scope of prescribing rights or supply of poisons**

S. 14A  
inserted by  
No. 97/2005  
s. 180 (as  
amended by  
No. 25/2007  
s. 29).

S. 14A(1)  
amended by  
Nos 13/2010  
s. 40(2),  
14/2012  
s. 7(1).

- (1) The Minister may, by notice published in the Government Gazette, approve any Schedule 1, 2, 3, 4 or 8 poison (as the case requires) for the purposes of an authorisation referred to in section 13(1)(ba), (bb), (bc), (c), (ca), (d) or (e).

S. 14A(1A)  
inserted by  
No. 13/2010  
s. 40(3),  
amended by  
No. 14/2012  
s. 7(2)(a).

- (1A) Without limiting subsection (1), for the purposes of an authorisation under section 13(1)(bb) or (bc), the Minister may approve—
- (a) the health services or class of health services in which the poison or class of poison is to be used, sold or supplied; and
  - (b) the clinical circumstances in which a registered nurse or registered midwife or class of registered nurse or registered midwife may use, sell or supply any

S. 14A(1A)(b)  
amended by  
No. 14/2012  
s. 7(2)(b).

Schedule 2, 3, 4 or 8 poison or class of  
Schedule 2, 3, 4 or 8 poison.

- (2) An approval under subsection (1) or (1A) may—
- (a) be expressed generally for all poisons in a specified Schedule; or
  - (b) be limited to a particular class, list or type of poison in a specified Schedule; or
  - (c) be limited by reference to a specified form of the poison; or
  - (d) be limited by reference to the purpose for which the poison is to be used, sold or supplied; or
  - (e) be limited by reference to any other matter specified in the approval; or
  - (f) apply, adopt or incorporate any matter contained in any document, code, standard, rule, specification or method, formulated, issued, prescribed or published by any other person whether—
    - (i) wholly or partially or as amended by the approval; or
    - (ii) as formulated, issued, prescribed or published at the time the approval is made or at any time before then; or
    - (iii) as formulated, issued, prescribed or published from time to time.

**S. 14A(2)  
substituted by  
No. 13/2010  
s. 40(4).**

- (3) Without limiting the Minister's powers under subsection (1) or (1A), the Minister may grant or refuse to grant an approval under this section on the application of the relevant National Health Practitioner Board established by the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law.

**S. 14A(3)  
amended by  
Nos 13/2010  
s. 40(5),  
27/2012 s. 14.**

S. 14A(4)  
amended by  
No. 13/2010  
s. 40(6).

(4) The Minister may amend or revoke an approval under this section.

S. 14A(5)  
inserted by  
No. 13/2010  
s. 40(7).

(5) An approval made under this section takes effect on the date of publication of the notice in the Government Gazette or on such later date as is specified in the notice.

### **Division 3—Poisons Advisory Committee**

#### **15 Establishment and membership of Poisons Advisory Committee**

S. 15  
amended by  
Nos 10002  
ss 4(d), 16(c),  
10262 s. 4,  
42/1993  
s. 40(1)(a)(b),  
23/1994  
s. 118(Sch. 1  
items  
17.6(a)–(d),  
17.7), 46/1992  
s. 78(2)(a) (as  
amended by  
No. 73/1994  
s. 56(1)(b))(b)  
(as amended  
by No.  
73/1994  
s. 56(1)(c)),  
substituted by  
No. 68/1996  
s. 13.

(1) There is established a committee to be called the "Poisons Advisory Committee".

(2) The Committee consists of up to 9 members appointed by the Minister of whom—

S. 15(2)(a)  
amended by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

- (a) one is to be the Secretary or his or her nominee who is also to be the chairperson;
- (b) 2 are to be registered medical practitioners of whom—
  - (i) one must have expertise in clinical pharmacology; and
  - (ii) one must have expertise in the treatment of drug dependence;

- (c) 2 are to be pharmacists of whom—
    - (i) one must have expertise in community pharmacy; and
    - (ii) one must have expertise in hospital pharmacy;
  - (d) 2 are to be persons with expertise in the pharmaceutical industry of whom—
    - (i) one is to be from the manufacturing sector of that industry; and
    - (ii) one is to be from the wholesaling sector of that industry;
  - (e) one is to be a person with expertise in the manufacturing and distribution of poisons for non-therapeutic use;
  - (f) one is to be the nominee of the Chief Commissioner of Police.
- (3) If the Chief Commissioner of Police fails to nominate a person under subsection (2)(f) within 1 month of receiving a request in writing from the Minister to do so, the Minister may appoint a person the Minister considers suitable to that office.

**15A Terms and conditions of appointment**

- (1) A member of the Committee holds office for a period not exceeding 3 years and is eligible for reappointment.
- (2) The instrument of appointment of a member of the Committee may specify terms and conditions of appointment.
- (3) A member of the Committee, other than a member who is an employee of the public service, is entitled to receive the fees, travelling and other allowances from time to time fixed by the Minister in respect of that member.

S. 15A  
inserted by  
No. 68/1996  
s. 13.

S. 15A(3)  
amended by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

S. 15A(4)  
amended by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1),  
substituted by  
Nos 108/2004  
s. 117(1)  
(Sch. 3  
item 60.1),  
80/2006  
s. 26(Sch.  
item 29).

- (4) The **Public Administration Act 2004** (other than Part 3 of that Act) applies to a member of the Committee in respect of the office of member.

S. 15B  
inserted by  
No. 68/1996  
s. 13.

### **15B Resignation and removal**

- (1) A member of the Committee may resign that office by writing signed by the member and addressed to the Minister.
- (2) The Minister may at any time remove a member of the Committee from office.

S. 15C  
inserted by  
No. 68/1996  
s. 13.

### **15C Vacancies**

- (1) The Minister may fill a vacancy in the office of member of the Committee however arising.
- (2) An act or decision of the Committee is not invalid only because of—
- (a) a vacancy in its membership; or
  - (b) a defect or irregularity in the appointment of any of its members.

S. 15D  
inserted by  
No. 68/1996  
s. 13.

### **15D Quorum and proceedings**

- (1) A quorum of the Committee consists of at least 5 members other than co-opted members of the Committee.
- (2) The chairperson must preside at a meeting of the Committee at which he or she is present.
- (3) If the chairperson is not present at a meeting, the members present may elect a member to preside at the meeting.

- (4) The person presiding at a meeting has a deliberative vote and, in the case of an equality of votes, a second or casting vote.
- (5) The Committee must meet at least 3 times each year at the places and times appointed by the Minister or the chairperson.
- (6) Subject to this Act, the Committee may regulate its own proceedings.

**15E Co-opted members**

- (1) To assist in the consideration of a particular matter or issue, the Committee may co-opt any person as a member of the Committee.
- (2) A person co-opted under this section—
  - (a) may only attend meetings relating to and vote on the matters or issues in relation to which he or she is co-opted; and
  - (b) may be removed at any time by the Committee.
- (3) A person co-opted as a member of the Committee other than a person who is an employee of the public service, is entitled to receive the fees, travelling and other allowances from time to time fixed by the Minister.

S. 15E  
inserted by  
No. 68/1996  
s. 13.

S. 15E(3)  
amended by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

**16 Sub-committees**

- (1) The Committee may establish any sub-committees that it thinks necessary for the purposes of this Act.
- (2) The Committee may co-opt any person with expertise in any relevant field for the purposes of a sub-committee.

S. 16  
amended by  
Nos 10262  
s. 4, 42/1993  
s. 40(2)(a)(b),  
substituted by  
No. 68/1996  
s. 13.

- (3) A person co-opted under this section—
- (a) may only attend meetings relating to and vote on the matters or issues in relation to which he or she is co-opted; and
  - (b) may be removed at any time by the Committee.
- (4) A person co-opted to a sub-committee other than a person who is an employee of the public service, is entitled to receive the fees, travelling and other allowances from time to time fixed by the Minister.

S. 16(4)  
amended by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

## 17 Functions of the Committee

- (1) The functions of the Committee are—
- (a) to advise the Minister and the Secretary, having regard to the interests of protecting and promoting public health, on—
    - (i) the availability and presentation of drugs and poisons; and
    - (ii) responses to issues relating to drugs and poisons; and
  - (b) to advise the Minister or the Secretary on any matter referred to the Committee by the Minister or the Secretary, as the case may be.
- (2) The Committee must consult with a nominee of the Minister administering the **Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 1992** on any issue relating to agricultural and veterinary chemicals.

S. 17  
amended by  
Nos 10262  
s. 4, 12/1994  
s. 8,  
substituted by  
No. 68/1996  
s. 13.

S. 17(1)(a)  
amended by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

S. 17(1)(b)  
amended by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

## 18 Officers of committee

A secretary to the committee and any employees that it is necessary and expedient to employ for carrying out the objects and purposes of this Act may be employed under Part 3 of the **Public Administration Act 2004**.

S. 18  
amended by  
No. 68/1996  
s. 14,  
substituted by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1),  
amended by  
No. 108/2004  
s. 117(1)  
(Sch. 3  
item 60.2).

## Division 4—Licences, permits and warrants

Pt 2 Div. 4  
(Heading and  
s. 19)  
amended by  
Nos 10002  
s. 16(d)–(g),  
10262 s. 4,  
42/1993  
s. 41(1)(a)–  
(d)(2)(a)–(c),  
substituted as  
Pt 2 Div. 4  
(Heading and  
ss 19–22C) by  
No. 12/1994  
s. 9.

### 18A Definitions

In this Division—

*licence* means a licence issued under this  
Division;

*permit* means a permit issued under this Division;

*warrant* means a warrant issued under this  
Division.

S. 18A  
inserted by  
No. 74/2004  
s. 11.

### 19 Issue of licences, permits and warrants

S. 19  
substituted by  
No. 12/1994  
s. 9.

(1) A person may apply in writing to the Secretary for the issue of a licence, permit or warrant.

S. 19(1)  
amended by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

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- (2) An application for a licence, permit or warrant must be accompanied by the appropriate prescribed fee.
- S. 19(3) amended by No. 46/1998 s. 7(Sch. 1).**
- (3) Subject to this Act and the regulations, the Secretary may, in his or her discretion—
- (a) refuse to issue a licence, permit or warrant; or
- S. 19(3)(b) amended by No. 46/1998 s. 7(Sch.).**
- (b) issue to a fit and proper person a licence, permit or warrant subject to such terms, conditions, limitations and restrictions as the Secretary may determine.
- S. 19(3A) inserted by No. 75/2014 s. 5(1).**
- (3A) Without limiting subsection (3), a licence, permit or warrant may be subject to a condition requiring the holder to—
- (a) comply with any document, code, standard, guideline, rule, method or specification formulated, issued, prepared, prescribed or published by any person or body; or
- (b) hold any other licence, permit or warrant issued under any law of Victoria or under any law of the Commonwealth.
- S. 19(4) amended by Nos 74/2004 s. 12, 75/2014 s. 5(2).**
- (4) Unless a licence is a mobile facility licence, a licence, permit or warrant under this Division relates only to the premises described in it, and no licence, permit or warrant relating to premises in more than one locality can be issued.
- S. 19(5) amended by Nos 46/1998 s. 7(Sch. 1), 75/2014 s. 5(3).**
- (5) A licence, permit or warrant cannot be issued unless the Secretary is satisfied that the applicant's premises or mobile facility (as the case requires) are suitable, sanitary and adequately equipped for the manufacture, sale, supply or use of the poisons or controlled substances to which the licence, permit or warrant relates.
- S. 19(6) inserted by No. 75/2014 s. 5(4).**
- (6) The Secretary may issue a licence to a person in respect of a mobile facility.
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- (7) A mobile facility licence—
- (a) relates to the mobile facility during the period the mobile facility is located at a mobile facility location; and
  - (b) is personal to the licence holder and is not transferable to another person; and
  - (c) in addition to any conditions imposed under subsection (3) or (3A), is subject to the following conditions—
    - (i) that the licence holder ensures each mobile facility is parked at a permanent fixed address specified in the licence during any period that the mobile facility is not travelling to or from, or located at, a mobile facility location; and
    - (ii) that the mobile facility is registered under the **Road Safety Act 1986** and identified by a number plate bearing a registration number; and
  - (d) may be issued in respect of one or more mobile facilities if those mobile facilities are usually parked at the permanent fixed address specified in the licence.

S. 19(7)  
inserted by  
No. 75/2014  
s. 5(4).

**20 What a licence, permit or warrant can authorise**

New s. 20  
inserted by  
No. 12/1994  
s. 9.

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), a licence authorises a person to do all or any of the following—
- (a) manufacture and sell or supply by wholesale any Schedule 8 poison or Schedule 9 poison other than heroin;

S. 20(1)  
amended by  
No. 75/2014  
s. 6(1).

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S. 20(1)(b)  
substituted by  
No. 74/2004  
s. 4(1).

(b) manufacture and sell or supply by wholesale any Schedule 2 poison, Schedule 3 poison, Schedule 4 poison or Schedule 7 poison;

S. 20(1)(c)  
amended by  
No. 74/2004  
s. 4(2).

(c) manufacture and sell or supply by retail any Schedule 7 poison (other than a Schedule 7 poison included in the Poisons Code in the list of substances that are not for general sale by retail);

(d) sell or supply by wholesale any Schedule 8 poison or Schedule 9 poison other than heroin;

S. 20(1)(e)  
substituted by  
No. 74/2004  
s. 4(3).

(e) sell or supply by wholesale any Schedule 2 poison, Schedule 3 poison, Schedule 4 poison or Schedule 7 poison;

S. 20(1)(f)  
substituted by  
No. 9/1998  
s. 4(1)(a),  
amended by  
No. 75/2014  
s. 6(2).

(f) sell or supply by retail any Schedule 2 poison.

S. 20(1)(g)  
repealed by  
No. 9/1998  
s. 4(1)(b).

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S. 20(2)  
repealed by  
No. 9/1998  
s. 4(2), new  
s. 20(2)  
inserted by  
No. 75/2014  
s. 6(3).

(2) A mobile facility licence authorises a person to do all or any of the following—

(a) to manufacture and sell or supply by wholesale any perishable pest animal bait that is a Schedule 7 poison (other than a Schedule 7 poison included in the Poisons Code in the list of substances that are not for general sale by retail) at a mobile facility location to which the mobile facility licence relates;

(b) to manufacture and sell or supply by retail any perishable pest animal bait that is a Schedule 7 poison (other than a Schedule 7

poison included in the Poisons Code in the list of substances that are not for general sale by retail) at a mobile facility location to which the mobile facility licence relates.

(3) A permit authorises a person to purchase or otherwise obtain poisons or controlled substances for use for industrial, educational, advisory or research purposes or for the provision of health services.

**S. 20(3)**  
amended by  
Nos 20/2016  
s. 104, 34/2019  
s. 7.

(3A) A person who is the holder of a permit issued under subsection (3) authorising the person to purchase or otherwise obtain poisons or controlled substances for the provision of health services is authorised to sell or supply any poison or controlled substance to which that permit relates without obtaining a further licence to do so under this section if that sale or supply—

**S. 20(3A)**  
inserted by  
No. 74/2004  
s. 13.

(a) is carried out by a person who is authorised under section 13(1)(a), (ba), (bb), (bc), (c) or (ca) to sell or supply that poison or controlled substance in the lawful practice of his or her profession; and

**S. 20(3A)(a)**  
amended by  
Nos 97/2005  
s. 179(6) (as  
amended by  
No. 29/2006  
s. 3(Sch. 1  
item 14.5)),  
75/2014  
s. 6(4).

(b) is for the purposes of the provision of health services.

(4) A warrant authorises a person to purchase or otherwise obtain or use any regulated poison in accordance with the warrant.

(5) A person who sells or supplies by wholesale or manufactures and sells or supplies by wholesale any Schedule 1 poison is authorised to do so without obtaining a licence under this section.

**S. 20(5)**  
inserted by  
No. 18/2000  
s. 102.

New s. 21  
inserted by  
No. 12/1994  
s. 9.

## **21 Duration of a licence, permit or warrant**

- (1) A permit or a licence lasts 12 months from its date of issue.
- (2) Despite subsection (1), a licence or permit may be issued for a shorter period to enable that licence or permit and other licences or permits held by that person to expire simultaneously.
- (3) A warrant lasts until it is cancelled or suspended.

New s. 22  
inserted by  
No. 12/1994  
s. 9.

## **22 Renewal of licences and permits**

- (1) An application for renewal—
  - (a) may be made up to one month before the expiry of the current licence or permit; and
  - (b) must be in writing and accompanied by the appropriate prescribed fee.
- (2) Subject to this Act and the regulations, on application under subsection (1), the Secretary, in his or her discretion, may renew a licence or permit.
- (3) A renewed licence or permit lasts for 12 months from the date of expiry of the previous licence or permit.
- (4) Despite subsection (3), a licence or permit may be renewed for a shorter period to enable that licence or permit and other licences or permits held by that person to expire simultaneously.

S. 22(2)  
amended by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

## **22A Amendment**

- (1) Applications for amendment of licences, permits or warrants must be accompanied by the appropriate prescribed fee.
- (2) The Secretary may, in his or her discretion, amend any particulars, including the terms, conditions, limitations or restrictions of a licence, permit or warrant if the amendment is—

S. 22A  
inserted by  
No. 12/1994  
s. 9.

S. 22A(2)  
amended by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

- (a) in the interests of health and safety; or
- (b) in the public interest; or
- (c) at the request of the holder of the licence, permit or warrant.

**22B Inspection**

Before issuing, renewing or amending a licence, permit or warrant the Secretary may require the premises or the mobile facility to which the licence, permit or warrant relates to be inspected (as the case requires) under this Act.

S. 22B  
inserted by  
No. 12/1994  
s. 9,  
amended by  
Nos 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1),  
75/2014 s. 7.

**22C Suspension or cancellation**

S. 22C  
inserted by  
No. 12/1994  
s. 9.

- (1) The Secretary may suspend or cancel a licence, permit or warrant if—
  - (a) the holder has not complied with the terms, conditions, limitations or restrictions of the licence, permit or warrant; or
  - (b) the holder proves not to be a fit and proper person; or
  - (c) the holder has been convicted of an offence against this Act or the regulations; or
  - (d) the holder requests suspension or cancellation; or
  - (e) the holder ceases to carry on business at the premises or the mobile facility (as the case requires).

S. 22C(1)  
amended by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

S. 22C(1)(e)  
amended by  
No. 75/2014  
s. 8.

- (2) If a licence, permit or warrant is suspended or cancelled under subsection (1), it ceases to have effect and any document issued to the former holder of the licence, permit or warrant must be surrendered to the Secretary on demand.

S. 22C(2)  
amended by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

## **Division 5—Public health emergencies**

Pt 2 Div. 5  
(Heading and  
s. 20)  
amended by  
Nos 10262  
s. 4, 42/1993  
s. 42(1)(2),  
repealed by  
No. 12/1994  
s. 9,  
new Pt 2  
Div. 5  
(Heading and  
ss 22D–22H)  
inserted by  
No. 17/2008  
s. 5.

S. 22D  
inserted by  
No. 17/2008  
s. 5.

### **22D When a public health emergency order may be made**

The Secretary may make a public health emergency order if the Secretary believes it is necessary to do so to respond to, or prevent, a public health emergency or a serious risk to public health.

#### **Example**

A public health emergency order may be made in response to, or for the purposes of preventing, an influenza pandemic or the effects of a bioterrorism incident.

S. 22E  
inserted by  
No. 17/2008  
s. 5.

### **22E Matters to be specified in a public health emergency order**

A public health emergency order must specify—

- (a) the public health emergency or serious risk to public health to which the order relates; and
- (b) if the public health emergency or serious risk to public health has occurred, the location or a description of the location where the public is affected; and

- (c) the persons or class of persons who may obtain and possess, use, sell or supply the poison or controlled substance or class of poison or controlled substance specified in the order; and
- (d) the poisons or controlled substances or class of poison or controlled substance to which the order relates; and
- (e) the date on which the order comes into force; and
- (f) the period during which the order is in force, not exceeding 6 months.

**22F What a public health emergency order authorises**

S. 22F  
inserted by  
No. 17/2008  
s. 5.

- (1) A public health emergency order authorises a person or class of person specified in the order to obtain and possess, use, sell or supply a specified poison or controlled substance or class of poison or controlled substance in accordance with the order.
- (2) A public health emergency order authorises a person to whom a specified poison or controlled substance or class of poison or controlled substance has been sold or supplied in accordance with the order to possess and use that poison or controlled substance for the purpose for which it was sold or supplied.

**22G Extending, amending and revoking orders**

S. 22G  
inserted by  
No. 17/2008  
s. 5.

- (1) The Secretary may, by subsequent order—
  - (a) extend or further extend the period for which a public health emergency order is in force for a period not exceeding 6 months;

(b) otherwise amend or vary a public health emergency order.

(2) The Secretary may revoke a public health emergency order by subsequent order.

S. 22H  
inserted by  
No. 17/2008  
s. 5.

**22H Orders under this Division to be published in Government Gazette**

(1) An order made under this Division must be published in the Government Gazette.

(2) An order made under this Division comes into force on the date specified in the order or, if no date is specified, on the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Pt 2 Div. 6  
(Heading and  
s. 21)  
amended by  
Nos 10002  
s. 16(h), 10262  
s. 4,  
repealed by  
No. 12/1994  
s. 9.

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Pt 2 Div. 7  
(Heading and  
s. 22)  
amended by  
Nos 10002  
s. 16(i)(i)–(iii),  
10262 s. 4,  
42/1993  
s. 43(a)–(d),  
repealed by  
No. 12/1994  
s. 9.

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## **Division 8—Manufacture and sale of poisons or controlled substances**

### **23 Manufacture, sale and supply of poisons or controlled substances by wholesale**

S. 23 amended by No. 10002 s. 16(j), substituted by No. 12/1994 s. 11.

- (1) A person must not manufacture and sell or supply by wholesale any poison or controlled substance unless he or she is authorised by or licensed under this Act to do so.
- (2) A person must not sell or supply by wholesale any poison or controlled substance unless he or she is authorised by or licensed under this Act to do so.

S. 23(1) amended by Nos 20/2016 s. 105(1), 34/2019 s. 8(1).

S. 23(2) amended by Nos 20/2016 s. 105(2), 34/2019 s. 8(2).

### **24 Wholesaling of certain poisons**

A person must not sell or supply by wholesale any poison or controlled substance (other than a Schedule 1 poison, a Schedule 5 poison, a Schedule 6 poison or a Schedule 7 poison that is not a Schedule 7 poison that is included in the Poisons Code in the list of substances that are not for general sale by retail) to any person who is not expressly authorised by this Act or the Regulations, or by a licence, permit or warrant under this Act, to obtain that substance by wholesale.

S. 24 amended by No. 10002 s. 16(k), substituted by No. 42/1993 s. 44, amended by Nos 12/1994 s. 12, 18/2000 s. 103, 20/2016 s. 106, 34/2019 s. 9.

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S. 25 amended by No. 10002 s. 16(l) (as amended by No. 25/1990 s. 4(2)(b)), repealed by No. 42/1993 s. 45(1).

S. 26  
amended by  
Nos 10002  
s. 16(m),  
42/1993  
s. 45(2),  
substituted by  
No. 12/1994  
s. 13.

## **26 Retailing of poisons or controlled substances**

S. 26(1)  
amended by  
Nos 9/1998  
s. 5(3),  
20/2016  
s. 107(1),  
34/2019  
s. 10(1).

- (1) A wholesale dealer must not sell or supply by retail any poison or controlled substance (other than a Schedule 5 poison, a Schedule 6 poison or a Schedule 7 poison that is not a Schedule 7 poison that is included in the Poisons Code in the list of substances that are not for general sale by retail) unless he or she is authorised by or licensed under this Act to do so.

S. 26(2)  
amended by  
Nos 20/2016  
s. 107(2),  
34/2019  
s. 10(2).

- (2) A person must not manufacture and sell or supply by retail any poison or controlled substance unless he or she is authorised by or licensed under this Act to do so.

S. 27  
amended by  
Nos 10002  
s. 16(m),  
42/1993  
s. 45(3),  
9/1998 s. 5(4),  
20/2016 s. 108,  
34/2019 s. 11.

## **27 Sale of poisons or controlled substances by persons other than manufacturers etc.**

A person (not being a manufacturer or wholesale dealer) shall not sell or supply any poison or controlled substance (other than a Schedule 5 poison, a Schedule 6 poison or a Schedule 7 poison that is not a Schedule 7 poison that is included in the Poisons Code in the list of substances that are not for general sale by retail) unless he is authorized by or licensed under this Act so to do.

**27A Offences concerning labelling and other matters**

S. 27A  
inserted by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 46.

(1) A person must not sell or supply a poison or controlled substance with a label that does not comply with the requirements of—

S. 27A(1)  
substituted by  
No. 74/2004  
s. 14(1).

(a) in the case of a Schedule 1 poison, the Poisons Code; or

(b) in the case of any other poison or controlled substance, the Poisons Standard.

S. 27A(1)(b)  
amended by  
No. 75/2014  
s. 19(1).

Penalty: 20 penalty units.

(1A) A person must not sell or supply a poison or controlled substance in a container that does not comply with the requirements of—

S. 27A(1A)  
inserted by  
No. 74/2004  
s. 14(1).

(a) in the case of a Schedule 1 poison, the Poisons Code; or

(b) in the case of any other poison or controlled substance, the Poisons Standard.

S. 27A(1A)(b)  
amended by  
No. 75/2014  
s. 19(2).

Penalty: 20 penalty units.

(2) A person must not sell or supply a Schedule 1 poison—

S. 27A(2)  
amended by  
No. 74/2004  
s. 14(2).

(a) which the person has stored or packaged otherwise than in accordance with the Poisons Code; or

(b) which the person knows to have been stored or packaged otherwise than in accordance with the Poisons Code.

Penalty: 20 penalty units.

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S. 27A(2A)  
inserted by  
No. 74/2004  
s. 14(3).

(2A) A person must not sell or supply a poison or controlled substance (other than a Schedule 1 poison)—

S. 27A(2A)(a)  
amended by  
No. 75/2014  
s. 19(3).

(a) which the person has stored or packaged otherwise than in accordance with the Poisons Standard; or

S. 27A(2A)(b)  
amended by  
No. 75/2014  
s. 19(3).

(b) which the person knows to have been stored or packaged otherwise than in accordance with the Poisons Standard.

Penalty: 20 penalty units.

S. 27A(3)  
amended by  
No. 74/2004  
s. 14(4).

(3) A person must not advertise for sale or supply a Schedule 1 poison otherwise than in accordance with the Poisons Code.

Penalty: 20 penalty units.

S. 27A(3A)  
inserted by  
No. 74/2004  
s. 14(5),  
amended by  
No. 75/2014  
s. 19(4).

(3A) A person must not advertise for sale or supply a poison or controlled substance (other than a Schedule 1 poison) otherwise than in accordance with the Poisons Standard.

Penalty: 20 penalty units.

S. 27A(4)  
inserted by  
No. 18/2000  
s. 104,  
amended by  
No. 97/2005  
s. 182(Sch. 4  
item 16.4),  
substituted by  
No. 13/2010  
s. 41,  
amended by  
No. 27/2012  
s. 15.

(4) Nothing in this section applies to a Schedule 1 poison that is sold or supplied by a registered Chinese medicine practitioner or registered Chinese herbal dispenser in accordance with the endorsement of that person's registration under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law.

S. 27A(5)  
inserted by  
No. 20/2016  
s. 109,  
repealed by  
No. 34/2019  
s. 12.

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**28 House to house sale of poisons or controlled substances prohibited**

- (1) A person shall not—
- (a) sell or supply in any street or from house to house; or
  - (b) hawk or peddle, or distribute or cause to be distributed as samples, in any street or public place or from house to house—
- any poison or controlled substance.

- (2) A person shall not purchase or accept or offer to purchase or accept any poison or controlled substance offered for sale or hawked or peddled pursuant to subsection (1).

S. 28(2)  
amended by  
No. 10002  
s. 14(a).

Penalty: Two years imprisonment or 50 penalty units.

**29 Sale of substances in unauthorised containers**

- (1) A person shall not sell or supply any drug or medicine which is for internal use or any food drink or condiment in a container—
- (a) of the like description to that prescribed by the regulations for a container in which any poison or controlled substance intended for external use may be sold; or
  - (b) of such a description as not to be readily distinguishable by sight and touch or by either sight or touch from a container in which a poison or controlled substance intended for external use may be sold.

- (2) Nothing in this section shall affect any other requirements of this Act, the Poisons Standard, the Poisons Code or the regulations with respect to the containers in which drugs or medicines which are or contain poisons or controlled substances may be sold.

S. 29(2)  
amended by  
Nos 42/1993  
s. 47(1),  
74/2004  
s. 14(6),  
75/2014 s. 20.

S. 29(3)  
inserted by  
No. 20/2016  
s. 110,  
repealed by  
No. 34/2019  
s. 13.

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### 30 Vending machines for poisons or controlled substances

(1) A person shall not—

S. 30(1)(a)  
amended by  
No. 20/2016  
s. 111.

(a) whether on or about the person's premises or elsewhere—

(i) install any automatic machine for the sale or supply of any poison or controlled substance; or

(ii) sell or supply any poison or controlled substance by means of any automatic machine;

S. 30(1)(b)  
amended by  
No. 20/2016  
s. 111.

(b) allow permit or suffer any such automatic machine for the sale or supply of any poison or controlled substance to be installed on the person's premises;

S. 30(1)(c)  
amended by  
No. 20/2016  
s. 111.

(c) place or allow permit or suffer to be placed any poison or controlled substance in any automatic machine on the person's premises or under the person's control; or

(d) allow permit or suffer any person to purchase or be supplied with or otherwise obtain any poison or controlled substance by means of any automatic machine on the premises or under the control of the first-mentioned person.

S. 30(2)  
amended by  
No. 10002  
s. 14(b)(i)–(iii).

(2) Any person who commits any contravention of or fails to comply with any provisions of this section shall be guilty of an offence against this Act and shall for every such offence be liable to a penalty of not more than 10 penalty units or

to imprisonment for a term of not more than six months, and to a further penalty of not less than 1 penalty unit and not more than 2½ penalty units for each day on which any offence under this section is continued after conviction by any court.

- (3) Any automatic machine in respect of which any person is convicted of any offence against the provisions of this section may in the discretion of the court before which proceedings are taken for such offence be forfeited to Her Majesty.

### **Division 9—Monitored poisons database**

Pt 2 Div. 9  
(Heading and  
s. 31)  
amended by  
Nos 10262  
s. 4, 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1),  
repealed by  
No. 9/1998  
s. 6, new Pt 2  
Div. 9  
(Heading and  
ss 30A–30J)  
inserted by  
No. 50/2017  
s. 5.

#### **30A Secretary may establish monitored poisons database**

S. 30A  
inserted by  
No. 50/2017  
s. 5.

- (1) The Secretary may establish and maintain a database for the purposes of monitoring and recording data relating to the supply of monitored poisons.
- (2) The monitored poisons database may include the following—
- (a) a record for each supply of a monitored poison in accordance with the regulations;
  - (b) a record of applications for permits made to the Secretary, notifications provided to the Secretary and permits issued by the Secretary under Division 10, this Division or the regulations in relation to the supply

to, or treatment of, persons with poisons or controlled substances;

- (c) a record of applications for warrants made to the Secretary, and warrants issued by the Secretary, under Division 4 of Part II in relation to the supply to, or treatment of, persons with poisons or controlled substances;
- (d) any other prescribed information.

S. 30B  
inserted by  
No. 50/2017  
s. 5.

**30B Powers of Secretary in relation to monitored poisons database**

- (1) The purposes of the monitored poisons database are—
  - (a) to promote safe supply, prescription and dispensing practices; and
  - (b) to reduce harm from monitored poisons and other high risk medication; and
  - (c) to facilitate evaluation and research into monitored poisons and the operation of the monitored poisons database.
- (2) For the purposes of establishing and maintaining the monitored poisons database and furthering the purposes of the database, the Secretary may—
  - (a) collect and store information (including records) required for the database or permitted to be collected and stored by or under this Act or the regulations; and
  - (b) require a prescribed person or prescribed class of person or a data source entity to provide information (including records) to the database in accordance with the regulations; and

- (c) require prescribed records or prescribed information in relation to the supply of a monitored poison to be provided to the monitored poisons database in the prescribed manner or in the prescribed form; and
  - (d) use and disclose any information on the database reasonably necessary to implement and oversee the database, including but not limited to—
    - (i) disclosing information on the database to the Commonwealth, other States or Territories; and
    - (ii) receiving or collecting information for the database from the Commonwealth, other States or Territories or prescribed entities in other Australian jurisdictions; and
    - (iii) authorising in writing other prescribed entities to use and disclose information on the database; and
    - (iv) use and disclosure of information on the database in accordance with this Act or the regulations; and
  - (e) do any other thing or exercise any other power reasonably necessary—
    - (i) to implement, maintain and oversee the database; or
    - (ii) further the purposes of the database.
- (3) Without limiting subsection (2) or any other power of the Secretary, the Secretary may enter into an agreement or a memorandum of understanding with the Commonwealth, other States or Territories and any entity in another Australian jurisdiction in relation to the provision of information to or from the

monitored poisons database by or to that other jurisdiction.

S. 30C  
inserted by  
No. 50/2017  
s. 5.

**30C Access, use and disclosure of information on monitored poisons database**

- (1) A pharmacist may access, use and disclose information on the monitored poisons database for the following specified purposes—
  - (a) providing records and information to the database in accordance with this Act or the regulations;
  - (b) accessing records and information in relation to a person for whom a monitored poison may be supplied;
  - (c) accessing records and information in relation to a person in relation to the medical treatment or care of that person;
  - (d) disclosing information in the database to any registered health practitioner involved in the care of a person whose information is maintained in the database;
  - (e) any other prescribed purpose.
- (2) A registered medical practitioner or a nurse practitioner may access, use and disclose information on the monitored poisons database for the following specified purposes—
  - (a) providing records and information to the database in accordance with this Act or the regulations;
  - (b) accessing records and information in relation to a person for whom a monitored poison may be supplied, prescribed or administered;
  - (c) accessing records and information in relation to a person in relation to the medical treatment or care of that person;

- (d) disclosing information in the database to any registered health practitioner involved in the care of a person whose information is maintained in the database;
  - (e) any other prescribed purpose.
- (3) Any person who is authorised by the Secretary under subsection (5), or who belongs to a class of person that is authorised by the Secretary under subsection (5), may access, use and disclose information on the monitored poisons database for the purposes specified in that authorisation.
- (4) Any entity that is prescribed, or that belongs to a prescribed class, may access, use and disclose information on the monitored poisons database for the purposes specified in relation to the entity in the regulations.
- (5) The Secretary may authorise a person or class of person to access, use and disclose information in the monitored poisons database for the purposes specified in relation to the person or class in the authorisation if satisfied that the access, use and disclosure—
- (a) would assist in achieving the purposes of—
    - (i) promoting safe supply, prescription and dispensing practices; and
    - (ii) reducing harm from monitored poisons and other high risk medication; or
  - (b) is for technical or administrative purposes relating to the maintenance of the database; or
  - (c) is to facilitate evaluation and research into monitored poisons and the operation of the monitored poisons database.
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- (6) An authorisation under subsection (5) must—
- (a) be in writing; and
  - (b) in the case of an authorisation for a class of person, be published in the Government Gazette.

**Note**

See also section 42A in relation to authorized officers.

S. 30D  
inserted by  
No. 50/2017  
s. 5.

**30D Data source entity to provide records and information to monitored poisons database**

Unless the regulations otherwise provide, a data source entity must take all reasonable steps to ensure that all records or information in relation to the supply of a monitored poison are provided to the monitored poisons database in the manner or in the form prescribed for the purposes of section 30B(2).

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

S. 30E  
inserted by  
No. 50/2017  
s. 5.

**30E Pharmacist to check monitored poisons database before supply of monitored supply poison**

Unless the regulations otherwise provide, a pharmacist must take all reasonable steps to check the monitored poisons database for the records or information in relation to a person for whom a monitored supply poison may be supplied before supplying the monitored supply poison for that person.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

S. 30F  
inserted by  
No. 50/2017  
s. 5.

**30F Registered medical practitioner to check monitored poisons database before prescription or supply of monitored supply poison**

Unless the regulations otherwise provide, a registered medical practitioner must take all reasonable steps to check the monitored poisons database for the records or information in relation

to a person for whom a monitored supply poison may be prescribed or supplied before prescribing or supplying the monitored supply poison for that person.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

**30G Nurse practitioner to check monitored poisons database before prescription or supply of monitored supply poison**

S. 30G  
inserted by  
No. 50/2017  
s. 5.

Unless the regulations otherwise provide, a nurse practitioner must take all reasonable steps to check the monitored poisons database for the records or information in relation to a person for whom a monitored supply poison may be prescribed or supplied before prescribing or supplying the monitored supply poison for that person.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

**30H Authorised supplier to check monitored poisons database before prescription or supply of monitored supply poison**

S. 30H  
inserted by  
No. 50/2017  
s. 5.

Unless the regulations otherwise provide, an authorised supplier must take all reasonable steps to check the monitored poisons database for the records or information in relation to a person for whom a monitored supply poison may be prescribed or supplied by that authorised supplier in accordance with the supplier's authorisation before prescribing or supplying the monitored supply poison for that person.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

S. 30I  
inserted by  
No. 50/2017  
s. 5.

**30I Offences relating to access or use of monitored poisons database unless authorised**

- (1) A person who is not authorised to do so by or under this Act, the regulations or otherwise by any law must not knowingly access, use or disclose information on the monitored poisons database.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

- (2) A person who is authorised to do so by or under this Act, the regulations or otherwise by any law to access, use or disclose information on the monitored poisons database must not access, use or disclose information on the monitored poisons database other than in accordance with the person's authorisation.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

S. 30J  
inserted by  
No. 50/2017  
s. 5.

**30J Protection from liability for duties and functions in relation to monitored poisons database**

- (1) A registered medical practitioner, nurse practitioner, pharmacist, authorised supplier or authorised user is not liable for anything done in good faith in carrying out any duty or function in relation to the monitored poisons database in accordance with this Act or the regulations.

- (2) Without limiting subsection (1)—

- (a) the accessing of information on the monitored poisons database in respect of a person or the providing of information to the database in respect of a person does not constitute unprofessional conduct or a breach of professional etiquette or ethics; and

- (b) no liability for defamation is incurred by a person referred to in subsection (1) because of the accessing of any person's information or the provision of that information.

**Division 10—Drugs of dependence, Schedule 8 poisons, Schedule 9 poisons and Schedule 4 poisons**

Pt 2 Div. 10 (Heading) substituted by No. 10002 s. 5(2)(e), amended by No. 42/1993 s. 47(2).

**Subdivision 1—Introductory matters and records**

Pt 2 Div. 10 Subdiv. 1 (Heading and new s. 31) inserted by No. 17/2008 s. 6.

**31 Definitions**

New s. 31 inserted by No. 17/2008 s. 6.

- (1) In this Division—

*hospital* means the following—

S. 31(1) def. of *hospital* substituted by No. 50/2017 s. 6(1).

- (a) a public hospital within the meaning of the **Health Services Act 1988**;
- (b) a denominational hospital within the meaning of that Act;
- (c) a private hospital within the meaning of that Act;
- (d) a day procedure centre within the meaning of that Act;

*multiple-practitioner clinic* means a clinic where more than one registered medical practitioner or nurse practitioner practises or is employed;

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S. 31(1) def. of  
*notification of  
drug  
dependent  
person*  
repealed by  
No. 50/2017  
s. 6(2)(b).

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S. 31(1) def. of  
*police gaol*  
inserted by  
No. 40/2017  
s. 6.

*police gaol* has the same meaning as it has in  
section 3(1) of the **Corrections Act 1986**;

*prison* has the same meaning as it has in the  
**Corrections Act 1986**;

S. 31(1) def. of  
*reportable  
drug event*  
inserted by  
No. 50/2017  
s. 6(2)(a).

*reportable drug event* has the meaning given in  
section 32A(2);

*Schedule 8 permit* means a permit to administer,  
supply or prescribe a Schedule 8 poison  
issued by the Secretary under section 34A;

*Schedule 9 permit* means a permit to administer,  
supply or prescribe a Schedule 9 poison  
issued by the Secretary under section 33B.

- (2) For the purposes of this Division, a registered  
medical practitioner or a nurse practitioner  
administers, supplies or prescribes a Schedule 8  
poison to a patient for a continuous period if the  
practitioner—
- (a) actually administers, supplies or prescribes  
that Schedule 8 poison for that period; or
  - (b) supplies a quantity or quantities of a  
Schedule 8 poison to the patient and instructs  
the patient to take the drug for that period; or

- (c) prescribes for the patient a quantity or quantities of a Schedule 8 poison which, if taken in accordance with the prescription, would be taken for that period.

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S. 31A  
inserted by  
No. 20/2016  
s. 112,  
repealed by  
No. 34/2019  
s. 14.

**32 Record keeping in relation to sale or supply of drugs of addiction**

S. 32  
amended by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 47(3),  
substituted by  
No. 74/2004  
s. 15.

- (1) A person who is licensed under this Part to manufacture, sell, supply or distribute any Schedule 8 poison or Schedule 9 poison must record or cause to be recorded, in accordance with subsection (2)—
- (a) details of any Schedule 8 poison or Schedule 9 poison obtained by the person; and
  - (b) quantities of those poisons used, sold, supplied or otherwise disposed of; and
  - (c) such other particulars as are prescribed.

Penalty: 60 penalty units.

- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the record kept must be recorded—
- (a) by printing or writing in a legible form in the English language; or
  - (b) in an electronic form that is readily convertible into legible print in the English language.

S. 32A  
inserted by  
No. 50/2017  
s. 7.

**32A Required notification to Secretary—drugs of dependence and Schedule 4, Schedule 8 and Schedule 9 poisons**

- (1) A registered medical practitioner, a nurse practitioner or a pharmacist must notify the Secretary as soon as practicable of a reportable drug event.  
Penalty: 100 penalty units.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), a *reportable drug event* is one or more of the following—
  - (a) for a pharmacist, being requested or directed to sell, supply or dispense any drug of dependence, Schedule 8 poison, Schedule 9 poison or Schedule 4 poison for any person—
    - (i) in greater quantities than appears to be reasonably necessary; or
    - (ii) more frequently than appears to be reasonably necessary;
  - (b) for a registered medical practitioner, having reason to believe that the practitioner's patient is a drug-dependent person in circumstances where—
    - (i) the patient requests or seeks prescription of a Schedule 9 poison; or
    - (ii) the registered medical practitioner intends to treat or is treating the patient with a Schedule 9 poison;
  - (c) any other event, or class of event, which the Secretary declares, under subsection (3), is a reportable drug event.
- (3) For the purposes of this section, the Secretary, by notice published in the Government Gazette, may declare an event, or a class of event (including any

event that occurs outside Victoria), to be a reportable drug event.

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Pt 2 Div. 10  
Subdiv. 2  
(Heading and  
s. 33)  
amended by  
Nos 10002  
s. 4(e)(f) (as  
amended by  
No. 10087  
s. 3(1)(Sch. 1  
item 40)),  
(g)–(i), 10262  
s. 4, 42/1993  
s. 47(4),  
12/1994  
s. 4(1),  
23/1994  
s. 118(Sch. 1  
item 17.8),  
9/1998 s. 7,  
46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1),  
94/2000  
s. 50(1)(2),  
17/2008 s. 7,  
repealed by  
No. 50/2017  
s. 8.

### **Subdivision 3—Schedule 9 poisons**

Pt 2 Div. 10  
Subdiv. 3  
(Heading and  
ss 33A–33D)  
inserted by  
No. 17/2008  
s. 7.

#### **33A Application for permit to administer, supply or prescribe Schedule 9 poisons**

S. 33A  
inserted by  
No. 17/2008  
s. 7.

- (1) A registered medical practitioner who considers it is necessary to administer, supply or prescribe a Schedule 9 poison to or for one of his or her patients must apply to the Secretary for a Schedule 9 permit before administering, supplying or prescribing the Schedule 9 poison.
- (2) An application for a Schedule 9 permit must be in the prescribed form.

S. 33B  
inserted by  
No. 17/2008  
s. 7.

### **33B Schedule 9 permit**

- (1) On receiving an application under section 33A, the Secretary may issue a permit to a registered medical practitioner authorising the registered medical practitioner to administer, supply or prescribe a Schedule 9 poison to or for a person.
- (2) A Schedule 9 permit—
  - (a) must be in the prescribed form; and
  - (b) may contain any terms and conditions that the Secretary considers appropriate for the administration, supply or prescription of the Schedule 9 poison.
- (3) The Secretary may at any time amend, suspend or revoke a Schedule 9 permit and any permit which is suspended or revoked ceases to have effect.

S. 33C  
inserted by  
No. 17/2008  
s. 7.

### **33C Offence not to comply with Schedule 9 permit**

A registered medical practitioner issued with a Schedule 9 permit must not administer, supply or prescribe a Schedule 9 poison to or for one of his or her patients—

- (a) other than for the period specified in the permit for that administration, supply or prescription; or
- (b) in excess of the quantity specified in the permit.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

S. 33D  
inserted by  
No. 17/2008  
s. 7.

### **33D Offence to administer Schedule 9 poisons without permit**

A registered medical practitioner must not at any time administer, supply or prescribe a Schedule 9 poison to or for a person unless the practitioner—

- (a) holds a Schedule 9 permit for that administration, supply or prescription to or for that person; or
- (b) is otherwise authorised by or under this Act to do so.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

### **Subdivision 4—Schedule 8 poisons**

Pt 2 Div. 10  
Subdiv. 4  
(Heading)  
inserted by  
No. 17/2008  
s. 8.

#### **34 Requirement to apply for Schedule 8 permit**

- (1) A registered medical practitioner or a nurse practitioner who considers it is necessary to administer, supply or prescribe a Schedule 8 poison to or for one of his or her patients who is a drug-dependent person must apply to the Secretary for a Schedule 8 permit.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), a registered medical practitioner or a nurse practitioner who considers it is necessary to administer, supply or prescribe a Schedule 8 poison for a continuous period greater than 8 weeks to or for one of his or her patients who is not a drug-dependent person must apply to the Secretary for a Schedule 8 permit.
- (3) A registered medical practitioner or a nurse practitioner must apply to the Secretary for a Schedule 8 permit if—
  - (a) the practitioner—
    - (i) has reason to believe that one of his or her patients who is not a drug-dependent person has been, or is currently being, administered, supplied or prescribed a Schedule 8

S. 34  
amended by  
Nos 10002  
s. 4(f) (as  
amended by  
No. 10087  
s. 3(1)(Sch. 1  
item 40)), (j),  
10262 s. 4,  
42/1993  
s. 47(5),  
12/1994  
s. 4(2),  
23/1994  
s. 118(Sch. 1  
item 17.9),  
46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1),  
94/2000  
s. 50(3),  
substituted by  
No. 17/2008  
s. 8.

poison by one or more other practitioners; and

(ii) considers it is necessary to administer, supply or prescribe a Schedule 8 poison to or for that patient; and

(b) the total period of administration, supply or prescription of a Schedule 8 poison to that patient would be a continuous period greater than 8 weeks, taking into account any period of administration, supply or prescription referred to in paragraph (a)(i) together with the period of administration, supply or prescription of a Schedule 8 poison to or for that patient by the practitioner.

(4) An application for a Schedule 8 permit must be in the prescribed form.

S. 34A  
inserted by  
No. 17/2008  
s. 8.

### **34A Schedule 8 permit**

- (1) On receiving an application under section 34, the Secretary may issue a permit to a registered medical practitioner or a nurse practitioner authorising the practitioner—
- (a) to administer, supply or prescribe a Schedule 8 poison to or for a drug-dependent person; or
  - (b) to administer, supply or prescribe a Schedule 8 poison to or for a person other than a drug-dependent person for a continuous period greater than 8 weeks.
- (2) A Schedule 8 permit must be in the prescribed form.
- (3) The Secretary may at any time amend, suspend or revoke a Schedule 8 permit and any permit which is suspended or revoked ceases to have effect.

**34B Offence to administer etc. Schedule 8 poisons to drug-dependent person**

S. 34B  
inserted by  
No. 17/2008  
s. 8.

A registered medical practitioner or a nurse practitioner must not at any time administer, supply or prescribe a Schedule 8 poison to or for a person he or she has reason to believe to be a drug-dependent person unless the practitioner—

- (a) holds a Schedule 8 permit for that administration, supply or prescription to or for that person; or
- (b) is otherwise authorised by or under this Act to do so.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

**34C Offence to administer etc. Schedule 8 poisons to person who is not a drug-dependent person**

S. 34C  
inserted by  
No. 17/2008  
s. 8.

(1) A registered medical practitioner or a nurse practitioner must not administer, supply or prescribe a Schedule 8 poison to or for a person who is not a drug-dependent person for a continuous period greater than 8 weeks unless the practitioner—

- (a) holds a Schedule 8 permit for that administration, supply or prescription to or for that person; or
- (b) is otherwise authorised by or under this Act to do so.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), unless otherwise authorised by or under this Act to do so, a registered medical practitioner or a nurse practitioner must not administer, supply or prescribe a Schedule 8 poison to or for a person who is not a drug-dependent person without a Schedule 8 permit if the total period of administration, supply or prescription of the

Schedule 8 poison to or for that person would be a continuous period greater than 8 weeks, taking into account the total of—

- (a) any period of administration, supply or prescription of a Schedule 8 poison to or for that person that the practitioner has reason to believe has been, or is currently being, administered, supplied or prescribed by one or more other practitioners; and
- (b) the period of administration, supply or prescription of a Schedule 8 poison to or for that patient by the practitioner.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

- (3) A registered medical practitioner or a nurse practitioner who has applied for a Schedule 8 permit under section 34(3) is authorised to administer, supply or prescribe a Schedule 8 poison to or for a person who is not a drug-dependent person in respect of whom the application relates without a Schedule 8 permit for the purposes of ensuring continuity of that person's treatment until—
  - (a) the Schedule 8 permit is issued; or
  - (b) the Secretary refuses to issue the permit.

S. 34D  
inserted by  
No. 17/2008  
s. 8,  
substituted by  
No. 50/2017  
s. 9.

**34D Exception to Schedule 8 permit requirement—  
specified circumstances**

Despite section 34C(1), a registered medical practitioner or a nurse practitioner is authorised to administer, supply or prescribe a Schedule 8 poison to or for a person who is not a drug-dependent person during a continuous period greater than 8 weeks without a Schedule 8 permit if the administration, supply or prescription of that Schedule 8 poison is to treat that person in the circumstances specified by the Secretary in accordance with section 35A.

**34E Exceptions to Schedule 8 permit requirement—  
multiple practitioners at medical clinic**

S. 34E  
inserted by  
No. 17/2008  
s. 8.

- (1) Despite section 34B, a registered medical practitioner or a nurse practitioner at a multiple-practitioner clinic is authorised to administer, supply or prescribe a Schedule 8 poison to or for a drug-dependent person without a Schedule 8 permit if—
  - (a) the treatment is provided at the multiple-practitioner clinic; and
  - (b) a Schedule 8 permit has been issued to another registered medical practitioner or another nurse practitioner at that multiple-practitioner clinic to administer, supply or prescribe the Schedule 8 poison to or for that drug-dependent person; and
  - (c) the administration, supply or prescription of the Schedule 8 poison is carried out in accordance with that permit.
- (2) Despite section 34C(1), a registered medical practitioner or a nurse practitioner at a multiple-practitioner clinic is authorised to administer, supply or prescribe a Schedule 8 poison to or for a person who is not a drug-dependent person during a continuous period greater than 8 weeks without a Schedule 8 permit if—
  - (a) the treatment is provided at the multiple-practitioner clinic; and
  - (b) a Schedule 8 permit has been issued to another registered medical practitioner or another nurse practitioner at that multiple-practitioner clinic to administer, supply or prescribe the Schedule 8 poison to or for that person; and

- (c) the administration, supply or prescription of the Schedule 8 poison is carried out in accordance with that permit.
- (3) Despite section 34C(2), a registered medical practitioner or a nurse practitioner at a multiple practitioner clinic is authorised to administer, supply or prescribe a Schedule 8 poison to or for a person who is not a drug-dependent person without a Schedule 8 permit in the circumstances set out in section 34C(2) if—
  - (a) the treatment is provided at the multiple-practitioner clinic; and
  - (b) a Schedule 8 permit has been issued to another registered medical practitioner or another nurse practitioner at that multiple-practitioner clinic to administer, supply or prescribe the Schedule 8 poison to or for that person; and
  - (c) the administration, supply or prescription of the Schedule 8 poison is carried out in accordance with that permit.

S. 34F  
(Heading)  
amended by  
No. 40/2017  
s. 7(1).

S. 34F  
inserted by  
No. 17/2008  
s. 8.

**34F Exception to Schedule 8 permit requirement—  
patients in prisons, police gaols, aged care services  
and hospitals**

Despite sections 34B and 34C, a registered medical practitioner or a nurse practitioner is authorised to administer, supply or prescribe a Schedule 8 poison to or for a person without a Schedule 8 permit if that person is—

- (a) a prisoner being treated in a prison for the period in prison and a period not exceeding 7 days after that prisoner's release from custody; or

- (ab) a person being treated in a police gaol for the period in the police gaol and a period not exceeding 7 days after that person's release from the police gaol; or
- (b) a resident being treated in an aged care service; or
- (c) an in-patient being treated in a hospital or a patient being treated in an emergency department of a hospital, for the period of that treatment in the hospital and a period not exceeding 7 days after that person's discharge from the hospital.

S. 34F(ab)  
inserted by  
No. 40/2017  
s. 7(2).

S. 34F(c)  
amended by  
No. 50/2017  
s. 10.

**35 Offence not to comply with Schedule 8 permit**

A registered medical practitioner or a nurse practitioner must not administer, supply or prescribe a Schedule 8 poison to or for one of his or her patients in respect of whom a Schedule 8 permit has been issued—

- (a) other than for the period specified in the permit for that administration, supply or prescription; or
- (b) in excess of the quantity specified in the permit.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

S. 35  
amended by  
Nos 10002  
s. 4(f) (as  
amended by  
No. 10087  
s. 3(1)(Sch. 1  
item 40)), (j),  
10262 s 4,  
42/1993  
s. 47(6),  
12/1994  
s. 4(3),  
23/1994  
s. 118(Sch. 1  
item 17.10),  
9/1998 s. 8,  
46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1),  
94/2000 s. 51,  
67/2003  
s. 13(1),  
74/2004 s. 16,  
substituted by  
No. 17/2008  
s. 9.

### **Subdivision 5—General**

Pt 2 Div. 10  
Subdiv. 5  
(Heading)  
inserted by  
No. 17/2008  
s. 10.

S. 35A  
inserted by  
No. 9/1998  
s. 9,  
amended by  
Nos 67/2003  
s. 13(1),  
17/2008 s. 11,  
substituted by  
No. 50/2017  
s. 11.

#### **35A Secretary may specify circumstances for purposes of section 34D**

- (1) The Secretary, by notice published in the Government Gazette, may specify circumstances in which a registered medical practitioner or a nurse practitioner is authorised to administer, supply or prescribe a Schedule 8 poison to or for a person who is not a drug-dependent person during a continuous period greater than 8 weeks without a Schedule 8 permit for the purposes of section 34D.
- (2) The Secretary, by notice published in the Government Gazette, may amend or revoke a notice under subsection (1).

S. 35B  
inserted by  
No. 17/2008  
s. 12.

#### **35B Composite forms**

For the purposes of this Division—

- (a) the regulations may prescribe a composite form which incorporates all or any of the prescribed forms required by sections 33, 33A and 34; and
- (b) a composite form is to be taken to be the prescribed form under each of the sections referred to in the form.

S. 36  
amended by  
Nos 10002  
s. 4(k), 10262  
s. 4, 42/1993  
s. 47(7),  
46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1),  
repealed by  
No. 50/2017  
s. 12.

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**36A Forgery**

A person shall not forge or fraudulently alter or utter knowing it to be forged or fraudulently altered, a prescription or order for a Schedule 8 poison, Schedule 9 poison or Schedule 4 poison (not being a drug of dependence).

S. 36A  
inserted by  
No. 10002  
s. 5(1),  
amended by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 47(8).

Penalty: 10 penalty units.

**36B Unauthorized possession etc. of poison or controlled substance etc.**

S. 36B  
inserted by  
No. 10002  
s. 5(1).

(1) A person shall not knowingly by false representation, whether oral or in writing or by conduct—

(a) obtain a Schedule 8 poison, Schedule 9 poison or Schedule 4 poison from a person authorized by or licensed under this Act or the regulations to possess, manufacture, sell or supply the Schedule 8 poison, Schedule 9 poison or Schedule 4 poison;

S. 36B(1)(a)  
amended by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 47(9).

(b) obtain a prescription or order for a Schedule 8 poison, Schedule 9 poison or Schedule 4 poison from a registered medical practitioner, registered optometrist, dentist, pharmacist or veterinary practitioner or a person authorized by this Act or the regulations to issue or possess the prescription or order;

S. 36B(1)(b)  
amended by  
Nos 42/1993  
s. 47(9),  
23/1994  
s. 118(Sch. 1  
item 17.11),  
58/1997  
s. 96(Sch.  
item 3.3),  
56/1996  
s. 100(5).

(c) cause or induce a registered medical practitioner to administer a Schedule 8 poison, Schedule 9 poison or Schedule 4 poison to him by injection or otherwise; or

S. 36B(1)(c)  
amended by  
Nos 42/1993  
s. 47(9),  
23/1994  
s. 118(Sch. 1  
item 17.11).

(d) cause or induce a pharmacist or a person authorized by this Act or the regulations to supply a Schedule 8 poison, Schedule 9 poison or Schedule 4 poison, to dispense a

S. 36B(1)(d)  
amended by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 47(9).

prescription or order for that Schedule 8 poison, Schedule 9 poison or Schedule 4 poison, if the first-mentioned person knows the prescription or order to have been obtained in contravention of this Act or the regulations.

Penalty: 10 penalty units.

S. 36B(2)  
amended by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 47(9).

- (2) A person shall not have in his possession a Schedule 8 poison, Schedule 9 poison or Schedule 4 poison unless he is authorized by or licensed under this Act or the regulations to do so.

Penalty: 10 penalty units.

S. 36B(3)  
amended by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 47(9).

- (3) In this section a reference to a Schedule 8 poison, Schedule 9 poison or Schedule 4 poison does not include a reference to a drug of dependence.

Pt 2 Div. 10A  
(Heading and  
ss 36C–36F)  
inserted by  
No. 17/2006  
s. 4.

## **Division 10A—Administration of medication in aged care services**

S. 36C  
inserted by  
No. 17/2006  
s. 4,  
amended by  
Nos 20/2016  
s. 113, 61/2017  
s. 125, 34/2019  
s. 15.

### **36C Effect of this Division**

Nothing in this Division affects any other requirement in this Act or the Regulations or the **Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017** or the regulations under that Act in respect of the administration of a drug of dependence, a Schedule 9 poison, a Schedule 8 poison or a Schedule 4 poison.

S. 36D  
inserted by  
No. 17/2006  
s. 4.

### **36D Definitions**

In this Division—

*approved provider* has the same meaning as it has in the Aged Care Act 1997 of the Commonwealth;

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*high level residential care* has the same meaning as it has in the Aged Care Act 1997 of the Commonwealth.

S. 36D def. of *high level residential care* amended by No. 13/2010 s. 42(1).

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S. 36D def. of *nurse* repealed by No. 13/2010 s. 42(2).

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S. 36D def. of *Nurses Board of Victoria* repealed by No. 13/2010 s. 42(2).

**36E Administration of drugs of dependence, Schedule 9 poisons, Schedule 8 poisons and Schedule 4 poisons in aged care services**

S. 36E inserted by No. 17/2006 s. 4, amended by Nos 13/2010 s. 43, 20/2016 s. 114(1), 61/2017 s. 126(1)(2) (ILA s. 39B(1)).

(1) Subject to subsection (2), a person who is an approved provider of an aged care service must ensure that a registered nurse manages the administration of any drug of dependence, Schedule 9 poison, Schedule 8 poison or Schedule 4 poison to a resident in an aged care service—

S. 36E(1) amended by No. 34/2019 s. 16(a).

(a) who is receiving high level residential care; and

(b) for whom that drug or poison has been supplied on prescription.

S. 36E(1)(b) amended by No. 20/2016 s. 114(2), substituted by No. 34/2019 s. 16(b).

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
120 penalty units;  
In the case of a body corporate,  
600 penalty units.

S. 36E(2)  
inserted by  
No. 61/2017  
s. 126(2).

- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to the management of the administration of any voluntary assisted dying substance specified in a voluntary assisted dying permit to a resident in an aged care service who is the subject of that permit.

S. 36F  
inserted by  
No. 17/2006  
s. 4,  
substituted by  
No. 13/2010  
s. 44.

**36F Registered nurse to have regard to code or guideline**

A registered nurse who manages the administration of any drug of dependence, Schedule 9 poison, Schedule 8 poison or Schedule 4 poison to a resident in an aged care service in accordance with this Division must do so in accordance with the relevant code or guideline (if any) issued by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law.

## **Division 11—Appeals**

### **37 Appeals**

S. 37(1)  
amended by  
Nos 10262  
s. 4, 16/1986  
s. 30, 57/1989  
s. 3(Sch.  
item 59.1),  
46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

- (1) Any person who feels aggrieved by any refusal of the Secretary to issue or renew any licence or permit or by any order of the Secretary cancelling suspending or revoking any licence or permit may appeal therefrom to the Magistrates' Court within six months after the refusal cancellation suspension or revocation.

S. 37(2)  
amended by  
Nos 16/1986  
s. 30, 57/1989  
s. 3(Sch. item  
59.2(a)–(c)).

- (2) The Court shall entertain inquire into and decide upon the appeal and its decision shall, save as provided by the **Administrative Law Act 1978**, be final and conclusive.

## **Division 12—Sale of poisons book**

### **38 Record of sale of poisons**

S. 38  
substituted by  
Nos 42/1993  
s. 48, 12/1994  
s. 14,  
amended by  
No. 18/2000  
s. 105(a).

A person who sells or supplies by retail any Schedule 7 poison must keep an accurate record of the sale or supply, setting out the following details—

- (a) the name and address of the person who purchases or obtains the poison or controlled substance;
- (b) the date of sale or supply;
- (c) the name and quantity of the poison or controlled substance purchased or obtained.

**38A Authorised possession of certain poisons**

A person who purchases or obtains a poison or controlled substance to which section 38 applies and which is supplied to the person in accordance with that section and section 40 is authorised by this Act to purchase or obtain and to possess the poison or controlled substance so supplied.

S. 38A  
inserted by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 48,  
amended by  
No. 12/1994  
s. 16(1).

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S. 39  
repealed by  
No. 12/1994  
s. 16(2).

**40 Sale or supply of poisons or controlled substances to persons under age**

A person shall not sell or supply any Schedule 7 poison to a person who is under the age of 18 years.

S. 40  
amended by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 49,  
substituted by  
No. 12/1994  
s. 15,  
amended by  
No. 18/2000  
s. 105(b).

**Division 13—Authorized officers**

**41 Secretary may authorize person to carry out functions of authorized officer**

- (1) For the purposes of this Act, the Secretary may in writing authorize either generally or in any particular case, any of the following persons to exercise and perform the powers, duties and functions of an authorised officer under this Act and the regulations—

S. 41(1)  
amended by  
Nos 10262  
s. 4, 42/1993  
s. 50(1),  
46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981  
No. 9719 of 1981  
Part II—Poisons and controlled substances

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S. 41(1)(a)  
substituted by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

(a) any employee in the public service;

S. 41(1)(b)  
repealed by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

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(c) any officer or employee of a public statutory authority;

(d) any member of staff of a municipal council.

(2) An authority under subsection (1) may be expressed to be in force for a period specified in the authority or may be given for an indefinite period.

S. 41(3)  
amended by  
Nos 10262  
s. 4, 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

(3) The Secretary may in writing revoke or vary an authority given under subsection (1).

S. 41(4)  
amended by  
Nos 10262  
s. 4, 42/1993  
s. 50(2),  
46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

(4) A person may be an authorized officer for the purposes of this Act in conjunction with being employed in the public service or a public statutory authority or a member of staff of a municipal council.

S. 41(5)  
repealed by  
No. 10002  
s. 5(2)(c),  
new s. 41(5)  
inserted by  
No. 66/2017  
s. 5.

(5) Without limiting subsection (1), an authority under that subsection may be limited to the exercise and performance of powers, duties, and functions of an authorized officer for the purposes of Part IIA and any regulations made for the purposes of that Part.

## 42 Inspections

- (1) For the purpose of ascertaining whether the provisions of this Act and the regulations or the **Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017** and the regulations under that Act are being complied with any authorized officer may with such assistance as he thinks necessary at any reasonable time—
- (a) enter upon any premises occupied by any person licensed or otherwise authorized by or under this Act to have in his possession any poison or controlled substance;
- \*                    \*                    \*                    \*                    \*
- (ac) enter upon any premises (other than residential premises) occupied by any person authorised by or under the **Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017** or the regulations under that Act to have in that person's possession any voluntary assisted dying substance;
- (ad) if a medically supervised injecting centre licence has been issued, enter upon the permitted site and the licensed medically supervised injecting centre to ascertain whether Part IIA, the regulations made for the purposes of that Part, the medically supervised injecting centre licence and the internal management protocols are being complied with and exercise any powers under this section;

S. 42(1)  
amended by  
Nos 20/2016  
s. 115(1),  
61/2017  
s. 127(1),  
34/2019  
s. 17(1).

S. 42(1)(ab)  
inserted by  
No. 20/2016  
s. 115(2),  
repealed by  
No. 34/2019  
s. 17(2).

S. 42(1)(ac)  
inserted by  
No. 61/2017  
s. 127(2).

S. 42(1)(ad)  
inserted by  
No. 66/2017  
s. 6.

### Note

See also section 50 in relation to immunity of authorized officers.

S. 42(1)(ba)  
inserted by  
No. 50/2017  
s. 13.

- (b) examine any room or part of such premises and any goods or records therein;
- (ba) access and examine or inspect records or information required to be included on the monitored poisons database;
- (c) take an account of any poisons or controlled substances therein;
- (d) on payment or tender of a reasonable price demand select and obtain any sample of any poison or controlled substance which is in or on those premises;
- (e) seize any poison or controlled substance or any other substance or any document which is in or on those premises with respect to which he has reasonable grounds for believing there has been a contravention of this Act or the **Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017**; and
- (f) detain or remove to some suitable place any poison or controlled substance or other substance or document so seized.

S. 42(1)(e)  
amended by  
Nos 20/2016  
s. 115(3),  
61/2017  
s. 127(3),  
34/2019  
s. 17(3).

- (2) Every person who—
- (a) refuses or fails to admit any authorized officer demanding to enter in pursuance of the provisions of this section;
  - (b) refuses to permit any authorized officer to select or obtain any sample in pursuance of the provisions of this section; or
  - (c) obstructs or delays any authorized officer in the discharge of his duty or causes or permits any authorized officer to be so obstructed or delayed—

shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

**42A Powers of authorized officers to access, use and disclose information on monitored poisons database**

S. 42A  
inserted by  
No. 50/2017  
s. 14.

Without limiting section 42, an authorized officer may access the monitored poisons database and use and disclose information on that database for the purposes of—

- (a) implementing and monitoring the use of the database and the records and information in the database; and
- (b) carrying out any other function or power as an authorized officer under this Act and the regulations.

**43 Duties of officers in relation to seized substances**

(1) Where any poison or controlled substance or other substance or document is seized by an authorized officer pursuant to this Part, the authorized officer shall forthwith—

- (a) give notice of the seizure in the prescribed form to the person apparently in charge thereof; or
- (b) if there is no person apparently in charge thereof, give notice of the seizure to any person appearing to be the consignor or owner thereof by any name and address attached thereto or to any package containing the poison or controlled substance or the other substance or document if the address is a place in Victoria and otherwise to the importer or consignee or his agent.

(2) Any person claiming any poison or controlled substance or other substance or document seized under this part may within 96 hours after the seizure complain of the seizure by giving notice verified by statutory declaration of the complaint in the prescribed form to the registrar at the proper venue of the Magistrates' Court and a copy of the

S. 43(2)  
amended by  
No. 57/1989  
s. 3(Sch.  
item 59.3).

notice and the statutory declaration to the authorized officer responsible for the seizure.

S. 43(3)  
amended by  
No. 57/1989  
s. 3(Sch.  
item 59.4).

- (3) The complaint shall be determined by the Magistrates' Court which (after hearing the evidence) may either confirm or disallow the seizure wholly or in part and make an order accordingly.
- (4) If no complaint is made or if the seizure is confirmed each poison or controlled substance or other substance or document shall thereupon become the property of the Crown and may be destroyed or disposed of as the Minister directs.

S. 43(5)  
inserted by  
No. 20/2016  
s. 116,  
repealed by  
No. 34/2019  
s. 18.

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#### **44 Persons who are liable for contravention of Act**

- (1) Where there is sold or supplied to any authorized officer in an unopened package any poison or controlled substance in connexion with the sale or supply of which there is a contravention of or failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Act or the regulations each of the following persons shall, in addition to the person who actually sold or supplied the package to the authorized officer, be liable in respect of the contravention or failure, namely—
  - (a) if there is a label on or attached to the package—any person who appears from the label to have manufactured or prepared the poison or controlled substance or to have imported the poison or controlled substance into Victoria or to have enclosed or caused the poison or controlled substance to be enclosed in the package or to have been the

- wholesale dealer in the poison or controlled substance; or
- (b) if there is no label on or attached to the package or if there is a label on or attached to the package but the label does not disclose any of the particulars referred to in paragraph (a) any person who has previously sold or supplied the unopened package.
- (2) Any person to whom the provisions of subsection (1) applies shall be deemed to have sold or supplied the unopened package to the authorized officer as on the day and at the place where he purchased the package and shall be liable to the same penalty as if he had actually sold or supplied the unopened package to the authorized officer on that day and at that place.
- (3) It shall be a good defence to any prosecution brought under the provisions of this section if the person charged shows—
- (a) that the contravention or non-compliance is due to the act or default of some subsequent seller or supplier;
- (b) that the contravention or non-compliance is due to deterioration or other causes beyond the control of the person so charged;
- (c) where there is a label on or attached to the package, that he did not in fact attach the label or cause the label to be attached or enclose the poison or controlled substance in the package or cause the poison or controlled substance to be enclosed; or
- (d) where there is no label on the package or attached thereto that he purchased or obtained the poison or controlled substance already enclosed in a package from some other person and sold or supplied the

package in the condition in which he received it.

- (4) Nothing in this section shall affect the liability of any person selling or supplying an unopened package containing a poison or controlled substance to an authorized officer with respect to any contravention or non-compliance due to his default or to other causes within his control; and the conviction of any person under the foregoing provisions of this section shall not exonerate the person selling or supplying the unopened package or any other person from liability with respect to that contravention or non-compliance.
- (5) Without affecting the generality of the application of this or any other provision of this Act to firms or their members, where a firm appears from a label on or attached to a package containing a poison or controlled substance to have imported manufactured or prepared the poison or controlled substance or to have been the wholesale dealer in the poison or controlled substance or to have enclosed the poison or controlled substance in a package—
- (a) proceedings under this section may be taken (whether in the Magistrates' Court or otherwise) and penalties recovered accordingly against any member or members of the firm; and
- (b) this section shall be read and construed and have effect as if the name or names of the member or members of the firm had appeared on the label.

S. 44(5)(a)  
amended by  
No. 57/1989  
s. 3(Sch.  
item 59.5).

S. 44(6)  
inserted by  
No. 20/2016  
s. 117,  
repealed by  
No. 34/2019  
s. 19.

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**Division 13A—Authorised police employees  
and other authorised persons**

Pt 2 Div. 13A  
(Heading)  
amended by  
No. 9/2014  
s. 6.

Pt 2 Div. 13A  
(Heading and  
ss 44A, 44B)  
inserted by  
No. 52/2006  
s. 5.

**44A Chief Commissioner may authorise person to carry  
out functions of authorised police employee**

S. 44A  
inserted by  
No. 52/2006  
s. 5.

- (1) For the purposes of this Act, the Chief Commissioner of Police may in writing authorise, either generally or in a particular case, a Victoria Police employee or a class of Victoria Police employee to perform the powers, duties and functions of an authorised police employee under this Division.
- (2) An authority under subsection (1)—
  - (a) may be expressed to be in force for a period specified in the authority;
  - (b) may be expressed to be in force for an indefinite period;
  - (c) may apply generally or in a particular case.
- (3) The Chief Commissioner of Police may in writing revoke or vary an authority under subsection (1).

S. 44A(1)  
substituted by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.2).

**44B Powers, duties and functions of authorised police  
employee**

S. 44B  
inserted by  
No. 52/2006  
s. 5.

For the purpose of assisting an authorized officer in the performance of the authorized officer's powers, duties and functions under this Act or the regulations, an authorised police employee may do all or any of the following in relation to any

Schedule 9 poison, Schedule 8 poison or  
Schedule 4 poison or any drug of dependence—

- (a) receive, handle or store the poison or drug;
- (b) transfer, transport or deliver the poison or drug;
- (c) examine or analyse the poison or drug;
- (d) destroy the poison or drug.

S. 44C  
inserted by  
No. 9/2014  
s. 7.

**44C Other authorised persons**

- (1) The Chief Commissioner of Police may authorise a person or a class of person to obtain and possess a substance or thing specified in section 98(1) for one or both of the following purposes—
  - (a) supplying the substance or thing to a declared testing facility in accordance with an authorisation under section 98; or
  - (b) returning the substance or item to Victoria Police from a declared testing facility.
- (2) To the extent necessary to carry out the specified purpose, an authorisation under subsection (1) authorises a person to—
  - (a) receive, handle or store the substance or thing;
  - (b) transfer, transport or deliver the substance or thing.
- (3) An authorisation under subsection (1) must be in writing.
- (4) An authorisation under subsection (1) may—
  - (a) be expressed to apply generally or to a specified substance or thing; and
  - (b) be expressed to be in force—
    - (i) for a period specified in the authority;
    - or

- (ii) for an indefinite period; and
- (c) be subject to any conditions specified in the authority.

### **Division 14—Offences**

#### **45 Time within which charge-sheet to be filed**

A charge-sheet charging an offence against any of the provisions of this Act or the regulations (not being an indictable offence, whether or not that offence is capable of being determined summarily) shall be filed within three years from the time when the matter of the charge occurs and not afterwards.

S. 45  
(Heading)  
inserted by  
No. 68/2009  
s. 97(Sch.  
item 47.1).

S. 45  
amended by  
Nos 57/1989  
s. 3(Sch. item  
59.6(a)–(d)),  
68/2009  
s. 97(Sch.  
item 47.2).

#### **46 Offences**

Except insofar as it is otherwise by this Act expressly enacted every person who—

- (a) contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Part;
- (b) contravenes or fails to comply with any condition limitation or restriction to which any licence warrant or permit issued under this Part is subject;
- (c) purchases or obtains any poison or controlled substance and gives false information in answer to inquiries required by or under this Act to be made by the seller or supplier; or
- (d) signs his name as a witness to the sale or supply of a poison or controlled substance to a person unknown to him—

shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

S. 47  
amended by  
No. 10002  
ss 5(2)(d),  
14(c).

**47 Maximum sentence etc.**

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Act a person shall not on conviction for any offence of contravening or failing to comply with the regulations relating to—

- (a) the keeping of books; or
- (b) the issuing or dispensing of prescriptions containing substances or preparations to which this Part applies—

be sentenced to imprisonment or to pay a penalty of more than 5 penalty units if the court dealing with the case is satisfied that the offence was committed through inadvertence and was not preparatory to or committed in the course of or in connexion with the commission or intended commission of any other offence against this Act.

**48 Offence to receive certain moneys etc.**

Where for or in connexion with the manufacture sale or supply of a poison or controlled substance in contravention of this Act a person is proved to have in his possession or to have received money or any other valuable thing the person shall be deemed to have sold or supplied that poison or controlled substance in contravention of this Act unless the court hearing the matter is satisfied to the contrary.

S. 49  
amended by  
No. 54/1997  
s. 6(a).

**49 Obtaining licence by fraud**

Any person who for the purpose of obtaining for himself or for any other person the issue grant or renewal of a licence warrant or permit under this Act or an authority under Part IVA of this Act makes any declaration or statement which is false in any material particular or knowingly utters produces or makes use of a declaration or statement which is false in any material particular or a document which contains a declaration or

statement that is false in any material particular shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

**50 Immunity of authorized officers and authorised police employees**

No authorized officer or authorised police employee shall be in any way liable to any penalty in respect of anything done by him or her in the exercise of any power or in the performance of any duty conferred or imposed upon him or her pursuant to the provisions of this Act and the regulations.

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S. 50 (Heading) inserted by No. 52/2006 s. 6(1).

S. 50 amended by No. 52/2006 s. 6(2).

S. 51 repealed by No. 16/2004 s. 53.

**Division 15—Poison baits**

**52 Setting of poison baits**

(1) A person shall not set lay put or place or knowingly be a party to the setting laying putting or placing of a poison or controlled substance or any fluid or edible matter (not being sown seed or grain) which contains a poison or controlled substance in or upon any road or street or any land whatsoever.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to—

(a) the Secretary within the meaning of the **Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987** or any person acting on behalf of the Secretary with respect to the use of poisons or controlled substances for eradicating or controlling on any land pest animals or noxious weeds within the meaning of the **Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994**;

S. 52(2) amended by No. 52/1994 s. 97(Sch. 3 item 7.6).

S. 52(2)(a) amended by No. 41/1987 s. 103(Sch. 4 item 12.1), substituted by No. 52/1994 s. 97(Sch. 3 item 7.1), amended by No. 76/1998 s. 7.

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981  
No. 9719 of 1981

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S. 52(2)(b)  
amended by  
No. 52/1994  
s. 97(Sch. 3  
item 7.2).

- (b) the use of a poison or controlled substance or fluid or edible matter (not being sown seed or grain) which contains a poison or controlled substance by a person in or upon any land or premises owned or occupied by him for the purpose of destroying rats, mice or other small vermin commonly found in houses or pest animals within the meaning of the **Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994** (not being wildlife within the meaning of the **Wildlife Act 1975**) or for disinfecting sterilizing or cleansing purposes or for the purpose of manuring or fertilizing the land;
- (c) the use by an owner or occupier of land of a poison or controlled substance on or adjacent to his land for the purpose of killing or destroying any wildlife within the meaning of the **Wildlife Act 1975**—

S. 52(2)(c)(i)  
repealed by  
No. 52/1994  
s. 97(Sch. 3  
item 7.3).

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- (ii) which is noxious wildlife within the meaning of the **Wildlife Act 1975**; or
- (iii) under and in accordance with an authority or Order in Council published issued or granted under the **Wildlife Act 1975**;

S. 52(2)(d)  
amended by  
No. 21/1986  
s. 4.

- (d) the use by the council of a municipality (including the Corporation of the City of Melbourne and the Corporation of the City of Geelong) or by a local authority within the meaning of the **Public Contracts Act 1958** as in force immediately before the commencement of the **Public Contracts (Repeal) Act 1986** or by any body of persons corporate or unincorporate declared
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by the Governor in Council by Order published in the Government Gazette to be a body of persons to which this subsection applies of a poison or controlled substance in or upon any road street drain channel or land whatsoever for the purpose of—

- (i) destroying rats mice or other vermin (not being wildlife within the meaning of the **Wildlife Act 1975**) commonly found in houses or pest animals within the meaning of the **Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994**;  
S. 52(2)(d)(i) amended by No. 52/1994 s. 97(Sch. 3 item 7.4).
  - (ii) disinfecting sterilizing or cleansing;
  - (iii) manuring or fertilizing;
  - (iv) killing or destroying wildlife within the meaning of the **Wildlife Act 1975**, being wildlife the killing or destruction of which is authorized by or under that Act or that is noxious wildlife within the meaning of that Act; or  
S. 52(2)(d)(iv) amended by No. 52/1994 s. 97(Sch. 3 item 7.5).
  - (v) killing or destroying wildlife within the meaning of the **Wildlife Act 1975**, if the council acts under and in accordance with an authority issued or granted under that Act;
  - (e) the use of a poison or controlled substance for the purpose of carrying out a power authority function or duty conferred or imposed by or under an Act or in accordance with a licence permit warrant or other authority issued or granted under this Act or any other Act;
  - (f) the use of a poison or controlled substance for agricultural, pastoral or horticultural purposes (being a poison or controlled substance to which the **Agricultural and**  
S. 52(2)(f) amended by No. 13/2010 s. 48(a).
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**Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use)  
Act 1992** applies) for agricultural, pastoral or  
horticultural purposes—

if and only if the person who or the body of persons which uses a poison or controlled substance of fluid or edible matter in any of the circumstances mentioned in paragraph (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e) takes or causes to be taken all reasonable precautions to prevent access to the poison or controlled substance or the fluid or edible matter by any domestic animal and, if the poison or controlled substance is in a poison bait and is used for eradicating or controlling pest animals within the meaning of the **Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994**, complies with any applicable regulations under that Act.

S. 52(3)  
amended by  
No. 57/2012  
s. 4(1).

- (3) In this section a reference to a domestic animal is a reference to any cattle or any dog cat or fowl or any other animal of any other kind or species whatever (whether a quadruped or not) which is tame or which has been or is being sufficiently tamed to serve some purpose for the use of man.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (3), *cattle* includes any horse, mare, gelding, colt, filly, foal, bull, cow, ox, steer, heifer, calf, ram, ewe, sheep, lamb, ass, mule, goat or pig.

S. 52(4)  
inserted by  
No. 57/2012  
s. 4(2).

### 53 Regulations

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Act the Governor in Council may make regulations prohibiting the use, either absolutely or except under such circumstances or conditions or by such persons as may be prescribed, of any poison or controlled substance for the purpose of killing or destroying any animal or bird or for any other purpose whatsoever likely to cause death or harm to any animal or bird.

## **Division 16—Poisons in roads and waterways**

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(Heading)  
amended by  
No. 81/1989  
s. 3(Sch.  
item 10.1).

### **54 Special regulations**

- (1) Where in the interests of public safety it is expedient to provide for prohibiting controlling or regulating the putting or discharging or otherwise disposing of poisons or controlled substances or preparations thereof in on or into any road, street, channel, sewer, drain or waterway, the Governor in Council may make regulations for such purposes accordingly and may by those regulations impose penalties of not more than 50 penalty units for any breach of those regulations.
- (2) This section shall be read and construed as in aid of and not in derogation from any other Acts or enactments relating to the subject-matter of subsection (1).

S. 54(1)  
amended by  
Nos 10002  
s. 14(d),  
81/1989  
s. 3(Sch.  
item 10.2).

## **Division 17—Prohibition of poisons or controlled substances**

### **55 Prohibiting sale or supply of poisons or controlled substances**

- (1) Where the Minister is of the opinion that it is necessary to take urgent action in the interest of the health or safety of the public, he may, after consulting with the Secretary, recommend to the Governor in Council that the sale or supply use or a specified use or uses of a poison or controlled substance—
  - (a) should, subject to such terms and conditions as are specified in the recommendation, be—
    - (i) prohibited; or

S. 55(1)  
amended by  
Nos 10262  
s. 4, 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

(ii) restricted—

in the whole or any part of Victoria; or

(b) should, subject to such terms and conditions as are specified in the recommendation, be prohibited in part of Victoria and restricted in another part of Victoria—

for a period not exceeding three months.

(2) Where a recommendation is made to the Governor in Council under subsection (1), the Governor in Council may, by Order published in the Government Gazette prohibit or restrict the sale or supply or use of the poison or controlled substance in accordance with the recommendation.

(3) The Governor in Council may, on the recommendation of the Minister after consulting with the Secretary, by Order published in the Government Gazette—

(a) extend, or further extend, the period during which a prohibition or restriction under an Order made under subsection (2) is in force for a period not exceeding three months; and

(b) otherwise amend or revoke an Order made under subsection (2).

(4) Notice of an Order made under subsection (2) or subsection (3) shall be published in a daily newspaper and a rural weekly newspaper circulating throughout Victoria.

(5) A person who contravenes or fails to comply with an Order including an Order that is amended under subsection (3) or with the terms and conditions (if any) to which the Order is subject is guilty of an offence and liable to a penalty of not more than 50 penalty units.

S. 55(3)  
amended by  
Nos 10262  
s. 4, 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

S. 55(5)  
amended by  
No. 10002  
s. 14(d).

## **Part IIA—Trial of medically supervised injecting centre**

### **Division 1—Preliminary**

#### **55A Object**

The object of this Part is to provide for the trial of a medically supervised injecting centre as part of a scheme that aims—

- (a) to reduce the number of avoidable deaths and the harm caused by overdoses of drugs of dependence; and
- (b) to deliver more effective health services for clients of the licensed medically supervised injecting centre by providing a gateway to health and social assistance which includes drug treatment, rehabilitation support, health care, mental health treatment and support and counselling; and
- (c) to reduce attendance by ambulance services, paramedic services and emergency services and attendances at hospitals due to overdoses of drugs of dependence; and
- (d) to reduce the number of discarded needles and syringes in public places and the incidence of injecting of drugs of dependence in public places in the vicinity of the licensed medically supervised injecting centre; and
- (e) to improve the amenity of the neighbourhood for residents and businesses in the vicinity of the licensed medically supervised injecting centre; and
- (f) to assist in reducing the spread of blood-borne diseases in respect of clients of the licensed medically supervised injecting

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centre including, but not limited to, HIV and hepatitis C.

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**55B Meaning of *director* and *supervisor* of licensed medically supervised injecting centre**

- (1) For the purposes of this Act, a registered medical practitioner is the *director* of the licensed medically supervised injecting centre if—
  - (a) the practitioner is appointed by the licensee to—
    - (i) oversee the centre's operations generally; and
    - (ii) ensure compliance with the internal management protocols; and
    - (iii) ensure compliance with the conditions imposed on the medically supervised injecting centre licence; and
  - (b) no other registered medical practitioner is appointed by the licensee to perform that role; and
  - (c) the practitioner is not a supervisor.
- (2) For the purposes of this Act, a registered medical practitioner is a *supervisor* of the licensed medically supervised injecting centre—
  - (a) if the practitioner is appointed by the licensee or the director to—
    - (i) oversee the centre's clinical operations (but not the centre's operations generally); and
    - (ii) ensure the adequacy of the clinical procedures used at the centre; and
  - (b) whether or not the practitioner undertakes (and does not only oversee) any clinical activities at the centre; and

- (c) whether or not any other registered medical practitioner is appointed by the licensee or the director to perform that role.
- (3) A reference to the *director* or a *supervisor* of the licensed medically supervised injecting centre includes a reference to a registered medical practitioner acting in that role—
  - (a) during any illness or other absence of a person appointed to that role; or
  - (b) while there is a vacancy in that role.
- (4) The director, and each supervisor, of the licensed medically supervised injecting centre is taken to be a member of the staff of the licensed medically supervised injecting centre.

## **Division 2—Medically supervised injecting centre licence**

### **55C Medically supervised injecting centre may be licensed for trial period**

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- (1) The Secretary may issue to an entity a licence for the purposes of this Part for a facility at the permitted site.
- (2) The medically supervised injecting centre licence must not be issued unless—
  - (a) the Secretary has approved, under section 55E, internal management protocols for the proposed licensee; and
  - (b) the Secretary is satisfied that any other prescribed requirements have been satisfied.
- (3) The Secretary may refuse to issue the medically supervised injecting centre licence to an entity for any reason the Secretary thinks fit.

- (4) In issuing the medically supervised injecting centre licence, the Secretary may impose on the licence any conditions that the Secretary thinks fit.
- (5) The functions and powers of the Secretary under this section are not delegable.

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s. 7.

**55D Only one licence may be issued**

Only one medically supervised injecting centre licence may be issued.

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**55E Internal management protocols**

- (1) For the purposes of determining whether to issue the medically supervised injecting centre licence for a facility at the permitted site, the Secretary must consider whether to approve draft internal management protocols that are given to the Secretary by or on behalf of that entity.
- (2) The Secretary may approve the draft internal management protocols if satisfied that they are sufficient to support the issuing of the medically supervised injecting centre licence.
- (3) In determining whether to approve the draft internal management protocols, the Secretary must have regard to whether, if the medically supervised injecting centre licence were issued for the facility, the draft protocols would require—
  - (a) that the centre must have a director; and
  - (b) that the centre must be under the supervision of a supervisor at all times; and
  - (c) that the centre must be operated so as to facilitate access or referrals to the following—
    - (i) primary health care services including, but not limited to, mental health services, medical consultation and medical assessment services;

- (ii) drug and alcohol treatment services;
  - (iii) health education services;
  - (iv) opioid substitution treatment services;
  - (v) services for testing for blood-borne diseases and sexually transmissible diseases;
  - (vi) services involving a needle and syringe exchange program; and
- (d) that procedures must be established to enable staff of the centre to ascertain, in appropriate cases, whether a person seeking entry to the centre is a child; and
- (e) that the health and safety of staff of the centre and persons attending the centre must be protected, having regard to the design of the centre and the services of the centre; and
- (f) that services must be available and procedures must be established to ensure compliance, or the ability to comply, at or in connection with the centre with the requirements of—
- (i) this Part and the regulations made for the purposes of this Part; and
  - (ii) the licence conditions; and
  - (iii) the internal management protocols.
- (4) With the written approval of the Secretary, the internal management protocols may be amended or replaced from time to time.
- (5) The internal management protocols are subject to this Part, the regulations made for the purposes of this Part and the licence conditions and, in the case of any inconsistency, this Part, the regulations and the licence conditions prevail.

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**55F Trial period for licensed medically supervised injecting centre**

- (1) The medically supervised injecting centre licence—
  - (a) commences on a day specified in the licence; and
  - (b) remains in force until a day specified in the licence unless it is sooner—
    - (i) surrendered by the licensee; or
    - (ii) revoked by the Secretary.
- (2) The day specified under subsection (1)(b) must not be more than 24 months after the day specified under subsection (1)(a).
- (3) If satisfied that extending the period of the medically supervised injecting centre licence would further the object of this Part, the Secretary may do so by amending the licence to change the day specified under subsection (1)(b) to a day that is not later than 36 months after the day previously specified under that provision.
- (4) The period may be extended under subsection (3) only once.
- (5) The licensee may surrender the medically supervised injecting centre licence at any time after consultation with the Secretary.

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s. 7.

**55G Notices regarding licence**

- (1) On issuing the medically supervised injecting centre licence, the Secretary must publish in the Government Gazette a notice that states—
  - (a) that the licence has been issued; and
  - (b) the day specified under section 55F(1)(a) as the day on which the licence commences; and

- (c) the day specified under section 55F(1)(b) as the day until which the licence remains in force.
- (2) On extending the period of the medically supervised injecting centre licence under section 55F(3), the Secretary must publish in the Government Gazette a notice that states—
    - (a) that the period of the licence has been extended; and
    - (b) the day specified in the licence in accordance with section 55F(3) as the new day until which the licence remains in force.
  - (3) On suspending the medically supervised injecting centre licence under section 55I, or revoking the licence under section 55J, the Secretary must publish in the Government Gazette a notice that states—
    - (a) that the licence is suspended or revoked (as the case requires); and
    - (b) the day of the suspension or revocation; and
    - (c) if the licence is suspended, either—
      - (i) the period of the suspension set out in the notice referred to in section 55I(2)(b); or
      - (ii) that the licence is suspended until further notice.
  - (4) On reinstating the medically supervised injecting centre licence following a suspension of the licence, the Secretary must publish in the Government Gazette a notice that states—
    - (a) that the licence is reinstated; and
    - (b) the day of the reinstatement.
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**55H Conditions of medically supervised injecting centre licence**

- (1) The medically supervised injecting centre licence is subject to the following conditions—
  - (a) no child is to be admitted to any part of the licensed medically supervised injecting centre that is used for the purpose of the administration of any injecting centre drug;
  - (b) the internal management protocols must be observed at all times;
  - (c) the licensed medically supervised injecting centre must be operated in accordance with this Part and the regulations made for the purposes of this Part;
  - (d) any other prescribed licence conditions;
  - (e) any other conditions imposed by the Secretary under section 55C(4) or 55I(2)(c).
- (2) The Secretary may vary a condition imposed under section 55C(4) or 55I(2)(c) with the agreement of the licensee.
- (3) The Secretary may revoke a condition imposed under section 55C(4) or 55I(2)(c) with or without the agreement of the licensee.

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**55I Disciplinary action for contravening licence condition or internal management protocols**

- (1) This section applies if the Secretary is satisfied, whether as a result of the review under section 55P or otherwise, that—
  - (a) a condition imposed on a medically supervised injecting centre licence has been contravened; or
  - (b) the internal management protocols have been contravened.

- (2) The Secretary may, as the Secretary considers appropriate, do all or any of the following—
- (a) issue a written warning or reprimand to the licensee;
  - (b) by written notice to the licensee, suspend the medically supervised injecting centre licence for a specified period or until further notice;
  - (c) by written notice to the licensee, impose a new condition on the licence;
  - (d) require the internal management protocols to be amended or replaced in accordance with a direction of the Secretary;
  - (e) amend the licence;
  - (f) vary a condition imposed under section 55C(4) or paragraph (c).

**Note**

The Secretary may also revoke the medically supervised injecting centre licence in these circumstances—see section 55J.

- (3) The suspension of the medically supervised injecting centre licence does not alter the day on which the licence ceases to be in force under section 55F(1)(b).

**55J Secretary's power to revoke licence**

The Secretary may revoke the medically supervised injecting centre licence—

- (a) if the Secretary is satisfied, whether as a result of the review under section 55P or otherwise, that—
  - (i) the licensee is not a fit and proper person to hold the licence; or
  - (ii) the director or another person concerned in the management of the licensed medically supervised injecting

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- centre is not a fit and proper person to be concerned in the management of the centre; or
- (iii) a condition imposed on a medically supervised injecting centre licence has been contravened; or
  - (iv) the internal management protocols have been contravened; or
  - (v) for any other reason, it is appropriate to revoke the licence in the circumstances; or
- (b) by agreement with the licensee; or
- (c) for a prescribed reason.

### **Division 3—Miscellaneous**

#### **55K Exemptions from criminal liability and authorizations for clients of centre**

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- (1) A person who is a client of the licensed medically supervised injecting centre who uses, supplies, possesses or administers a drug of dependence that is an injecting centre drug in a permitted quantity of injecting centre drug in the centre is exempt from liability for an offence against Part V or the regulations which is constituted by that use, supply, possession or administration of that drug of dependence.
- (2) A person referred to in subsection (1) is taken, for the purposes of Part V, to be authorized by this Act to carry out that activity.
- (3) Nothing in this section exempts a person referred to in subsection (1), or affects any condition or obligation imposed on a person referred to in subsection (1), by or under any court order, tribunal order or by or under any other Act or law, including, but not limited to—

- (a) any sentencing order under the **Sentencing Act 1991**; or
- (b) any parole condition or bail condition; or
- (c) any order under the **Crimes (Mental Impairment and Unfitness to be Tried) Act 1997**; or
- (d) any supervision order or detention order (including any interim supervision order or interim detention order) under the **Serious Sex Offenders (Detention and Supervision) Act 2009**; or
- (da) any order under the **Serious Offenders Act 2018**; or
- (e) any other prescribed law.

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s. 49.

**55L Exemptions from criminal liability and authorizations for licensee and staff**

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s. 7.

- (1) The licensee and each member of the staff of the licensed medically supervised injecting centre is exempt from liability for an offence against Part V or the regulations constituted by the supply or possession of a drug of dependence in the centre if the supply or possession occurs in the operation of the centre, whether or not the drug of dependence is an injecting centre drug in a permitted quantity of that injecting centre drug.
- (2) A person referred to in subsection (1) is taken, for the purposes of Part V, to be authorized by this Act to carry out that supply or possession.
- (3) The licensee, each member of the staff at the permitted site (other than a member of the staff of the licensed medically supervised injecting centre), the owner of the permitted site and each occupier of the permitted site is exempt from liability for an offence against Part V constituted

by the possession of a drug of dependence at the site if the possession—

- (a) arises by operation of section 5; and
  - (b) occurs in the operation of the centre, whether or not the drug of dependence is an injecting centre drug in a permitted quantity of that injecting centre drug.
- (4) A person referred to in subsection (3) is taken, for the purposes of Part V, to be authorized by this Act to carry out that possession.

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#### **55M Police discretions not affected**

Nothing in section 55K affects any discretion a police officer may exercise in relation to not charging a person with an offence against Part V for possession of a drug of dependence which is an injecting centre drug in a permitted quantity of injecting centre drug when a person—

- (a) is travelling to or from the licensed medically supervised injecting centre for the purposes of attending the centre; or
- (b) is in the vicinity of the licensed medically supervised injecting centre for the purposes of attending the centre.

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s. 7.

#### **55N Exemption from civil liability**

- (1) This section applies to the following—
- (a) the licensee of the licensed medically supervised injecting centre;
  - (b) a member of the staff at the permitted site;
  - (c) the owner of the permitted site;
  - (d) an occupier of the permitted site;
  - (e) a trustee or a member of a committee of management or of a board (however described) of—
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- (i) the licensee; or
  - (ii) the owner of the permitted site;
  - (iii) an occupier of the permitted site.
- (2) A person to whom this section applies is not subject to any civil liability for doing or omitting to do a thing—
- (a) in good faith; and
  - (b) in carrying out any duty or function in relation to the operation of the licensed medically supervised injecting centre; and
  - (c) in the case of an act or omission that is subject to this Part or regulations made for the purposes of this Part, in accordance with this Part or those regulations.
- (3) Without limiting subsection (2), that subsection applies to an act or omission that—
- (a) relates to the supply or possession of a drug of dependence in the licensed medically supervised injecting centre, whether or not the drug of dependence is an injecting centre drug in a permitted quantity of that injecting centre drug; and
  - (b) satisfies the requirements set out in subsection (2)(a), (b) and (c).
- (4) Without limiting subsection (2), a member of the staff at the permitted site who acts, or fails to act, under this Part or the regulations made for the purposes of this Part in the reasonable belief that the act or omission is in accordance with this Part or those regulations does not commit—
- (a) unprofessional conduct within the meaning and for the purposes of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law; or

- (b) a breach of professional etiquette or ethics or any other code of conduct.
- (5) Subsections (2), (3) and (4) do not apply if the thing done or omitted to be done was due to negligence.
- (6) Nothing in this section affects any rights or obligations between a member of the staff at the permitted site and the person who engages (whether by employment or otherwise) the person for that role.
- (7) Nothing in this section affects or limits any Crown immunity that applies to a person who exercises a power or function under this Part.

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**55O Planning permit not required**

Nothing in a planning scheme or a planning amendment under the **Planning and Environment Act 1987** is to be taken to require a planning permit in relation to the operation of the licensed medically supervised injecting centre.

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**55P Review of this Part and licensing of medically supervised injecting centre for trial period**

- (1) The Minister must arrange for a review to be conducted of—
  - (a) the operation and use of the licensed medically supervised injecting centre; and
  - (b) the extent to which the object of this Part has been advanced during the period of the medically supervised injecting centre licence; and
  - (c) how this Part and any regulations made for the purposes of this Part have operated and whether they require amendment.

- (2) The review—
- (a) must be commenced no later than 12 months after the day on which the medically supervised injecting centre licence commences; and
  - (b) may be completed before or after the licence ceases to have effect.
- (3) The Minister is authorised to access, collect, use and disclose any data or information required to complete the review subject to—
- (a) in the case of health information within the meaning of the **Health Records Act 2001**, the access, collection, use and disclosure being in accordance with that Act and the Health Privacy Principles; and
  - (b) in the case of personal information within the meaning of the **Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014**, the access, collection, use and disclosure being in accordance with that Act and the Information Privacy Principles.
- (4) The Minister must cause a copy of the review to be tabled before each House of the Parliament as soon as practicable after the review is completed.

**55Q Regulations for this Part**

- (1) The Governor in Council may make regulations for or with respect to—
- (a) prescribing standards for the operation of the licensed medically supervised injecting centre;
  - (b) prescribing the content and use of internal management protocols;

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- (c) prescribing a drug of dependence, or a class of drug of dependence, as an injecting centre drug;
  - (d) prescribing permitted quantities of injecting centre drugs;
  - (e) prescribing matters relating to the use, supply, possession or administration of injecting centre drugs and permitted quantities of injecting centre drugs;
  - (f) qualifications or experience of persons engaged in the operation of the licensed medically supervised injecting centre, including, but not limited to, staff of the centre;
  - (g) functions of persons engaged in the operation of the licensed medically supervised injecting centre, including, but not limited to, staff of the centre;
  - (h) prescribing any other matter or thing required to be prescribed by this Part or necessary to be prescribed to give effect to this Part.
- (2) Regulations made under this section—
- (a) may be of general or limited application; and
  - (b) may differ according to differences in time, place or circumstance; and
  - (c) may confer powers or discretions or impose duties on any person or other entity or on a specified person or other entity or class of persons or other entities; and
  - (d) may provide in a specified case or class of cases for the exemption of persons, other entities or things or a class of persons, other entities or things from any of the provisions of the regulations—
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- (i) whether unconditionally or on specified conditions; and
- (ii) either wholly or to the extent specified in the regulations.

**55R Repeal of this Part and related amendments**

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s. 7.

- (1) This Part is repealed on the sixth anniversary of its commencement.
- (2) On the repeal of this Part, the medically supervised injecting centre licence is revoked, if it is still in force on that repeal.
- (3) On the repeal of this Part—
  - (a) in section 4(1), the definitions of *child*, *director*, *injecting centre drug*, *internal management protocols*, *licensed medically supervised injecting centre*, *medically supervised injecting centre licence*, *permitted quantity of injecting centre drug*, *permitted site*, *staff* and *supervisor* are **repealed**;
  - (b) section 41(5) is **repealed**;
  - (c) section 42(1)(ad) is **repealed**;
  - (d) section 118(8) is **repealed**;
  - (e) section 119(eb) is **repealed**;
  - (f) section 129(1)(ea) is **repealed**;
  - (g) section 132(ua) is **repealed**.

## Part III—Manufacture of heroin

### 56 Manufacture of heroin etc.

S. 56(1)  
amended by  
Nos 10262  
s. 4, 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

(1) On the recommendation of the Minister, made after consulting with the Secretary, the Governor in Council may licence a fit and proper person to manufacture and sell or supply heroin by wholesale.

(2) Where a licence is in force under subsection (1), no other licence shall be in force under that subsection for any period during which the first-mentioned licence is in force.

S. 56(3)  
amended by  
Nos 10262  
s. 4, 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

(3) On the recommendation of the Minister, made after consulting with the Secretary, the Governor in Council may licence a fit and proper person to formulate heroin.

(4) For the purposes of this section, a person formulates heroin if he prepares or does any act for the purpose of or in the course of preparing heroin in a form suitable for human therapeutic use.

(5) Where a licence is in force under subsection (3) no other licence under that subsection shall be in force for any period during which the first-mentioned licence is in force.

S. 56(6)  
amended by  
Nos 10262  
s. 4, 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

(6) The Governor in Council may on the recommendation of the Minister, made after consulting with the Secretary, grant or refuse to grant a licence under subsection (1) or subsection (3).

- (7) A licence under subsection (1) or subsection (3)—
- (a) shall remain in force for such period as is specified in the licence;
  - (b) shall be subject to such conditions, limitations and restrictions (if any) as the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Minister determines and specifies in the licence;
  - (c) shall specify—
    - (i) the premises at which heroin may be manufactured or formulated by the licensee;
    - (ii) the quantity or quantities of heroin which may be manufactured or formulated by the licensee; and
    - (iii) the premises at which the licensee may store or keep heroin or any ingredient used in the manufacture of heroin for the purposes of manufacture or sale or supply by wholesale or for formulation under the licence; and
  - (d) may at any time be revoked or suspended by the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Minister.
- (8) A licence under subsection (1) or subsection (3) shall authorize the manufacture and sale or supply of heroin by wholesale or the formulation of heroin (as the case may be) only at the premises and in the quantities specified in the licence, and authorize the storage or keeping of heroin or any ingredient used in the manufacture of heroin for the purposes of manufacture and sale or supply by wholesale or formulation only at the premises specified in the licence.

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S. 56(9)  
amended by  
Nos 10262  
s. 4, 23/1994  
s. 118(Sch. 1  
item 17.12),  
46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

(9) The Secretary may by instrument permit a registered medical practitioner or pharmacist to purchase or otherwise obtain from a person in respect of whom a licence is in force under subsection (1) or subsection (3) such quantities of heroin as are specified in the permit and to use the heroin so obtained for such medicinal purposes as are specified in the permit.

S. 56(10)  
amended by  
Nos 10262  
s. 4, 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

(10) The Secretary may by instrument permit a fit and proper person to purchase or otherwise obtain from a person in respect of whom a licence is in force under subsection (1) or subsection (3) such quantity or quantities of heroin as are specified in the permit and to use the heroin so obtained for such educational experimental or research purposes and at such university or other institution as are specified in the permit.

S. 56(11)  
amended by  
Nos 10262  
s. 4, 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1),  
12/1999  
s. 4(Sch. 2  
item 4.1).

(11) On application in that behalf the Secretary may in the Secretary's discretion grant or refuse to grant a permit under subsection (9) or subsection (10).

(12) A permit under subsection (9) or subsection (10)—

S. 56(12)(b)  
amended by  
Nos 10262  
s. 4, 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

- (a) shall remain in force for such period as is specified in the permit;
  - (b) shall be subject to such conditions, limitations and restrictions (if any) as the Secretary determines and specifies in the permit; and
  - (c) shall specify the quantity or quantities of heroin that may be obtained under the permit and the purposes for which the heroin so obtained may be used by the person to whom the permit is granted.
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(13) The provisions of sections 22A, 22C, 37(1) and 37(2) shall not apply to any licence granted under this section.

**S. 56(13)**  
amended by  
**No. 12/1994**  
s. 17(1).

(14) A person who—

**S. 56(14)**  
amended by  
**No. 10002**  
s. 14(e).

- (a) being the holder of an appropriate licence under subsection (1) or subsection (3)—sells or supplies heroin to a person other than a person permitted under this section to purchase or obtain heroin or otherwise than in accordance with any permit granted under this section;
- (b) being the holder of an appropriate licence under subsection (1) or subsection (3)—manufactures or formulates heroin otherwise than in accordance with the licence; or
- (c) being the holder of a permit under this section—uses, supplies or administers heroin otherwise than in accordance with the permit—

shall be guilty of an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for a term of not more than five years or to a penalty of not more than 250 penalty units or to both such penalty and imprisonment.

## Part IIIA—Psychoactive substances

Pt 3A  
(Heading and  
ss 56A–56F)  
inserted by  
No. 40/2017  
s. 8.

### 56A Definitions

S. 56A  
inserted by  
No. 40/2017  
s. 8.

(1) In this Part—

*advertisement* means—

- (a) any words, whether written or spoken;  
or
- (b) any pictorial representation or design;  
or
- (c) any other representation by any means  
at all;

*produce* means make, prepare, process, extract,  
refine, package or label.

(2) The definition of *label* in section 4(1) does not  
apply to this Part.

### 56B Burden of proof

S. 56B  
inserted by  
No. 40/2017  
s. 8.

Section 104 does not apply to an offence against  
this Part.

### 56C Representation that not for human consumption not a defence

S. 56C  
inserted by  
No. 40/2017  
s. 8.

It is not a defence to a charge for an offence  
against this Part that any labelling of, or  
representation made about, a substance indicates  
that it is not for human consumption.

**56D Offence to produce psychoactive substance**

A person must not produce a substance that the person knows or reasonably suspects is a psychoactive substance.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
240 penalty units or imprisonment  
for 2 years or both;  
In the case of a body corporate,  
1200 penalty units.

S. 56D  
inserted by  
No. 40/2017  
s. 8.

**56E Offence to sell or supply psychoactive substance**

(1) A person must not sell a substance that the person knows or reasonably suspects is a psychoactive substance.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
240 penalty units or imprisonment  
for 2 years or both;  
In the case of a body corporate,  
1200 penalty units.

(2) A person must not, in the course of carrying out a commercial activity, supply to another person a substance that the person knows or reasonably suspects is a psychoactive substance.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
240 penalty units or imprisonment  
for 2 years or both;  
In the case of a body corporate,  
1200 penalty units.

S. 56E  
inserted by  
No. 40/2017  
s. 8.

S. 56F  
inserted by  
No. 40/2017  
s. 8.

**56F Offence to advertise psychoactive substance**

- (1) A person must not display or cause or permit to be displayed on or inside a public place or a vehicle or vessel that is in a public place an advertisement that the person intends as a promotion of the consumption, sale or supply of a psychoactive substance or psychoactive substances generally.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
240 penalty units or imprisonment  
for 2 years or both;

In the case of a body corporate,  
1200 penalty units.

- (2) A person must not display or cause or permit to be displayed on or inside a public place or a vehicle or vessel that is in a public place an advertisement if the person knows that there is a substantial risk that the consumption, sale or supply of a psychoactive substance or psychoactive substances generally may be promoted by that advertisement.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
240 penalty units or imprisonment  
for 2 years or both;

In the case of a body corporate,  
1200 penalty units.

**Part IV—Deleterious substances and search,  
seizure and detention powers relating to  
volatile substances**

Pt 4 (Heading  
and ss 57–62)  
substituted as  
Pt 4 (Heading  
and ss 57–60)  
by No. 10002  
s. 6(1)(a)(b).

Pt 4 (Heading)  
amended by  
No. 55/2003  
ss 3(1).

**Division 1—Deleterious substances**

Pt 4 Div. 1  
(Heading)  
inserted by  
No. 55/2003  
s. 3(2).

**57 Definitions**

S. 57  
substituted by  
No. 10002  
s. 6(1)(b).

(1) In this Part—

*deleterious substances* means—

- (a) methylated spirits; or
- (b) volatile substances;

*methylated spirits* means—

- (a) any spirit which has been methylated or denatured under the provisions of the Commonwealth Act known as the Spirits Act 1906 as amended and in force for the time being or the regulations under that Act;
- (b) methyl alcohol and wood spirit;
- (c) any other spirit to which any methylating substance has been added;  
or
- (d) any potable liquid with which methylated spirits as defined in paragraphs (a), (b) or (c) is mixed;

S. 57(1) def. of  
*volatile  
substance*  
amended by  
No. 40/2017  
s. 9.

*volatile substance* means—

- (a) plastic solvent, adhesive cement, cleaning agent, glue, dope, nail polish remover, lighter fluid, gasoline, or any other volatile product derived from petroleum, paint thinner, lacquer thinner, aerosol propellant or anaesthetic gas; or
  - (b) any substance declared pursuant to subsection (2) by the Governor in Council to be a volatile substance.
- (2) The Governor in Council may by Order published in the Government Gazette declare a substance to be a volatile substance for the purposes of this Part.
- (3) The Governor in Council may by Order published in the Government Gazette vary or revoke an Order under subsection (2).

S. 58  
substituted by  
No. 10002  
s. 6(1)(b).

## **58 Sale of deleterious substances**

- (1) Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Act or the regulations, a person shall not sell a deleterious substance to another person if the first-mentioned person knows or reasonably ought to have known or has reasonable cause to believe that the other person intends—
- (a) to use the substance by drinking, inhaling, administering or otherwise introducing it into his body; or
  - (b) to sell or supply the substance to a third person for use by that third person in a manner mentioned in paragraph (a).

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) is guilty of an offence under this Act and shall be liable—

(a) where the offence relates to methylated spirits—

to a penalty of not more than 5 penalty units or imprisonment for a term of not more than one month or both that penalty and imprisonment;

(b) where the offence relates to a volatile substance—

to a penalty of not more than 50 penalty units or imprisonment for a term of not more than two years or both that penalty and imprisonment.

#### **59 Matters to which this Part does not apply**

This Part does not apply to—

(a) the sale of deleterious substances for a purpose authorized by or under this Act or for a prescribed purpose or for a purpose authorized by or under any other Act or the regulations made under the other Act; or

(b) the sale of deleterious substances for the purpose of use by another person, being a use which is authorized by or under this Act or is a prescribed use or is a use authorized by or under another Act or the regulations made under that other Act.

**S. 59**  
substituted by  
**No. 10002**  
s. 6(1)(b).

#### **60 Evidence**

(1) In proceedings for an offence against section 58 production of evidence that—

(a) on any article or substance;

(b) on any package or other container in which there is an article or substance; or

**S. 60**  
substituted by  
**No. 10002**  
s. 6(1)(b).

- (c) on any label or thing affixed, attached or connected to an article or substance or a package or container in which there is an article or substance—

there is a statement that the particular article or substance is or contains a volatile substance is prima facie evidence that the particular article or substance is or contains a volatile substance.

- (2) In proceedings for an offence against section 58 production of evidence that an article contains or a substance is a residue or vapour of a volatile substance is prima facie evidence that the article or substance is or contains a volatile substance.

## **Division 2—Volatile substances**

Pt 4 Div. 2  
(Heading and  
ss 60A–60T)  
inserted by  
No. 55/2003  
s. 4.

S. 60A  
inserted by  
No. 55/2003  
s. 4.

### **60A Purpose of Division**

- (1) The purpose of this Division is to protect the health and welfare of persons under 18 years of age.
- (2) Nothing in this Division makes it an offence or is to be taken to create an offence—
- (a) for a person to possess or have in the person's control a volatile substance or an item used to inhale a volatile substance; or
- (b) for a person to inhale a volatile substance.

**60B Police or protective services officer to take into account the best interests of person under 18 years of age**

In the exercise of any powers under this Division in relation to a person under 18 years of age, a police officer or a protective services officer must take into account the best interests of the person.

S. 60B  
(Heading)  
amended by  
No. 43/2011  
s. 19(1).  
S. 60B  
inserted by  
No. 55/2003  
s. 4,  
amended by  
Nos 43/2011  
s. 19(2),  
37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.3).

**60BA Protective services officer may exercise police powers under this Division**

S. 60BA  
inserted by  
No. 43/2011  
s. 20.

- (1) Subject to subsection (3), a protective services officer on duty at a designated place may exercise all the powers and has all the responsibilities given to or imposed on a police officer under this Division other than section 60M(4) and (5).
- (2) Any reference in this Division to an action taken by a police officer includes any action taken by a protective services officer exercising the powers of a police officer in reliance on subsection (1).
- (3) A protective services officer may only exercise the powers under this Division in relation to a person who is at, or in the vicinity of, a designated place.
- (4) Subsection (5) applies if a protective services officer—
  - (a) has detained a person who is under 18 years of age under section 60L; and
  - (b) after taking all reasonable steps, has been unable to release the person into the care of a suitable person in accordance with section 60M(3).

S. 60BA(1)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.4(a)).

S. 60BA(2)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.4(a)).

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(5) The protective services officer—

- (a) may release the detained person; or
- (b) subject to section 60M(2), may continue to detain the person until the person can be handed into the custody of a police officer.

S. 60BA(5)(b)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.4(a)).

(6) In taking an action under subsection (5), a protective services officer must take the action which he or she reasonably believes is the most appropriate in the circumstances.

S. 60BA(7)  
substituted by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.4(b)),  
repealed by  
No. 45/2017  
s. 17.

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S. 60C  
inserted by  
No. 55/2003  
s. 4.

**60C Where can police powers under this Division be exercised?**

(1) A police officer may only exercise the powers under this Division in relation to a person who is—

- (a) in a public place; or
- (b) on private premises, if consent to enter the premises is given to the police officer—
  - (i) by the occupier of those premises; or
  - (ii) where there is no occupier of those premises, the owner of the premises.

S. 60C(1)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.5(a)).

S. 60C(1)(b)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.5(b)).

S. 60C(2)  
repealed by  
No. 40/2017  
s. 10.

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**60D Police may use reasonable force**

A police officer may use such force as is reasonably necessary when—

- (a) conducting a search under section 60E or 60F;
- (b) seizing a volatile substance or an item used to inhale a volatile substance under section 60J or 60K;
- (c) apprehending and detaining a person under section 60L.

S. 60D  
inserted by  
No. 55/2003  
s. 4,  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.6).

**60E Police may search person under 18 years of age without warrant**

Subject to sections 60G and 60H, a police officer, without warrant, may search a person and any vehicle, package or thing in that person's possession or under his or her control for a volatile substance or an item used to inhale a volatile substance if the police officer has reasonable grounds for suspecting that the person—

- (a) is under 18 years of age; and
- (b) has in his or her possession or under his or her control a volatile substance or an item used to inhale a volatile substance; and
- (c) is inhaling or will inhale a volatile substance.

S. 60E  
inserted by  
No. 55/2003  
s. 4,  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.7).

**60F Search of person irrespective of age without warrant**

- (1) Subject to sections 60G and 60H, a police officer, without warrant, may search a person and any vehicle, package or thing in that person's possession or under his or her control for a volatile substance or an item used to inhale a volatile substance if the police officer has

S. 60F  
inserted by  
No. 55/2003  
s. 4.

S. 60F(1)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.8(a)).

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reasonable grounds for suspecting that the person  
intends to provide—

- (a) a volatile substance to a person under  
18 years of age to inhale; or
- (b) an item to a person under 18 years of age to  
use to inhale a volatile substance.

S. 60F(2)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.8(b)).

- (2) A police officer may search a person under  
subsection (1) irrespective of the age of the  
person.

S. 60G  
inserted by  
No. 55/2003  
s. 4.

**60G Before search, police to identify self**

S. 60G(1)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item  
47.9(a)(i)(ii)).

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), before a police officer  
commences a search of a person under  
section 60E or 60F, the police officer must—

S. 60G(1)(a)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item  
47.9(a)(iii)).

- (a) inform the person of the police officer's  
name, rank and place of duty; and

- (b) if requested by the person, provide the  
information referred to in paragraph (a) in  
writing; and

S. 60G(1)(c)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item  
47.9(a)(ii)(iii)).

- (c) produce the police officer's identification for  
inspection by the person, unless the police  
officer is in uniform.

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(2) A police officer is not required to comply with subsection (1) if the police officer believes on reasonable grounds that—

S. 60G(2)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.9(b)).

(a) the person is unable to understand the information because of the effects of inhaling a volatile substance; or

(b) it is otherwise impracticable to do so.

**60H Before search, police to give information and request production of substance or item**

S. 60H  
inserted by  
No. 55/2003  
s. 4.

(1) Subject to subsection (2), before a police officer commences a search of a person under section 60E or 60F, the police officer must—

S. 60H(1)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.10(a)).

(a) inform the person that, although it is not an offence to possess a volatile substance or an item used to inhale a volatile substance or to inhale a volatile substance, in certain circumstances and using reasonable force, the police officer may—

S. 60H(1)(a)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item  
47.10(a)(ii)).

(i) search a person for a volatile substance; and

(ii) seize a volatile substance or item used to inhale a volatile substance that is in a person's possession or under a person's control; and

(b) request the person to produce to the police officer any volatile substance or item used to inhale a volatile substance that is in the person's possession or under the person's control.

S. 60H(1)(b)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item  
47.10(a)(ii)).

S. 60H(2)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.10(b)).

- (2) A police officer is not required to comply with subsection (1) if the police officer believes on reasonable grounds that—
- (a) the person is unable to understand the information and request because of the effects of inhaling a volatile substance; or
  - (b) it is otherwise impracticable to do so.

S. 60I  
inserted by  
No. 55/2003  
s. 4.

**60I Request for explanation before seizure of volatile substances and items used to inhale volatile substances**

S. 60I(1)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.11(a)).

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), if, during the course of conducting a search of a person under section 60E or 60F, a police officer detects a volatile substance or item used to inhale a volatile substance, the police officer must ask the person why he or she is carrying or possessing that volatile substance or item.

S. 60I(2)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.11(b)).

- (2) A police officer is not required to comply with subsection (1) if the police officer believes on reasonable grounds that—
- (a) the person is unable to understand the request for the explanation referred to in that subsection because of the effects of inhaling a volatile substance; or
  - (b) it is otherwise impracticable to do so.

S. 60J  
inserted by  
No. 55/2003  
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s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.12).

**60J Seizure of volatile substances and items used to inhale when explanation given**

A police officer may seize a volatile substance or an item used to inhale a volatile substance that is detected during the course of conducting a search under section 60E or 60F if, on hearing the explanation requested under section 60I, the police officer has reasonable grounds for suspecting that the person—

- (a) is under 18 years of age and is inhaling or will inhale a volatile substance; or
- (b) intends to provide the volatile substance detected to a person under 18 years of age to inhale; or
- (c) intends to provide the item detected to a person under 18 years of age to use to inhale a volatile substance.

**60K Seizure of volatile substances and items used to inhale when no explanation given**

S. 60K  
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No. 55/2003  
s. 4,  
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No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.13(a)).

A police officer may seize a volatile substance or an item used to inhale a volatile substance that is detected during the course of conducting a search under section 60E or 60F if—

- (a) no explanation referred to in section 60I has been given; and
- (b) the police officer has reasonable grounds for suspecting that the person—
  - (i) is under 18 years of age and is inhaling or will inhale a volatile substance; or
  - (ii) intends to provide the volatile substance detected to a person under 18 years of age to inhale; or
  - (iii) intends to provide the item detected to a person under 18 years of age to use to inhale a volatile substance.

S. 60K(b)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.13(b)).

## 60L Apprehension and detention

S. 60L  
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No. 55/2003  
s. 4.

S. 60L(1)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.14(a)).

- (1) A police officer may apprehend and detain a person if the police officer has reasonable grounds for believing that the person—
- (a) is under 18 years of age; and
  - (b) is inhaling a volatile substance or has recently inhaled a volatile substance; and
  - (c) is likely by act or neglect to cause immediate serious bodily harm to himself or herself or to some other person.

S. 60L(2)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.14(b)).

- (2) A police officer may apprehend and detain a person under subsection (1) irrespective of whether—
- (a) the person was searched under section 60E or 60F; or
  - (b) any volatile substance or item used to inhale a volatile substance—
    - (i) was seized as a result of such a search; or
    - (ii) was produced in accordance with a request under section 60H(1)(b) and received by a police officer.

S. 60L(2)(b)(ii)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.14(b)).

S. 60L(3)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.14(b)).

- (3) Subject to subsection (4), on apprehending and detaining a person under subsection (1) or as soon as practicable thereafter, a police officer must inform the person that—
- (a) the person is not under arrest in relation to any alleged offence; and

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(b) the person is apprehended and detained with the intention of preventing the person causing immediate serious bodily harm to himself or herself or to some other person.

(4) A police officer is not required to comply with subsection (3) if the police officer believes on reasonable grounds that—

S. 60L(4)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.14(c)).

(a) the person is unable to understand the information referred to in that subsection because of the effects of inhaling a volatile substance; or

(b) it is otherwise impracticable to do so.

**60M How long may a person be detained and where?**

S. 60M  
inserted by  
No. 55/2003  
s. 4.

(1) A person who has been apprehended and detained under section 60L must be released immediately upon it becoming known to a police officer that the person is not under 18 years of age.

S. 60M(1)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.15(a)).

(2) A person who has been apprehended and detained under section 60L and who is under 18 years of age may only be detained for as long as a police officer has reasonable grounds for believing that the person—

S. 60M(2)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.15(a)).

(a) has recently inhaled a volatile substance; and

(b) is likely by act or neglect to cause immediate serious bodily harm to himself or herself or to some other person.

(3) Subject to subsection (2), as soon as practicable after apprehending and detaining under section 60L a person who is under 18 years of age, a police officer must release the person into the care of a suitable person who—

S. 60M(3)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item  
47.15(b)(i)).

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S. 60M(3)(a)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item  
47.15(b)(ii)).

(a) the police officer reasonably believes is  
capable of taking care of the detained person;  
and

(b) consents to taking care of the detained  
person.

**Note**

Depending on the circumstances of each case, a suitable person may include the detained person's parent, guardian or another adult family member or an employee of an appropriate health or welfare agency.

S. 60M(4)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.15(c)).

(4) If a police officer, after taking all reasonable steps, has been unable to release the detained person into the care of a suitable person in accordance with subsection (3), the police officer—

(a) may release the detained person; or

(b) subject to subsection (2), may continue to detain that person.

S. 60M(5)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.15(c)).

(5) In taking an action under subsection (4), a police officer must take the action which he or she reasonably believes is the most appropriate in the circumstances.

S. 60M(6)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.15(c)).

(6) A police officer must not detain a person under section 60L in—

(a) a police gaol within the meaning of the  
**Corrections Act 1986**; or

(b) a police cell or lock-up.

S. 60M(7)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.15(c)).

(7) A police officer must not interview or question a person who is apprehended and detained under section 60L in relation to any offence or alleged offence.

**60N Return of seized or produced volatile substances  
and items used to inhale volatile substances**

S. 60N  
inserted by  
No. 55/2003  
s. 4.

(1) A police officer who—

S. 60N(1)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.16).

(a) receives a volatile substance or an item used to inhale a volatile substance which is produced in accordance with a request under section 60H(1)(b); or

(b) seizes a volatile substance or an item used to inhale a volatile substance under section 60J or 60K—

must, as soon as practicable after receiving or seizing the volatile substance or an item used to inhale a volatile substance, inform the person from whom the volatile substance or item was received or seized of his or her right to have it returned.

(2) A person from whom a volatile substance or item used to inhale a volatile substance was received when it was produced in accordance with a request under section 60H(1)(b) may apply at the place of duty of the police officer who received the volatile substance or item for its return within 7 days after it was so received.

S. 60N(2)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.16).

(3) A person from whom a volatile substance or item used to inhale a volatile substance was seized under section 60J or 60K may apply at the place of duty of the police officer who seized the volatile substance or item for its return within 7 days after it was seized.

S. 60N(3)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.16).

(4) A volatile substance or an item used to inhale a volatile substance that is received by a police officer when it was produced in accordance with a request under section 60H(1)(b) or seized under section 60J or 60K may only be returned to a person under 18 years of age if the person is

S. 60N(4)  
amended by  
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accompanied by a parent or guardian when  
collecting the volatile substance or item.

S. 60O  
inserted by  
No. 55/2003  
s. 4.

**60O Disposal or making safe of volatile substances and  
items used to inhale volatile substances**

Despite section 60N, a volatile substance or an  
item used to inhale a volatile substance received  
when it was produced in accordance with a  
request under section 60H(1)(b) or seized under  
section 60J or 60K may be disposed of or made  
safe (as the case requires) if—

S. 60O(a)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.17(a)).

(a) the police officer who received or seized the  
volatile substance or item believes that the  
disposal or making safe of that substance or  
item is necessary because of the risk to  
health or safety in removing it from the place  
of receipt or seizure; or

S. 60O(b)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.17).

(b) the police officer in charge of the place of  
duty of the police officer who received or  
seized a volatile substance or an item used to  
inhale a volatile substance believes that the  
disposal or making safe of that substance or  
item is necessary because of the risk to  
health or safety in storing it.

S. 60P  
inserted by  
No. 55/2003  
s. 4.

**60P Forfeiture to Crown**

(1) A seized volatile substance or an item used to  
inhale a volatile substance that is not returned to  
the person from whom it was seized within 7 days  
after being so seized is forfeited to the Crown.

S. 60P(2)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.18).

(2) A volatile substance or an item used to inhale a  
volatile substance received by a police officer  
when it was produced in accordance with a  
request under section 60H(1)(b) that is not  
returned to the person from whom it was received  
within 7 days after being so received is forfeited  
to the Crown.

- (3) If any volatile substance or item used to inhale a volatile substance is forfeited to the Crown under subsection (1) or (2)—
- (a) the Minister may direct that it be disposed of in any manner that the Minister thinks fit; and
  - (b) if it is sold, the proceeds of the sale must be paid into the Consolidated Fund.

**60Q Records concerning searches, seizure, receipt or disposal of property, apprehensions and detentions**

S. 60Q  
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s. 4.

- (1) A police officer who conducts a search under section 60E must make a written record of the search containing the prescribed particulars.

S. 60Q(1)  
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No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.18).

- (2) A police officer who conducts a search under section 60F must make a written record of the search containing the prescribed particulars.

S. 60Q(2)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.18).

- (3) A police officer who receives a volatile substance or an item used to inhale a volatile substance which is produced in accordance with a request under section 60H(1)(b) must make a written record of the receipt containing the prescribed particulars.

S. 60Q(3)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.18).

- (4) A police officer who seizes a volatile substance or an item used to inhale a volatile substance under section 60J or 60K must make a written record of the seizure containing the prescribed particulars.

S. 60Q(4)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.18).

- (5) A police officer who apprehends and detains a person under section 60L must make a written record of the apprehension and detention containing the prescribed particulars.

S. 60Q(5)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.18).

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S. 60Q(6)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.18).

- (6) A police officer who disposes of or makes safe a volatile substance or an item used to inhale a volatile substance under section 60O must make a written record of the disposal or making safe of the substance or item containing the prescribed particulars.
- (7) A record required to be made by this section must be made as soon as practicable—
- (a) in the case of a search, after the completion of the search; or
  - (b) in the case of a volatile substance or an item used to inhale a volatile substance received when it was produced in accordance with a request under section 60H(1)(b), after the substance or item was so received; or
  - (c) in the case of a seizure of a volatile substance or an item used to inhale a volatile substance under section 60J or 60K, after the substance or item was seized; or
  - (d) in the case of an apprehension and detention under section 60L, after the person who was apprehended and detained is released in accordance with section 60M; or
  - (e) in the case of the disposal or making safe of a volatile substance or an item used to inhale a volatile substance under section 60O, after the substance or item was disposed of or made safe.

S. 60R  
inserted by  
No. 55/2003  
s. 4.

**60R Person may request record**

- (1) A person who is subjected to a search under section 60E or 60F is entitled, on request and without charge, to a copy of the record of the search if the request is made not later than 1 year after the date of the search.

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- (2) A person who produced a volatile substance or an item used to inhale a volatile substance in accordance with a request under section 60H(1)(b) to a police officer who received it is entitled, on request and without charge, to a copy of the record of the receipt if the request is made not later than 1 year after the date of the production in accordance with the request under section 60H(1)(b).
- (3) A person from whom a volatile substance or an item used to inhale a volatile substance was seized under section 60J or 60K is entitled, on request and without charge, to a copy of the record of the seizure if the request is made not later than 1 year after the date of the seizure.
- (4) A person who is apprehended and detained under section 60L is entitled, on request and without charge, to a copy of the record of the apprehension and detention if the request is made not later than 1 year after the date of apprehension and detention.
- (5) A person whose property was disposed of or made safe under section 60O is entitled, on request and without charge, to a copy of the record of the disposal or making safe if the request is made not later than 1 year after the date of the disposal or making safe.
- (6) A request under subsection (1), (2), (3), (4) or (5) is to be made to the police officer in charge of the place of duty of the police officer who searched the person, received the substance or item produced in accordance with the request under section 60H(1)(b), seized the substance or item, apprehended and detained the person or disposed of or made safe the substance or item (as the case requires).

**S. 60R(2)**  
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**No. 37/2014**  
**s. 10(Sch.**  
**item 47.19(a)).**

**S. 60R(6)**  
amended by  
**No. 37/2014**  
**s. 10(Sch.**  
**item 47.19(b)).**

S. 60S  
inserted by  
No. 55/2003  
s. 4.

**60S Chief Commissioner to report on actions under this Division**

- (1) The Chief Commissioner of Police must provide to the Minister for inclusion in the annual report of operations under Part 7 of the **Financial Management Act 1994** a report containing—
- (a) the number of searches without warrant under section 60E conducted during that financial year; and
  - (b) the number of searches without warrant under section 60F conducted during that financial year; and
  - (c) information about the number and type of volatile substances and items used to inhale a volatile substance seized as a result of conducting those searches; and
  - (d) information about the number and type of volatile substances and items used to inhale a volatile substance received by police officers when produced in accordance with a request under section 60H(1)(b); and
  - (e) information about the number and type of volatile substances and items used to inhale a volatile substance returned to persons under section 60N; and
  - (f) information about the number and type of volatile substances and items used to inhale a volatile substance disposed of or made safe under section 60O; and
  - (g) information about the number and type of volatile substances and items used to inhale a volatile substance forfeited to the Crown under section 60P; and

S. 60S(1)(d)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.20).

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- (h) the number of persons apprehended and detained without warrant under section 60L during that financial year.
- (2) A report provided under this section is not required to specify the exact type of each volatile substance or item used to inhale a volatile substance referred to in the report.

**60T Regulations**

S. 60T  
inserted by  
No. 55/2003  
s. 4.

- (1) For the purposes of this Part, the Governor in Council may make regulations for or with respect to—
  - (a) the manner in which searches and seizures under this Division are to be carried out; and
  - (b) particulars to be included in records made under section 60Q; and
  - (c) any other matter or thing necessary or convenient to be prescribed for the purposes of this Part.
- (2) Regulations made under this Part may—
  - (a) be of general or limited application;
  - (b) differ according to differences in time, place or circumstance;
  - (c) confer powers or discretions or impose duties on any person.

## Part IVA—Authorities for low-THC cannabis

### Division 1—Authorities for low-THC cannabis

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S. 61(1) def. of  
*Secretary*  
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item 7.1),  
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s. 4(Sch. 2  
item 12).

S. 61(1) def. of  
*serious  
offence*  
substituted by  
No. 40/2019  
s. 7.

#### 61 Definitions

(1) In this Part—

*authority* means an authority issued under  
section 65;

*cannabis* means a plant or any part of a plant of  
the genus *Cannabis L.*, whether fresh or  
dried;

*inspector* means—

- (a) a person authorised as an inspector  
under section 69E; or
- (b) a police officer;

*low-THC cannabis* means cannabis, the leaves  
and flowering heads of which do not contain  
more than 0.35 per cent of  
tetrahydrocannabinol;

*Secretary* means the Secretary to the Department  
of Environment and Primary Industries;

*serious offence* means—

- (a) an indictable offence involving  
dishonesty, fraud or assault; or

- (b) an indictable offence involving possession, or cultivation of, or trafficking in, a drug of dependence; or
  - (c) any other indictable offence under this Act; or
  - (d) an indictable offence under the law of another jurisdiction involving—
    - (i) dishonesty, fraud or assault; or
    - (ii) possession, or cultivation of, or trafficking in, a drug of dependence.
- (2) For the purposes of section 64, a person is an associate of an applicant for an authority if the person—
- (a) holds or will hold any relevant financial interest, or is or will be entitled to exercise any relevant power (whether in right of the person or on behalf of any other person) in the business of the applicant to which the authority relates, and by virtue of that interest or power, is able or will be able to exercise a significant influence over or with respect to the management or operation of the business to which the authority relates; or
  - (b) holds or will hold any relevant position, whether in right of the person or on behalf of any other person in the business of the applicant to which the authority relates; or
  - (c) is a relative of the applicant.
- (3) In subsection (2)—
- relative* means spouse (including de facto spouse), parent, child or sibling (whether of the full or half blood);

***relevant financial interest***, in relation to a business, means—

- (a) any share in the capital of the business;  
or
- (b) any entitlement to receive any income derived from the business;

***relevant position***, in relation to a business, means the position of director, manager or other executive position or secretary, however that position is designated;

***relevant power*** means any power, whether exercisable by voting or otherwise and whether exercisable alone or in association with others—

- (a) to participate in any directorial, managerial or executive decision; or
- (b) to elect or appoint any person to any relevant position.

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New s. 62  
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s. 5.

## **62 Application for authority to cultivate and process low-THC cannabis**

- (1) A person may apply to the Secretary for an authority authorising that person, for commercial or research purposes relating to non-therapeutic use—
  - (a) to possess, process, sell or supply cannabis seed which has been harvested from low-THC cannabis; or

- (b) to cultivate and possess cannabis from seed which has been harvested from low-THC cannabis; or
  - (c) to possess, process, sell or supply cannabis which—
    - (i) is substantially free of leaves and flowering heads; and
    - (ii) does not contain tetrahydrocannabinol in excess of 0.1 per cent.
- (2) An application under subsection (1) must—
- (a) be in writing; and
  - (b) be accompanied by the prescribed application fee.
- (3) An application under subsection (1) must contain or be accompanied by evidence to the satisfaction of the Secretary that—
- (a) the applicant is a fit and proper person to be given an authority;
  - (b) the applicant intends to undertake bona fide research or commercial activity relating to the non-therapeutic use of cannabis under the authority including—
    - (i) in the case of research, evidence that the research would be conducted by a person with appropriate scientific training using appropriate methodology; or
    - (ii) in the case of commercial activity, evidence of the commercial activity to be carried out.
- (4) An applicant must provide any other information about the applicant or the application which the Secretary reasonably requires.
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New s. 63  
inserted by  
No. 54/1997  
s. 5.

### **63 Secretary must investigate application**

- (1) On receiving an application under section 62, the Secretary must cause to be carried out all investigations and inquiries that the Secretary considers necessary to properly determine the application.
- (2) The Secretary may refer a copy of an application and any supporting documentation to the Chief Commissioner of Police.
- (3) The Chief Commissioner of Police must inquire into and report to the Secretary on any matters concerning the application that the Secretary requests.

New s. 64  
inserted by  
No. 54/1997  
s. 5.

### **64 Matters to be considered in determining applications**

- (1) In order to prevent criminal activity in the cultivation and processing of low-THC cannabis, the Secretary must not issue an authority to an applicant unless the Secretary is satisfied that—
  - (a) the applicant or any associate of the applicant has within the 10 years preceding the application not been found guilty of a serious offence; and
  - (b) the applicant and each associate of the applicant is a suitable person to be concerned in or associated with the cultivation, processing, sale or supply of low-THC cannabis; and
  - (c) the applicant's property or premises will be suitable for the cultivation, processing, sale or supply of low-THC cannabis in relation to location, facilities and proposed security arrangements.

- (2) In particular, the Secretary may consider whether—
- (a) the applicant and each associate of the applicant is of good repute, having regard to character, honesty and integrity;
  - (b) in the case of an applicant that is not a natural person, the applicant has a satisfactory ownership, trust or corporate structure;
  - (c) the applicant is of sound and stable financial background;
  - (d) the applicant has any business association with any person or body who or which, in the opinion of the Secretary, is not of good repute, having regard to character, honesty and integrity;
  - (e) each director, partner, trustee, executive officer and secretary and any other person determined by the Secretary to be associated or connected with the ownership, administration or management of the operations or business of the applicant is a suitable person to act in that capacity.

## **65 Determination of applications**

- (1) After considering an application and any investigation under section 63, the Secretary must determine an application by—
- (a) issuing an authority; or
  - (b) refusing to issue an authority.
- (2) The Secretary must notify the applicant in writing of the decision under subsection (1).

New s. 65  
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s. 5.

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s. 5.

## **66 Terms and conditions of authorities**

- (1) An authority is issued for the term, not exceeding 3 years, specified in the authority unless it is sooner suspended or cancelled.
- (2) An authority relates only to the premises or site described in it.
- (3) An authority is subject to the terms, conditions, limitations and restrictions specified in it including, but not limited to, terms, conditions, limitations and restrictions relating to—
  - (a) the premises or site at which the activities authorised by the authority may be carried out;
  - (b) the source of seed for sowing, including the authentication of the varietal identity and tetrahydrocannabinol content of the crop from which the seed was harvested;
  - (c) the implementation and maintenance of satisfactory security and surveillance measures to restrict access of unauthorised persons to crops and harvested material;
  - (d) the keeping of records and other documents;
  - (e) the provision of information, records or other documents to the Secretary relating to—
    - (i) the activities carried out under the authority; or
    - (ii) a change in the position of director, manager, secretary or other executive position, however designated or the structure of the business to which the authority relates; or
    - (iii) any other matter that the Secretary reasonably requires;

- (f) the disposal of harvested material and crop residue;
- (g) inspection, supervision and surveillance of seed, plants, crops, harvested material and products by inspectors.

**67 Renewal of authorities**

New s. 67  
inserted by  
No. 54/1997  
s. 5.

- (1) An application for renewal of an authority—
  - (a) may be made up to one month before the expiry of the current authority; and
  - (b) must be in writing and accompanied by the prescribed fee.
- (2) On receiving an application under subsection (1), the Secretary, in the Secretary's discretion, may renew the authority.
- (3) A renewed authority lasts for the same period as the previous authority.

**68 Authority not transferable**

New s. 68  
inserted by  
No. 54/1997  
s. 5.

An authority is not transferable to another person.

**69 Amendment of authorities**

New s. 69  
inserted by  
No. 54/1997  
s. 5.

- (1) The Secretary may, in the Secretary's discretion—
  - (a) amend any terms, conditions, limitations or restrictions to which the authority is subject;  
or
  - (b) impose new terms, conditions, limitations or restrictions on an authority.
- (2) An amendment under subsection (1) must be notified in writing to the holder of the authority.

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No. 54/1997  
s. 5.

### **69A Suspension or cancellation**

- (1) The Secretary may, by notice in writing to the holder of an authority, suspend or cancel an authority if—
  - (a) the holder requests suspension or cancellation; or
  - (b) the holder has not complied with the terms, conditions, limitations or restrictions of the authority; or
  - (c) the holder has failed to comply with this Act or regulations; or
  - (d) the Secretary is satisfied that the holder is no longer a fit and proper person to hold the authority; or
  - (e) the Secretary is satisfied that the holder obtained the authority by fraud, misrepresentation or concealment of facts; or
  - (f) the holder ceases to carry on the research or commercial activity to which the authority relates.
- (2) If an authority is suspended or cancelled under subsection (1), it ceases to be of effect and any document issued to the former holder must be surrendered to the Secretary on demand.

S. 69AB  
inserted by  
No. 40/2019  
s. 8.

### **69AB Delegation**

The Secretary, by instrument, may delegate any powers or functions of the Secretary under this Part to a person, by name or by position, who is employed under Part 3 of the **Public Administration Act 2004**.

**69B Review by VCAT**

- (1) A person may apply to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal for review of a decision of the Secretary—
- (a) to refuse to issue an authority to that person; or
  - (b) to refuse to renew an authority held by that person; or
  - (c) to suspend, cancel or amend an authority held by that person.
- (2) An application for review under subsection (1) must be made within 28 days after the later of—
- (a) the day on which the decision is made;
  - (b) if, under the **Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998**, the person requests a statement of reasons for the decision, the day on which the statement of reasons is given to the person or the person is informed under section 46(5) of that Act that a statement of reasons will not be given.

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No. 54/1997  
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No. 52/1998  
s. 311 (Sch. 1  
item 22)).

**69C Offence to fail to comply with authority**

A person who is the holder of an authority under this Part must comply with the terms, conditions, limitations or restrictions to which that authority is subject.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

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**69D Catchment and Land Protection Act does not apply**

Despite anything to the contrary in the **Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994**, Part 8 of that Act does not apply to the processing, cultivation, possession, sale or supply of low-THC cannabis in accordance with an authority under this Part.

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## Division 2—Inspection and enforcement

### 69E Inspectors under this Part

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s. 5.

(1) The Secretary, by instrument, may authorise the following persons to be inspectors for the purposes of all or any of the provisions of this Part—

S. 69E(1)(a)  
substituted by  
No. 12/1999  
s. 4(Sch. 2  
item 4.2),  
amended by  
No. 108/2004  
s. 117(1)  
(Sch. 3  
item 60.2).

(a) any person employed under Part 3 of the **Public Administration Act 2004**; or

(b) any other appropriately qualified person.

(2) The Secretary may determine the terms and conditions of authorisation of inspectors.

(3) The Secretary may, in writing, revoke the authorisation of an inspector at any time.

(4) The terms and conditions of authorisation may contain general directions as to how the inspector's powers may be exercised.

S. 69E(5)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.22).

(5) The Secretary must issue an identification certificate to each inspector (other than an inspector who is a police officer) which sets out the provisions of this Part for which the inspector is authorised to be an inspector.

(6) An inspector, in the course of performing his or her functions under this Part, must produce his or her identification certificate to any person who requests its production.

S. 69E(7)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.22).

(7) In this Division, a reference to an identification certificate in relation to an inspector who is a police officer is a reference to written evidence of the fact that he or she is a police officer.

**69F General powers of inspectors**

S. 69F  
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No. 54/1997  
s. 5.

- (1) For the purposes of determining compliance with this Part or an authority, an inspector may, with such assistance as he or she thinks necessary, at any reasonable time—
  - (a) enter and inspect any place, other than premises used as a residence, occupied by any person who is the holder of an authority;
  - (b) inspect, count, examine or mark for identification any product, plant or crop in the place;
  - (c) require a person to produce any document that the inspector reasonably requires for ascertaining whether this Part or an authority is being complied with and—
    - (i) examine the document; and
    - (ii) make copies of it or take extracts from it; and
    - (iii) remove the document for as long as is reasonably necessary to make copies or take extracts;
  - (d) take or remove for examination samples of or from, or specimens of, any plant of a crop or product to determine—
    - (i) the tetrahydrocannabinol content of that plant, crop or product; and
    - (ii) that the plant, crop or product has been cultivated or processed in accordance with the authority or that its possession is in accordance with the authority;
  - (e) submit any sample or specimen taken in accordance with this Part to a laboratory or place approved by the Secretary for examination and testing.

- (2) An inspector may not exercise any powers under this Part if the inspector fails, on request, to produce his or her identification certificate for inspection by the occupier of the place or the person in charge or apparent control of the place.

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**69G Inspector may order harvest or treatment**

- (1) If an inspector is satisfied on reasonable grounds that any plant or crop contravenes this Part or an authority, the inspector may order the harvest of the plant or crop and the treatment of that harvested material.
- (2) An order under subsection (1) must—
- (a) be in writing; and
  - (b) include a statement of the reasons for ordering the harvest and treatment; and
  - (c) be given to the holder of the authority.

S. 69H  
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s. 5.

**69H Inspector has power to detain or seize**

If an inspector believes that any plant, crop or product contravenes this Part or an authority, the inspector may detain or seize the plant, crop or product and deal with it in accordance with section 69I.

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s. 5.

**69I What happens if an inspector detains or seizes plants, crops or products?**

- (1) If an inspector detains or seizes any plant, crop or product, the inspector must immediately—
- (a) give notice in writing of the detention or seizure including a statement of the reasons for detaining or seizing the plant, crop or product to the holder of the authority; and
  - (b) take or send to a laboratory or place approved by the Secretary for examination and testing, the plant, crop or product or a sample of the plant, crop or product.

- (2) A person must not remove the whole or any part of a plant, crop or product detained or seized while the detention or seizure notice remains in force, except on the written authority or written direction of an inspector or the Secretary.

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

- (3) If the results of the examination or test of the samples taken or sent in accordance with subsection (1)(b) show that the plant, crop or product was not in contravention of this Part or the authority, the inspector must immediately release or return the plant, crop or product to the holder of the authority.
- (4) If the results of the examination or test of the samples taken or sent in accordance with subsection (1)(b) show that the plant, crop or product was in contravention of this Part or the authority, the inspector must—
- (a) inform the holder of the authority or the person in whose possession the plant, crop or product was found (as the case may be) in writing of the results; and
  - (b) arrange for or order the harvest, disposal or destruction of the plant, crop or product.
- (5) If an arrangement or order is made for the disposal or destruction of a plant, crop or product under subsection (4)(b), the inspector must give notice of that arrangement or order before that disposal or destruction takes place.
- (6) A notice under subsection (5) must—
- (a) be in writing; and
  - (b) include a statement of the reasons for arranging or ordering the disposal or destruction; and
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- (c) fix a time for the disposal or destruction; and
- (d) be given to the holder of the authority.

S. 69I(7)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.22).

- (7) Nothing in this section limits the power of a police officer to take legal proceedings in respect of any plant, crop or product found not to comply with this Part or an authority.

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**69J Appeal to Secretary if disposal or destruction ordered**

- (1) Within 48 hours of receiving a notice under section 69I(5), the holder of an authority may lodge an appeal in writing against the disposal or destruction with the Secretary.
- (2) Within 3 business days after an appeal is lodged under subsection (1), the Secretary must determine the appeal by—
  - (a) cancelling the arrangement or order made by the inspector under section 69I; or
  - (b) confirming the arrangement or order made by the inspector under section 69I.
- (3) The Secretary must notify the holder of the authority in writing of the determination made under subsection (2).

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**69K Offences relating to inspector's exercise of power**

- (1) A person must not, without reasonable excuse, hinder or obstruct an inspector in the exercise of a power under this Part.  
Penalty: 100 penalty units.
- (2) A person must not, without reasonable excuse, fail to comply with the direction, requirement or order of an inspector.  
Penalty: 100 penalty units.

**69L Inspector may possess cannabis for purposes of this Part**

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s. 5.

An inspector is authorised to have cannabis in his or her possession in the exercise or performance of any power, function or duty conferred on him or her by this Part or the regulations made under this Part.

**Division 3—Regulations under this Part**

**69M Regulations**

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- (1) The Governor in Council may make regulations for or with respect to—
  - (a) fees for applications and renewals for the purposes of this Part;
  - (b) authorising and requiring inspectors to impose fees and charges of such amounts or rates as are prescribed or determined in the manner prescribed for—
    - (i) sampling and testing cannabis plants and crops grown or products produced in accordance with this Part as required under an authority or to determine the tetrahydrocannabinol content of those plants, crops or products;
    - (ii) supervising the harvesting, disposal or destruction of cannabis plants, crops or products;
    - (iii) carrying out inspections, supervision or surveillance of cannabis plants or crops grown or products produced in accordance with this Part to ensure that the terms, conditions, limitations and restrictions of an authority are being complied with;

- (iv) providing any other service in respect of cannabis plants or crops grown or products produced in accordance with this Part;
  - (c) generally prescribing any other matter or thing required or permitted by this Part to be prescribed or necessary to be prescribed to give effect to this Part.
- (2) Regulations made under this Part may—
- (a) be of general or limited application;
  - (b) differ according to differences in time, place or circumstance;
  - (c) provide for different fees for different activities or classes of activity or different cases or classes of cases;
  - (d) provide for specific, minimum or maximum or minimum and maximum fees;
  - (e) provide for the waiver or reduction of fees;
  - (g) in the case of applications for the issue or renewal of authorities, specify fees that reflect the cost of administration of, and the provision of inspection and other services in connection with this Part;
  - (h) leave any matter to be approved or determined by the Secretary or an inspector.

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## Part IVB—Licences to cultivate alkaloid poppies and process poppy straw

### Division 1—Preliminary

#### 69N Definitions

In this Part—

***alkaloid poppy*** means a plant or any part of a plant whether fresh or dried of—

- (a) *Papaver bracteatum* Lindley; or
- (b) *Papaver somniferum* L.;

***alkaloid poppy register*** means the register established under section 69T;

***associate*** has the same meaning given in section 69NA;

***Commonwealth licence to export*** means a licence to export narcotic substances which relates to the export of poppy straw under the Customs Act 1901 of the Commonwealth;

***Commonwealth licence to manufacture*** means a licence to manufacture narcotic drugs which relates to the manufacturing of opiates from alkaloid poppies under the Narcotic Drugs Act 1967 of the Commonwealth;

***cultivate*** in relation to an alkaloid poppy has the same meaning as it has in section 70;

***detention or seizure receipt*** means a receipt given in accordance with section 69RC or 69RI;

***disqualified person*** means—

- (a) a person who is under the age of 17 years unless the person is an apprentice or trainee undertaking an approved training scheme within the

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meaning of the **Education and Training Reform Act 2006**; or

- (b) a person against whom a finding of guilt in respect of a serious offence was made by a court (whether in or outside Victoria) in the 10 years preceding the date an application is made under this Part; or
- (c) a person against whom a finding of guilt for an offence under this Act or an offence under a corresponding law of another jurisdiction was made by a court (whether in or outside Victoria) in the 5 years preceding the date an application is made under this Part; or
- (d) a person who belongs to a prescribed class of persons;

***employee***, in relation to a licensed grower or a licensed processor, includes a person who is—

- (a) employed under a contract of employment; or
- (b) employed under a contract of training; or
- (c) engaged under any other contract to perform a specified task authorised under a poppy cultivation licence or a poppy processing licence;

***employee identification certificate*** means a certificate issued to an employee by a licensed grower under section 69OF or by a licensed processor under section 69PF;

***harvest and destruction order*** means an order made under section 69RM(3);

***inspector*** means a person authorised under section 69R and any police officer;

S. 69N def. of *inspector* amended by No. 37/2014 s. 10(Sch. item 47.23(a)).

***inspector identification certificate*** means a certificate issued to an inspector under section 69RA;

***licence holder*** means—

- (a) a licensed grower; or
- (b) a licensed processor;

***licensed grower*** means the holder of a poppy cultivation licence;

***licensed processor*** means the holder of a poppy processing licence;

***poppy cultivation licence*** means a licence issued under section 69OB(2);

***poppy processing licence*** means a licence issued under section 69PB(2);

***poppy straw*** means the upper parts of an alkaloid poppy, including the stem and capsule, harvested after mowing;

***process***, in relation to poppy straw, means—

- (a) to prepare or treat poppy straw in any manner other than refinement, concentration, extraction or reaction unless the refinement, concentration, extraction or reaction is for chemical analysis for non-therapeutic use; or
- (b) to store poppy straw;

S. 69N def. of  
*protected  
information*  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.23(b)).

*protected information* means any information, document or thing the production or inspection of which—

- (a) is likely to reveal the identity of a person or a police officer who provided any information that formed the basis of a decision of the Chief Commissioner of Police to oppose the issuing or renewal of a poppy cultivation licence or a poppy processing licence; or
- (b) is likely to reveal the identity of a person whose name appears in any evidence given or information provided to a police officer in the course of any investigation; or
- (c) is likely to reveal the identity of a person who is or has been the subject of an investigation conducted by a police officer; or
- (d) is likely to reveal an investigation method used by police officers; or
- (e) is likely to jeopardise the safety of a person or police officer referred to in paragraph (a), (b) or (c); or
- (f) is likely to put at risk an ongoing investigation by a police officer; or
- (g) is otherwise not in the public interest;

*risk management plan* means a plan that forms part of a poppy cultivation licence or a poppy processing licence;

*Secretary* means the Department Head (within the meaning of the **Public Administration Act 2004**) of the Department of Environment and Primary Industries;

***seized material*** means any alkaloid poppies, poppy straw or material derived from alkaloid poppies or poppy straw seized by an inspector under section 69RH;

***serious offence*** means—

- (a) an indictable offence involving dishonesty, fraud or assault; or
- (b) an indictable offence involving possession, or cultivation of, or trafficking in, a drug of dependence; or
- (c) any other indictable offence under this Act; or
- (d) an indictable offence under the law of another jurisdiction involving—
  - (i) dishonesty, fraud or assault; or
  - (ii) possession, or cultivation of, or trafficking in, a drug of dependence;

***specified premises*** means premises to which a licence under this Part applies.

**69NA Meaning of *associate***

- (1) For the purposes of this Part, a person who is of or above the age of 18 years is an associate of an applicant for a poppy cultivation licence or a poppy processing licence or a licence holder if the person—
  - (a) holds any relevant financial interest, or is entitled to exercise any relevant power (whether in right of the person or on behalf of any other person) in the business of the applicant or the licence holder to which the licence relates, and by virtue of that interest or power, is able to exercise a significant influence over or with respect to the

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management or operation of the business to which the licence relates; or

- (b) holds any relevant position, whether in right of the person or on behalf of any other person in the business of the applicant or the licence holder to which the licence relates; or
- (c) is a relative of the applicant or the licence holder.

(2) In subsection (1)—

*relative* means a person who is—

- (a) a spouse of the applicant or the licence holder by marriage;
  - (b) a domestic partner—
    - (i) in a registered relationship within the meaning of the **Relationships Act 2008** with the applicant or the licence holder; or
    - (ii) of the applicant or the licence holder to whom he or she is not married but with whom the applicant or the licence holder is living as a couple on a genuine domestic basis (irrespective of gender) and in determining whether the persons are domestic partners of each other, all of the circumstances of their relationship are to be taken into account, including any one or more of the matters referred to in section 35(2) of the **Relationships Act 2008** as may be relevant in a particular case;
  - (c) a parent;
  - (d) a step parent;
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- (e) a sibling or step-sibling;
- (f) a child, stepchild or adopted child;

***relevant financial interest*** in relation to a business means—

- (a) any share in the capital of the business;  
or
- (b) any entitlement to receive any income derived from the business;

***relevant position*** in relation to the business of an applicant for a poppy cultivation licence or a poppy processing licence or a licence holder means—

- (a) the position of director, partner, trustee, manager or other executive position or secretary, however that position is designated; and
- (b) any other person determined by the Secretary to be associated or connected with the ownership, administration or management of the operations or business of the applicant;

***relevant power*** means any power, whether exercisable by voting or otherwise and whether exercisable alone or in association with others—

- (a) to participate in any directorial, managerial or executive decision; or
- (b) to elect or appoint any person to any relevant position.

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**69NB Matters to be considered in determining a fit and proper person**

- (1) For the purpose of preventing criminal activity in the cultivation of alkaloid poppies and the processing of poppy straw, the Secretary must not issue a licence under this Part to an applicant unless the Secretary is satisfied that—
  - (a) the applicant or any associate of the applicant has not been found guilty in respect of a serious offence (whether in or outside Victoria) during the 10 years preceding the date of making the application under this Part; and
  - (b) the applicant and each associate of the applicant is a suitable person to be concerned in or associated with the cultivation of alkaloid poppies or the processing of poppy straw, as the case requires; and
  - (c) the applicant's property or premises will be suitable for the cultivation of alkaloid poppies or the processing of poppy straw, as the case requires, in relation to location, facilities and proposed security arrangements; and
  - (d) the applicant meets the prescribed requirements (if any).
- (2) For the purpose of preventing criminal activity in the cultivation of alkaloid poppies and the processing of poppy straw, the Secretary must not—
  - (a) renew a poppy cultivation licence of a licensed grower unless the Secretary is satisfied that—
    - (i) the licensed grower or any associate of the licensed grower has not been found guilty in respect of a serious offence

- (whether in or outside Victoria) during the 3 years preceding the date of making the application for renewal under this Part; and
- (ii) the licensed grower and each associate of the licensed grower is a suitable person to be concerned in or associated with the cultivation of alkaloid poppies; and
  - (iii) the licensed grower's property or premises are suitable for the cultivation of alkaloid poppies, in relation to location, facilities and proposed security arrangements; and
  - (iv) the licensed grower meets the prescribed requirements (if any); or
- (b) renew a poppy processing licence of a licensed processor unless the Secretary is satisfied that—
- (i) the licensed processor or any associate of the licensed processor has not been found guilty in respect of a serious offence (whether in or outside Victoria) during the 12 months preceding the date of making the application for renewal under this Part; and
  - (ii) the licensed processor and each associate of the licensed processor is a suitable person to be concerned in or associated with the processing of poppy straw; and
  - (iii) the licensed processor's property or premises are suitable for the processing of poppy straw in relation to location, facilities and proposed security arrangements; and
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- (iv) the licensed processor meets the prescribed requirements (if any).
- (3) Without limiting subsection (1) or (2), the Secretary may consider whether—
- (a) the applicant, the licensed grower or the licensed processor and each associate of the applicant, the licensed grower or the licensed processor is of good repute, having regard to character, honesty and integrity; and
  - (b) the applicant, the licensed grower or the licensed processor or any associate of the applicant, the licensed grower or the licensed processor has a history of non-compliance with the Act; and
  - (c) in the case of an application for a licence, the applicant or any associate of the applicant has within the 10 years preceding the date of making the application been found guilty by a court (whether in or outside Victoria) of any offence; and
  - (d) in the case of an application for the renewal of a poppy cultivation licence, the licensed grower or any associate of the licensed grower has within the 3 years preceding the date of making the application for renewal been found guilty by a court (whether in or outside Victoria) of any offence; and
  - (e) in the case of an application for the renewal of a poppy processing licence, the licensed processor or any associate of the licensed processor has within the 12 months preceding the date of making the application for renewal been found guilty by a court (whether in or outside Victoria) of any offence; and
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- (f) in the case of an applicant, a licensed grower or a licensed processor that is not a natural person, the applicant, the licensed grower or the licensed processor has a satisfactory ownership, trust or corporate structure; and
- (g) the applicant, the licensed grower or the licensed processor is of sound and stable financial background; and
- (h) the financial circumstances of the applicant, the licensed grower or the licensed processor may significantly limit the person's capacity to meet the person's obligations in conducting activities under the licence in compliance with the terms and conditions applying to the relevant licence.

## **Division 2—Poppy cultivation licence**

### **690 Application for poppy cultivation licence**

- (1) A person may apply for a poppy cultivation licence which authorises a person for commercial purposes relating to therapeutic use—
  - (a) to cultivate or possess alkaloid poppies; and
  - (b) to sell or supply poppy straw to a licensed processor at premises specified in the licence.
- (2) A person may apply for a poppy cultivation licence for research purposes relating to non-therapeutic use—
  - (a) to cultivate or possess alkaloid poppies; and
  - (b) to conduct measurements, analyses and extractions, including extraction of alkaloids from alkaloid poppies for chemical analyses at specified premises; and
  - (c) to supply alkaloid poppies or poppy straw to a licensed processor.

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- (3) An application under subsection (1) or (2) must—
  - (a) be in writing; and
  - (b) be accompanied by a copy of the proposed risk management plan; and
  - (c) be accompanied by the relevant prescribed application fee (if any); and
  - (d) be accompanied by any other prescribed particulars.
- (4) An application under subsection (1) or (2) must contain or be accompanied by evidence to the satisfaction of the Secretary that the applicant—
  - (a) is a fit and proper person to be given a licence; and
  - (b) in the case of an application under subsection (1), intends to undertake a bona fide commercial activity relating to the therapeutic use of alkaloid poppies under the licence and includes evidence of the commercial activity to be carried out; or
  - (c) in the case of an application under subsection (2), intends to undertake a research activity relating to the non-therapeutic use of alkaloid poppies under the licence and includes evidence that the research activity would be conducted by a person with appropriate scientific training using an appropriate methodology.
- (5) An application under subsection (1) or (2) must contain any other information about the applicant or the application which the Secretary reasonably requires to assist in assessing the application.

**69OA Secretary must investigate application**

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- (1) On receiving an application under section 69O the Secretary—
    - (a) must carry out all investigations and inquiries that the Secretary considers necessary to determine the application; and
    - (b) may conduct an inspection of the premises that are to be specified in the relevant licence; and
    - (c) may require that an applicant or any associate of the applicant submit to the Secretary a recent police record check of the applicant or any associate of the applicant.
  - (2) The Secretary must provide a copy of an application made under section 69O and any accompanying documents to the Chief Commissioner of Police.
  - (3) The Chief Commissioner of Police must—
    - (a) inquire into and report to the Secretary on any matters concerning the application that he or she believes are appropriate or reasonably necessary; and
    - (b) inquire into and report to the Secretary on any matters concerning the application that the Secretary requests; and
    - (c) within 28 days of receiving the application from the Secretary, notify the Secretary in writing of the Chief Commissioner of Police's decision to support or oppose the issuing of a licence and provide the reasons for the decision.
  - (4) If the Secretary is notified under subsection (3)(c) that the Chief Commissioner of Police opposes the issuing of a poppy cultivation licence, the Secretary must not issue the licence.
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### **69OB Determining an application**

- (1) After considering an application and any investigation under section 69OA, the Secretary must determine the application within 60 days of receiving the application.
- (2) The Secretary may issue a poppy cultivation licence to an applicant under section 69O(1) or (2).
- (3) The Secretary may refuse to issue a poppy cultivation licence to an applicant under section 69O(1) or (2).
- (4) The Secretary must—
  - (a) notify the applicant in writing of the decision under subsection (2); and
  - (b) if the Secretary refuses an application under subsection (3), provide reasons for the decision.

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### **69OC Terms and conditions of a poppy cultivation licence**

- (1) A poppy cultivation licence is issued for the term, not exceeding 3 years, specified in the licence unless it is sooner suspended or cancelled.
- (2) A poppy cultivation licence relates only to the specified premises described in it.
- (3) A poppy cultivation licence is subject to the condition that the licensed grower must only employ persons that are suitable to carry out activities under the licence.
- (4) A poppy cultivation licence is subject to the condition that a licensed grower must comply with the risk management plan under the licence.
- (5) A poppy cultivation licence is subject to the prescribed terms, conditions, limitations and restrictions (if any).

- (6) A poppy cultivation licence is subject to the terms, conditions, limitations and restrictions specified in it including, but not limited to, terms, conditions, limitations and restrictions relating to the following—
- (a) the species, subspecies or varieties of alkaloid poppy to be cultivated; or
  - (b) the specified premises at which activities authorised under the licence may be carried out; or
  - (c) the implementation and maintenance of satisfactory security and surveillance measures to restrict access of unauthorised persons to crops and harvested material; or
  - (d) the keeping of records and other documents; or
  - (e) the provision of information, records or other documents to the Secretary relating to—
    - (i) the activities carried out under the licence; or
    - (ii) a change in the position of director, manager, secretary or other executive position, however designated, or the structure of the business to which the licence relates; or
    - (iii) any other matter that the Secretary reasonably requires in relation to the licence or the licensed activity; or
  - (f) the disposal of harvested material and crop residue; or
  - (g) the inspection, sampling, supervision and surveillance of seed of alkaloid poppies, alkaloid poppies and poppy straw by an inspector; or
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(h) the destruction of alkaloid poppies, poppy straw and any material derived from alkaloid poppies.

- (7) A poppy cultivation licence issued under section 69O(1) is subject to the condition that unless otherwise with the approval of the Secretary, the licensed grower whilst carrying out an activity under the licence must have a contract with a licensed processor for the processing of alkaloid poppies cultivated under the licence that is registered in the alkaloid poppy register.

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**69OD Poppy cultivation licence is not transferable**

A poppy cultivation licence is not transferable to another person.

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**69OE Employee of licensed grower authorised to undertake activities under licence**

- (1) For the purposes of this Act, an employee of a licensed grower who holds a poppy cultivation licence for commercial purposes relating to therapeutic use, is authorised to carry out any activity under the licence involving the cultivation or possession of alkaloid poppies or the sale or supply of poppy straw to a licensed processor required of the employee in the course of his or her employment.
- (2) For the purposes of this Act, an employee of a licensed grower who holds a poppy cultivation licence for research purposes relating to non-therapeutic use, is authorised to carry out any activity under the licence, including the following, that is required of the employee in the course of his or her employment—
- (a) to cultivate or possess alkaloid poppies; and

- (b) to conduct measurements, analyses and extractions including extraction of alkaloids from alkaloid poppies for chemical analyses at specified premises; and
  - (c) to supply alkaloid poppies or poppy straw to a licensed processor.
- (3) An employee must only undertake an activity authorised under subsection (1) or (2) in relation to his or her employment.

**69OF Employee identification certificate issued by licensed grower**

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- (1) The licensed grower must issue an employee identification certificate to each employee that is employed to carry out activities in the business conducted by a licensed grower under a poppy cultivation licence.
- (2) The employee identification certificate must contain the following information—
  - (a) the employee's name;
  - (b) a clear photograph of the employee;
  - (c) the employee's date of birth;
  - (d) the expiry date of the employee identification certificate;
  - (e) the poppy cultivation licence under which the employee is authorised to carry out activities required of the employee in the course of his or her employment;
  - (f) the prescribed information (if any).

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**69OG Application for renewal of licence**

- (1) A licensed grower may apply to the Secretary for the renewal of a poppy cultivation licence.
- (2) A renewal application must be made to the Secretary at least 2 months before the poppy cultivation licence is due to expire.
- (3) A renewal application must—
  - (a) be in writing; and
  - (b) be accompanied by any information relevant to whether or not the licensed grower is a fit and proper person; and
  - (c) be accompanied by the current risk management plan under the poppy cultivation licence; and
  - (d) be accompanied by the relevant prescribed renewal fee (if any); and
  - (e) be accompanied by any other information the Secretary reasonably requires to assess the application; and
  - (f) contain any prescribed particulars.
- (4) A poppy cultivation licence may be renewed more than once.

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**69OH Secretary must investigate renewal application**

- (1) On receipt of a renewal application under section 69OG the Secretary—
  - (a) must carry out any investigation or inquiry necessary to determine the renewal application; and
  - (b) may conduct an inspection of the specified premises of the poppy cultivation licence; and

- (c) may require that an applicant or any associate of the applicant submit to the Secretary a recent police record check of the applicant or any associate of the applicant.
- (2) The Secretary must provide a copy of a renewal application made under section 69OG and any accompanying documents to the Chief Commissioner of Police.
- (3) The Chief Commissioner of Police must—
  - (a) inquire into and report to the Secretary on any matters concerning the application that the Chief Commissioner of Police believes are appropriate or reasonably necessary; and
  - (b) inquire into and report to the Secretary on any matters concerning the renewal application that the Secretary requests; and
  - (c) within 28 days of receiving the application from the Secretary notify the Secretary in writing of the Chief Commissioner of Police's decision to support or oppose the renewal of a licence and provide the reasons for the decision.
- (4) If the Secretary is notified under subsection (3)(c) that the Chief Commissioner of Police opposes the renewal of a poppy cultivation licence the Secretary must not renew the relevant licence.

**69OI Determining a renewal application**

- (1) After considering a renewal application and any investigation under section 69OH, the Secretary must determine the renewal application within 60 days of receiving it.
- (2) The Secretary may renew a poppy cultivation licence for a period not exceeding 3 years.
- (3) The Secretary may refuse to renew a poppy cultivation licence of a licensed grower.

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- (4) A renewed poppy cultivation licence expires on the date specified by the Secretary, unless the licence is cancelled or suspended prior to the expiry.
- (5) The Secretary must—
  - (a) notify the applicant in writing of the decision under subsection (2); and
  - (b) if the Secretary refuses to renew the poppy cultivation licence under subsection (3), provide reasons for the decision.

### **Division 3—Poppy processing licence**

#### **69P Application for poppy processing licence**

- (1) A person may apply to the Secretary for a poppy processing licence which authorises a person for commercial purposes relating to therapeutic use—
  - (a) to receive poppy straw from a licensed grower or from a licensed processor or a person authorised to possess and supply alkaloid poppies in another jurisdiction; and
  - (b) to process and possess poppy straw at premises specified in the licence; and
  - (c) to transport, sell or supply poppy straw to a person who possesses a Commonwealth licence to manufacture; and
  - (d) to transport, sell or supply poppy straw if the applicant possesses a Commonwealth licence to export; and
  - (e) to transport, sell or supply poppy straw to a person who possesses a Commonwealth licence to export.

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- (2) A person may apply to the Secretary for a poppy processing licence which authorises a person for research purposes relating to non-therapeutic use—
- (a) to receive or process poppy straw at premises specified in the licence; and
  - (b) to possess, transport, sell or supply poppy straw to a licensed processor.
- (3) An application under subsection (1) or (2) must—
- (a) be in writing; and
  - (b) be accompanied by a copy of the proposed risk management plan; and
  - (c) be accompanied by the relevant prescribed application fee (if any); and
  - (d) be accompanied by any other prescribed particulars; and
  - (e) in the case of an application under subsection (1), be accompanied by a copy of a Commonwealth licence to manufacture or a Commonwealth licence to export, as the case requires.
- (4) An application under subsection (1) or (2) must contain or be accompanied by evidence to the satisfaction of the Secretary that the applicant—
- (a) is a fit and proper person to be issued a licence; and
  - (b) in the case of an application under subsection (1), intends to undertake a bona fide commercial activity relating to the therapeutic use of poppy straw including evidence of the commercial activity to be carried out; and

- (c) in the case of an application under subsection (2), intends to undertake a research activity relating to the non-therapeutic use of poppy straw under the licence including evidence that the research activity would be conducted by a person with appropriate scientific training using appropriate methodology.
- (5) An application under subsection (1) or (2) must contain any other information about the applicant or the application which the Secretary reasonably requires to assist in assessing the application.

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**69PA Secretary must investigate application**

- (1) On receiving an application under section 69P, the Secretary—
  - (a) must carry out all investigations and inquiries that the Secretary considers necessary to determine the application; and
  - (b) may conduct an inspection of the premises that are to be specified in the relevant licence; and
  - (c) may require that an applicant or any associate of the applicant submit to the Secretary a recent police record check of the applicant or any associate of the applicant.
- (2) The Secretary must provide a copy of an application made under section 69P and any accompanying documents to the Chief Commissioner of Police.
- (3) The Chief Commissioner of Police must—
  - (a) inquire into and report to the Secretary on any matters concerning the application that the Chief Commissioner of Police believes are appropriate or reasonably necessary; and

- (b) inquire into and report to the Secretary on any matters concerning the application that the Secretary requests; and
  - (c) within 28 days of receiving the application from the Secretary, notify the Secretary in writing of the Chief Commissioner of Police's decision to support or oppose the issuing of a licence and provide the reasons for the decision.
- (4) If the Secretary is notified under subsection (3)(c) that the Chief Commissioner of Police opposes the issuing of a poppy processing licence, the Secretary must not issue the licence.

**69PB Determining an application**

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- (1) After considering an application and any investigation under section 69PA, the Secretary must determine the application within 60 days of receiving the application.
- (2) The Secretary may issue a poppy processing licence to an applicant under section 69P(1) or (2).
- (3) The Secretary may refuse to issue a poppy processing licence to an applicant under section 69P(1) or (2).
- (4) The Secretary must—
  - (a) notify the applicant in writing of the decision under subsection (2); and
  - (b) if the Secretary refuses an application under subsection (3), provide reasons for the decision.

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**69PC Terms and conditions of a poppy processing licence**

- (1) A poppy processing licence is issued for the term, not exceeding 12 months, specified in the licence unless it is sooner suspended or cancelled.
- (2) A poppy processing licence relates only to the premises specified in it.
- (3) A poppy processing licence must specify the maximum quantity of alkaloid poppies that may be processed by a licensed processor.
- (4) A poppy processing licence is subject to the condition that a licensed processor must comply with the risk management plan under the licence.
- (5) A poppy processing licence is subject to the condition that the licensed processor must only employ persons that are suitable to carry out activities under the licence.
- (6) A poppy processing licence is subject to the prescribed terms, conditions, limitations and restrictions (if any).
- (7) A poppy processing licence is subject to the terms, conditions, limitations and restrictions that are specified in it including, but not limited to, terms, conditions, limitations and restrictions relating to the following—
  - (a) the specified premises at which the activities authorised by the licence may be carried out; or
  - (b) the implementation and maintenance of satisfactory security and surveillance measures to restrict access of unauthorised persons to poppy straw; or
  - (c) the keeping of records and other documents; or

- (d) the provision of information, records or other documents to the Secretary relating to—
    - (i) the activities carried out under the licence; or
    - (ii) a change in the position of director, manager, secretary or other executive position, however designated, or the structure of the business to which the licence relates; or
    - (iii) any other matter that the Secretary reasonably requires in relation to the licence or the licensed activity; or
  - (e) the disposal of poppy straw; or
  - (f) the inspection, supervision and surveillance of poppy straw by an inspector.
- (8) A poppy processing licence referred to in section 69P(1) is subject to the condition that the licensed processor must hold a current Commonwealth licence to manufacture or a current Commonwealth licence to export whilst undertaking an activity authorised by the licence.

**69PD Poppy processing licence is not transferable**

A poppy processing licence is not transferable to another person.

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**69PE Employee of licensed processor authorised to undertake activities under licence**

- (1) For the purposes of this Act, an employee of a licensed processor who holds a poppy processing licence for commercial purposes relating to therapeutic use, is authorised to carry out any of the following activities under the licence that is required of the employee in the course of his or her employment—

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- (a) to receive poppy straw from a licensed grower or a person authorised to possess alkaloid poppies in another jurisdiction; and
  - (b) to process and possess poppy straw at specified premises; and
  - (c) to transport, sell or supply poppy straw to a person who possesses a Commonwealth licence to manufacture; and
  - (d) to export poppy straw if the applicant possesses a Commonwealth licence to export.
- (2) For the purposes of this Act, an employee of a licensed processor who holds a poppy processing licence for research purposes relating to non-therapeutic use, is authorised to carry out any activity under the licence involving the processing, possession, transportation of poppy straw or the sale or supply of poppy straw to a licensed processor that is required of the employee in the course of his or her employment.
- (3) An employee must only undertake an activity authorised under subsection (1) or (2) in relation to his or her employment.

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**69PF Employee identification certificate issued by licensed processor**

- (1) The licensed processor must issue an employee identification certificate to each employee that is employed to carry out activities in the business conducted by a licensed processor under a poppy processing licence.
- (2) The employee identification certificate must contain the following information—
  - (a) the employee's name;
  - (b) a clear photograph of the employee;

- (c) the employee's date of birth;
- (d) the expiry date of the employee identification certificate;
- (e) the poppy processing licence under which the employee is authorised to carry out activities required of the employee in the course of his or her employment;
- (f) the prescribed information (if any).

**69PG Application for renewal of licence**

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- (1) A licensed processor may apply to the Secretary for the renewal of a poppy processing licence.
  - (2) A renewal application must be made to the Secretary at least 2 months before the poppy processing licence is due to expire.
  - (3) A renewal application must—
    - (a) be in writing; and
    - (b) be accompanied by any information relevant to whether or not the licensed processor is a fit and proper person; and
    - (c) be accompanied by the current risk management plan under the poppy processing licence; and
    - (d) be accompanied by a copy of the licensed processor's current Commonwealth licence to manufacture or current Commonwealth licence to export; and
    - (e) be accompanied by the relevant prescribed renewal fee (if any); and
    - (f) be accompanied by any other information the Secretary reasonably requires to assess the application; and
    - (g) contain any prescribed particulars.
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- (4) A poppy processing licence may be renewed more than once.

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**69PH Secretary must investigate renewal application**

- (1) On receipt of a renewal application under section 69PG, the Secretary—
- (a) must carry out any investigation or inquiry necessary to determine the renewal application; and
  - (b) may conduct an inspection of the specified premises of the poppy processing licence; and
  - (c) may require that an applicant or any associate of the applicant submit to the Secretary a recent police record check of the applicant or any associate of the applicant.
- (2) The Secretary must provide a copy of a renewal application made under section 69PG and any accompanying documents to the Chief Commissioner of Police.
- (3) The Chief Commissioner of Police must—
- (a) inquire into and report to the Secretary on any matters concerning the application that the Chief Commissioner of Police believes are appropriate or reasonably necessary; and
  - (b) inquire into and report to the Secretary on any matters concerning the renewal application that the Secretary requests; and
  - (c) within 28 days of receiving the application from the Secretary, notify the Secretary in writing of the Chief Commissioner of Police's decision to support or oppose the renewal of a licence and provide the reasons for the decision.

- (4) If the Secretary is notified under subsection (3)(c) that the Chief Commissioner of Police opposes the renewal of a poppy processing licence the Secretary must not renew the licence.

**69PI Determining a renewal application**

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- (1) After considering a renewal application and any investigation under section 69PH, the Secretary must determine the renewal application within 60 days of receiving it.
- (2) The Secretary may renew a poppy processing licence for a period not exceeding 12 months.
- (3) The Secretary may refuse to renew a poppy processing licence of a licensed processor.
- (4) A renewed poppy processing licence expires on the date specified by the Secretary unless the licence is cancelled or suspended prior to the expiry.
- (5) The Secretary must—
- (a) notify the applicant in writing of the decision under subsection (2); and
  - (b) if the Secretary refuses to renew the poppy processing licence under subsection (3), provide reasons for the decision.

**Division 4—General provisions applying to a poppy cultivation licence or poppy processing licence**

**69Q Amendment of licences**

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- (1) The Secretary may—
- (a) amend an existing term, condition, limitation or restriction to which a poppy cultivation licence or poppy processing licence is subject; or

- (b) impose a new term, condition, limitation or restriction on the poppy cultivation licence or the poppy processing licence.
- (2) The Secretary may exercise a power under subsection (1)—
  - (a) on the application of the licensed grower or the licensed processor; or
  - (b) in the Secretary's discretion.
- (3) The Secretary must determine an application made under subsection (2)(a) within 28 days of receiving the application.
- (4) The Secretary must notify the licensed grower or the licensed processor, in writing within 7 business days, if an amendment to a licence is made under subsection (1)(a) or (b).
- (5) An application by a licensed grower or a licensed processor made under subsection (2)(a) must—
  - (a) be in writing; and
  - (b) be accompanied by the relevant prescribed fee (if any); and
  - (c) be accompanied by any prescribed particulars.

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#### **69QA Suspension or cancellation of licences**

- (1) The Secretary, by notice in writing to the licensed grower or the licensed processor, may suspend or cancel the relevant licence if—
  - (a) the licensed grower or the licensed processor requests suspension or cancellation; or
  - (b) the licensed grower or the licensed processor has not complied with the terms, conditions, limitations or restrictions of the licence; or

- (c) the licensed grower or the licensed processor has failed to comply with this Part or the regulations applying under this Part; or
  - (d) the Secretary is satisfied that the licensed grower or the licensed processor or any associate of the licensed grower or the licensed processor is no longer a fit and proper person to be concerned with or associated with, as the case requires—
    - (i) the cultivation of alkaloid poppies; or
    - (ii) the processing of poppy straw; or
  - (e) the Secretary is satisfied that the specified premises—
    - (i) of the licensed grower are no longer suitable for the cultivation of alkaloid poppies; or
    - (ii) of the licensed processor are no longer suitable for the processing of poppy straw; or
  - (f) the Secretary is satisfied that the licensed grower or the licensed processor obtained the relevant licence by fraud, misrepresentation or concealment of facts; or
  - (g) the Chief Commissioner of Police requests suspension or cancellation on the basis of protected information concerning the licensed grower or the licensed processor; or
  - (h) the licensed grower or the licensed processor ceases to carry on the research or commercial activity to which the relevant licence relates.
- (2) If a poppy cultivation licence or a poppy processing licence is suspended or cancelled under subsection (1) the Secretary must—

- (a) notify the Chief Commissioner of Police regarding the suspension or cancellation; and
  - (b) in the case of a poppy cultivation licence, notify a licensed processor who has a registered contract with the licensed grower within 7 business days of the suspension or cancellation taking effect; or
  - (c) in the case of a poppy processing licence, notify the licensed grower who has a contract registered in the alkaloid poppy register with the licensed processor within 7 business days of the suspension or cancellation taking effect.
- (3) A poppy cultivation licence or a poppy processing licence ceases to have effect on the suspension or cancellation of the licence under this section.

### **Division 5—Inspection and enforcement**

#### **69R Inspectors under this Part**

- (1) The Secretary, by instrument, may authorise the following persons to be inspectors for the purposes of all or any specified provisions of this Part—
  - (a) any person employed under Part 3 of the **Public Administration Act 2004**; or
  - (b) any other appropriately qualified person.
- (2) The Secretary may determine the terms and conditions of authorisation of any inspector.
- (3) The terms and conditions of authorisation of an inspector may contain general directions as to how the inspector's powers may be exercised.
- (4) The Secretary, in writing, may vary or revoke the authorisation of an inspector at any time.

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**69RA Inspectors identification certificate**

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- (1) The Secretary must issue an identification certificate to each inspector (other than an inspector who is a police officer) which sets out the provisions of this Part for which the inspector is authorised to be an inspector.
- (2) In the course of performing his or her functions under this Part, an inspector must produce his or her identification certificate to any person who requests its production.
- (3) In this Part, a reference to an identification certificate in relation to an inspector who is a police officer is a reference to written evidence of the fact that he or she is a police officer.

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s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.24).

S. 69RA(3)  
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s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.24).

**69RB General powers of inspector**

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- (1) For the purposes of determining compliance with this Part or a licence issued under this Part, an inspector, with any assistance he or she thinks necessary, at any reasonable time may do all or any of the following—
  - (a) enter and inspect any place, other than premises used as a residence, occupied by any person who is the licensed grower or the licensed processor; and
  - (b) inspect, count, examine or mark for identification any alkaloid poppy or poppy straw in the place; and
  - (c) intercept, inspect and examine any vehicle or machine which an inspector reasonably believes is being used for the harvest of alkaloid poppies and transport of poppy straw; and

- (d) require a person to produce any document that the inspector reasonably requires for ascertaining whether this Part or a poppy cultivation licence or a poppy processing licence is being complied with—
    - (i) to examine the document; and
    - (ii) to make copies of it or take extracts from it; and
    - (iii) to remove the document for as long as is reasonably necessary to make copies or take extracts; and
  - (e) take or remove for examination samples of or from, or specimens of, soil, any alkaloid poppy or poppy straw or any other plant or crop to determine—
    - (i) whether the alkaloid poppy or poppy straw has been cultivated or processed in accordance with the relevant licence; or
    - (ii) that its possession is in accordance with the relevant licence; and
  - (f) submit any sample or specimen taken in accordance with this Part to a laboratory or place approved by the Secretary for examination and testing.
- (2) An inspector must not exercise any powers under this Part if the inspector fails to produce his or her identification certificate for inspection on request by the occupier of the place or the person in charge or apparent control of the place.

**69RC Procedure on seizing a document, thing or taking a sample**

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- (1) Subject to section 69RI, if an inspector seizes a document or thing or takes a sample of, or from, a thing at the premises occupied by the licensed grower or the licensed processor, the inspector must give a detention or seizure receipt for the document or thing or sample to the licensed grower or the licensed processor from whom it was taken.
- (2) If an inspector is unable to give a detention or seizure receipt to the relevant licensed grower or licensed processor in respect of a document or thing or sample seized, the inspector must—
  - (a) leave the detention or seizure receipt with, or post it to, the licensed grower or the licensed processor that occupies the premises from which the document or thing or sample was seized; and
  - (b) if a document is seized, leave a copy of the document, if practicable, with, or post it to, the licensed grower or the licensed processor that occupies the premises from which the document was seized.
- (3) A detention or seizure receipt must—
  - (a) identify the seized document, thing or sample taken; and
  - (b) state the name of the inspector who seized the document, thing or took the sample; and
  - (c) state the reason why the document or thing was seized or the sample was taken.

- (4) If an inspector proposes to take a sample under section 69RB(1)(e) the inspector must—
- (a) divide the sample into 3 parts; and
  - (b) give one part to the licensed grower or the licensed processor, as the case requires, and retain one part for examination and one part untouched for future comparison.

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#### **69RD Power to use electronic equipment at premises**

- (1) This section applies if—
- (a) while acting under section 69RB, an inspector finds a thing at the premises that is or includes a disk, tape or other device for the storage of information; and
  - (b) there is at the premises equipment that may be used with the disk, tape or other storage device; and
  - (c) the inspector believes, on reasonable grounds, that information stored in the disk, tape or other storage device may be relevant to determine whether this Part has been contravened.
- (2) An inspector may operate or may require the licensed grower or the licensed processor or an employee of the licensed grower or the licensed processor to operate the equipment to access the information.

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#### **69RE Power to copy information on electronic storage devices**

If an inspector finds that a disk, tape or other storage device at the premises contains information that the inspector believes, on reasonable grounds, stores information that is relevant to determine whether this Part has been complied with, the inspector may—

- (a) put the information in a documentary form and seize the documents so produced; or
- (b) copy the information to another disk, tape or other storage device and remove that disk, tape or storage device from the premises.

**69RF Inspector must not damage equipment**

An inspector must not operate equipment for a purpose set out in section 69RD or 69RE unless the inspector believes, on reasonable grounds, that the operation can be carried out without damage to the equipment.

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**69RG Inspector may possess alkaloid poppies or poppy straw**

For the purposes of this Act, an inspector is authorised to have alkaloid poppies or poppy straw in his or her possession in the exercise or performance of any power, function or duty conferred on him or her by this Part or the regulations made under this Part.

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**69RH Inspector has power to detain or seize alkaloid poppies or poppy straw**

An inspector may detain or seize any alkaloid poppies, poppy straw or material derived from alkaloid poppies or poppy straw and deal with it in accordance with section 69RI if the inspector believes on reasonable grounds that—

- (a) in the case of a poppy cultivation licence, the licensed grower has contravened this Part or the poppy cultivation licence; or
- (b) in the case of a poppy processing licence, the licensed processor has contravened this Part or the poppy processing licence; or
- (c) the relevant licence has been suspended or cancelled under this Part.

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**69RI Procedure on detaining or seizing alkaloid poppies or poppy straw**

- (1) If an inspector detains or seizes any seized material under section 69RH, the inspector must immediately—
  - (a) make a written record of the detention or seizure; and
  - (b) give a detention or seizure receipt to the licensed grower or the licensed processor, as the case requires, that—
    - (i) identifies the seized material taken; and
    - (ii) states the name of the inspector who detained or seized the seized material; and
    - (iii) states the reasons for the detention or seizure; and
  - (c) in the case of an inspector who is not a police officer, send a copy of the detention or seizure receipt to the Secretary; and
  - (d) in the case of an inspector who is a police officer, send a copy of the detention or seizure receipt to the Chief Commissioner of Police and the Secretary.
- (2) If an inspector detains or seizes any seized material under section 69RH, the inspector, with any assistance necessary, may take or send the seized material to a place approved by the Secretary for it to be examined, tested or stored.
- (3) This section does not limit or prevent the exercise of any power by a police officer to commence a proceeding in respect of compliance with this Part in relation to any seized material.

S. 69RI(1)(c)  
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s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.24).

S. 69RI(1)(d)  
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s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.24).

S. 69RI(3)  
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item 47.24).

**69RJ Secretary has power to dispose or deal with seized alkaloid poppies or poppy straw**

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- (1) This section applies if—
- (a) the Secretary is satisfied on reasonable grounds that this Part has been contravened; and
  - (b) the relevant licensed grower or licensed processor has surrendered the seized material to the Secretary and agreed that the Secretary may deal with the seized material.
- (2) In dealing with seized material to which this section applies, the Secretary may do any of the following—
- (a) dispose of the seized material;
  - (b) direct the licensed grower or the licensed processor (as the case requires) to dispose of the seized material;
  - (c) harvest and deal with the seized material as appropriate;
  - (d) harvest and destroy the seized material;
  - (e) enter into an agreement with the licensed grower or the licensed processor (as the case requires), or any other person, to deal with the seized material as required in all of the circumstances;
  - (f) anything reasonably necessary to ensure the security of the seized material.

**69RK Retention and return of seized alkaloid poppies or poppy straw**

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- (1) If an inspector seizes any seized material under section 69RH, subject to section 69RJ, the Secretary with any assistance necessary must—

- (a) take reasonable steps to release or return the seized material to the licensed grower or the licensed processor from whom it was seized or its lawful owner if the reason for its detention or seizure no longer exists; or
  - (b) retain any seized material that is required for evidence in a legal proceeding in a place approved by the Secretary.
- (2) If the seized material has not been returned to the licensed grower or the licensed processor from whom it was seized or its lawful owner within 3 months after it was seized, the Secretary must take reasonable steps to return it to that licensed grower or licensed processor or lawful owner (as the case requires) unless—
- (a) proceedings for the purpose for which the seized material was retained have commenced within that 3 month period and those proceedings (including any appeal) have not been completed; or
  - (b) the Magistrates' Court makes an order under section 69RL extending the period during which the seized material may be retained.

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**69RL Magistrates' Court may extend 3 month period**

- (1) The Secretary may apply to the Magistrates' Court for an extension (not exceeding 3 months) of the period during which the seized material may be retained—
  - (a) within 3 months after the seized material is seized under section 69RH; or
  - (b) if an extension has been granted under this section, before the end of the period of the extension.

- (2) The Magistrates' Court may make an order extending the period that the seized material is to be retained if satisfied that—
  - (a) the making of the order is in the interests of justice; and
  - (b) the total period of retention does not exceed 12 months; and
  - (c) retention of the seized material is necessary for the purposes of an investigation into whether a contravention of this Part has occurred.
- (3) At least 7 days prior to the hearing of an application under subsection (1), the Secretary must give notice of the application to the licensed grower or the licensed processor, as the case requires, from whom the alkaloid poppies, poppy straw or material derived from alkaloid poppies or poppy straw were seized or its lawful owner described in the application.

**69RM Forfeiture, harvest and destruction of alkaloid poppies or poppy straw**

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- (1) The Secretary may apply to the Magistrates' Court for a harvest and destruction order if the Secretary—
  - (a) is satisfied on reasonable grounds that a licensed grower or a licensed processor has contravened this Part; and
  - (b) has cancelled the relevant licence.
- (2) The Magistrates' Court may make an order that the seized material of the licensed grower or the licensed processor, as the case requires, be forfeited to the Crown and be dealt with in accordance with a harvest and destruction order made under subsection (3) if satisfied that—

- (a) the relevant seized material poses a risk to public health and safety; and
  - (b) in all the circumstances it is appropriate to make a harvest and destruction order in regards to the relevant seized material.
- (3) The Magistrates' Court may make any of the following harvest and destruction orders (as the case requires)—
- (a) an order that the relevant seized material be harvested;
  - (b) an order that the relevant seized material be destroyed;
  - (c) an order that the relevant seized material be harvested and destroyed.
- (4) The Magistrates' Court may—
- (a) give any direction necessary to enable the Secretary to carry out the harvest and destruction order; and
  - (b) authorise the Secretary to give any appropriate direction to harvest or destroy the seized material (as the case requires) to which the order relates.

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#### **69RN Recovery of costs**

If the Secretary incurs any costs in carrying out a harvest and destruction order the Secretary may recover those costs in any court of competent jurisdiction as a debt due to the Crown.

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#### **69RO Inspector may access ratepayer information**

- (1) For the purposes of exercising a power under this Part, an inspector may require a person having custody of any records relating to ratepayers (within the meaning of the **Local Government Act 1989**) to provide the inspector with—

- (a) the name and address or other contact details of a ratepayer—
    - (i) who is a licensed grower or a licensed processor; or
    - (ii) who is an applicant for a poppy cultivation licence or a poppy processing licence; or
  - (b) the address or description of any land in respect of which the ratepayer is liable to pay rates and charges under Part 8 of the **Local Government Act 1989** if the ratepayer—
    - (i) is a licensed grower or a licensed processor; or
    - (ii) is an applicant for a licence under this Part.
- (2) An inspector may make a record of any information provided to the inspector under subsection (1).
- (3) An inspector must not be charged a fee for anything done, or required to be done, by the inspector under this section.

**69RP Protection against self-incrimination**

It is a reasonable excuse for a natural person to refuse or fail to give information or do any other thing that the person is required to do by or under this Part, if the giving of the information or the doing of that thing would tend to incriminate the person.

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**69RQ Power to issue infringement notices**

- (1) An inspector may serve an infringement notice on a person who the inspector has reason to believe has committed a prescribed offence.

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- (2) An offence referred to in subsection (1) for which an infringement notice may be served is an infringement offence within the meaning of the **Infringements Act 2006**.

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**69RR Infringement penalty**

The infringement penalty for an offence against this Part is the prescribed infringement penalty in respect of that offence.

**Division 6—Offences**

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**69S Offence to fail to report the amendment or cancellation of a contract**

A licensed grower who holds a poppy cultivation licence under section 69O(1) must report to the Secretary within 3 business days any amendment to a contract registered in the alkaloid poppy register that does one or more of the following—

- (a) amends the duration of the contract;
- (b) amends the maximum quantity of alkaloid poppies that may be cultivated under the contract;
- (c) amends the date the contract expires;
- (d) cancels the contract.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

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**69SA Offence to fail to report amendment or cancellation**

A licensed processor must inform the Secretary within 10 business days if a Commonwealth licence to manufacture or a Commonwealth licence to export required for the current poppy processing licence held by the licensed processor is amended or cancelled.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

**69SB Offence to fail to report on any change of details of the licensed grower or the licensed processor**

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- (1) A licensed grower or a licensed processor must report any specified information referred to in subsection (2) in respect of a poppy cultivation licence or a poppy processing licence to the Secretary within 7 business days.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), specified information is—
- (a) any change to the details of the licensed grower or the licensed processor that appears on the poppy cultivation licence or the poppy processing licence; or
  - (b) any associate other than those provided to the Secretary in the application for a poppy cultivation licence or a poppy processing licence; or
  - (c) the signing of a personal insolvency agreement or any declaration of bankruptcy that applies to the licence grower or the licence processor; or
  - (d) any offence that the licensed grower or the licensed processor has been found guilty of by a court in Victoria or elsewhere, after the date of the application for the poppy cultivation licence or the poppy processing licence (as the case requires) was sent to the Secretary; or
  - (e) any serious offence that an associate of the licensed grower or the licensed processor has been found guilty of by a court in Victoria or elsewhere, after the date of the application for the poppy cultivation licence or the poppy processing licence (as the case requires) was sent to the Secretary; or
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- (f) any information that the name of an associate of a licensed grower or a licensed processor provided to the Secretary by the licensed grower or the licensed processor, in a successful application under this Part, has been changed; or
- (g) the entering by a licensed grower or a licensed processor that is not a natural person into voluntary administration, liquidation or receivership.

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**69SC Offence to fail to surrender licence on suspension or cancellation**

Within 14 days of the suspension or cancellation of a poppy cultivation licence or a poppy processing licence under section 69QA a person must surrender to the Secretary—

- (a) the relevant licence; and
- (b) any related document issued to the person.

Penalty: 20 penalty units.

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**69SD Offence to contravene a licence**

- (1) A licensed grower must not contravene a prescribed minor term, condition, limitation or restriction to which the poppy cultivation licence is subject.

Penalty: 20 penalty units.

- (2) A licensed grower must not contravene the terms, conditions, limitations or restrictions to which the poppy cultivation licence is subject which is not a prescribed minor term, condition, limitation or restriction.

Penalty: 100 penalty units or 12 months imprisonment or both.

- (3) A licensed processor must not contravene a prescribed minor term, condition, limitation or restriction to which the poppy processing licence is subject.

Penalty: 20 penalty units.

- (4) A licensed processor must not contravene the terms, conditions, limitations or restrictions to which the poppy processing licence is subject which is not a prescribed minor term, condition, limitation or restriction.

Penalty: 100 penalty units or 12 months imprisonment or both.

**69SE Offence to fail to prohibit access to premises**

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- (1) A licensed grower must not permit any other person to enter the area of land where alkaloid poppies are being cultivated unless that other person is—
- (a) an employee of the licensed grower who is employed to undertake an activity authorised under the poppy cultivation licence; or
  - (b) a licensed processor; or
  - (c) a party to a contract registered in the alkaloid poppy register with the relevant licensed grower or an employee of the relevant licensed processor.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

- (2) A licensed processor must not permit any other person to enter the specified premises unless that other person is an employee of the licensed processor who is employed—
- (a) to carry out an activity in the business conducted by a licensed processor under the poppy processing licence; or

(b) to undertake an activity authorised under the poppy processing licence.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

(3) A licensed grower must not permit any other person to enter the area of land where alkaloid poppies are being cultivated unless that other person is accompanied at all times—

(a) by the licensed grower; or

(b) by an employee of the licensed grower who is employed to undertake an activity authorised under the poppy cultivation licence; or

(c) by an inspector.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

(4) A licensed processor must not permit any other person to enter the specified premises unless the other person is accompanied at all times—

(a) by the licensed processor; or

(b) by an employee of the licensed processor who is employed to undertake an activity authorised under the poppy processing licence; or

(c) by an inspector.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

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**69SF Offence to fail to carry and produce identification certificate**

(1) An employee of a licensed grower or a licensed processor who has been issued with an employee identification certificate must carry the certificate with him or her during the performance of any activity authorised under the relevant licence.

Penalty: 60 penalty units.

- (2) An employee of a licensed grower or a licensed processor must produce his or her employee identification certificate on the request of an inspector.

Penalty: 60 penalty units.

**69SG Offence to employ disqualified persons under licence**

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- (1) A licensed grower must not employ a disqualified person in the business conducted under the poppy cultivation licence.

Penalty: 60 penalty units.

- (2) A licensed processor must not employ a disqualified person in the business conducted under the poppy processing licence.

Penalty: 60 penalty units.

**69SH Offence for disqualified person to be employed by licensed grower or licensed processor**

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- (1) A disqualified person must not accept employment to carry out activities in the business conducted by a licensed grower under a poppy cultivation licence.

Penalty: 60 penalty units.

- (2) A disqualified person must not accept employment to carry out activities in the business conducted by a licensed processor under a poppy processing licence.

Penalty: 60 penalty units.

**69SI Employee must comply with terms and conditions of licence**

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- (1) A licensed grower must take reasonable steps to prevent an employee of the licensed grower contravening the terms, conditions, limitations or restrictions of the poppy cultivation licence and

the applicable requirements of this Part in carrying out an activity authorised by the licence.

Penalty: 60 penalty units.

- (2) A licensed processor must take reasonable steps to prevent an employee of the licensed processor contravening the terms, conditions, limitations or restrictions of the licence and the applicable requirements of this Part in carrying out an activity authorised by the licence.

Penalty: 60 penalty units.

- (3) A licensed grower must take reasonable steps to provide each employee of the licensed grower carrying out an activity authorised under the poppy cultivation licence with sufficient and appropriate information, instruction, training and supervision to be able to carry out that activity in accordance with the licence.

Penalty: 60 penalty units.

- (4) A licensed processor must take reasonable steps to provide each employee of the licensed processor carrying out an activity authorised under the poppy processing licence with sufficient and appropriate information, instruction, training and supervision to be able to carry out that activity in accordance with the licence.

Penalty: 60 penalty units.

- (5) An employee must cooperate with the licensed grower in relation to any direction given, or action taken, by the licensed grower or by any person authorised by the licensed grower, in order to comply with subsection (1) or (3).

Penalty: 60 penalty units.

- (6) An employee must cooperate with the licensed processor in relation to any direction given, or action taken, by the licensed processor or by any person authorised by the licensed processor, in order to comply with subsection (2) or (4).

Penalty: 60 penalty units.

**69SJ Criminal liability of licensed grower or licensed processor—failure to exercise due diligence**

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- (1) If an employee of a licensed grower or a licensed processor commits an offence against this Part, the relevant licensed grower or licensed processor also commits an offence against this Part, if the licensed grower or the licensed processor failed to exercise due diligence to prevent the commission of the offence by the employee.
- (2) A licensed grower or a licensed processor referred to in subsection (1) is liable to a penalty not exceeding the maximum penalty that applies to the offence against this Part committed by the employee.
- (3) In determining whether a licensed grower or a licensed processor failed to exercise due diligence, a court may have regard to—
- (a) whether or not the licensed grower or the licensed processor permitted or authorised the act or omission of the employee in the course of his or her employment that constituted the offence against this Part; and
  - (b) what steps the licensed grower or the licensed processor took, or could reasonably have taken, to prevent the commission of the offence by the employee.
- (4) Without limiting any other defence available to a licensed grower or a licensed processor, the relevant licensed grower or licensed processor may rely on a defence that would be available to
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the employee of the licensed grower or the licensed processor if (as the case requires)—

- (a) the employee were charged with the offence with which the licensed grower or the licensed processor is charged; and
  - (b) in doing so, the licensed grower or the licensed processor bears the same burden of proof that the employee would bear.
- (5) A licensed grower or a licensed processor may commit an offence against this Part whether or not the employee of the licensed grower or the licensed processor, as the case requires, has been prosecuted for, or found guilty of, an offence against this Part.

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**69SK Offence to fail to provide an identification certificate for employees**

- (1) A licensed grower must issue to each employee authorised in respect of the poppy cultivation licence an employee identification certificate that contains the information required under section 69OF(2).

Penalty: 60 penalty units.

- (2) A licensed processor must issue to each employee authorised in respect of the poppy processing licence an employee identification certificate that contains the information required under section 69PF(2).

Penalty: 60 penalty units.

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**69SL Offence to hinder or obstruct inspector**

- (1) A person must not, without reasonable excuse, hinder or obstruct an inspector in the exercise of a power under this Part.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

- (2) A person must not, without reasonable excuse, fail to comply with any direction, requirement or order of an inspector under this Part.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

**69SM Offence to remove detained or seized alkaloid poppies or poppy straw**

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A person must not, while a detention or seizure notice remains in effect, remove the whole or any part of an alkaloid poppy, poppy straw or material derived from an alkaloid poppy or poppy straw to which the notice relates, without the authorisation of the Secretary or an inspector.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

**Division 7—Alkaloid poppy register**

**69T Alkaloid poppy register**

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- (1) The Secretary must establish and maintain the alkaloid poppy register.
- (2) The alkaloid poppy register is to contain the following information in respect of each registrable contract—
- (a) the name of each party to the contract;
  - (b) the location of the specified premises;
  - (c) the date the contract was entered into by the parties;
  - (d) any other relevant information provided by an applicant or licensed grower or licensed processor to an inspector or the Secretary;
  - (e) the details of the relevant poppy cultivation licence or poppy processing licence;

- (f) any relevant information collected or received by an inspector to determine the compliance of a licensed grower or a licensed processor with this Part;
- (g) any other prescribed information.

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**69TA Request to register a contract**

- (1) The Secretary, if requested to do so by a licensed grower, may register a contract between the licensed grower and a licensed processor in the alkaloid poppy register if the contract—
  - (a) is a valid contract; and
  - (b) includes details of the specified premises and area of land where it is proposed to cultivate alkaloid poppies; and
  - (c) specifies the period of the contract; and
  - (d) includes any other prescribed particulars (if any).
- (2) If a licensed grower makes a request under subsection (1), the Secretary must, within 7 days—
  - (a) register the contract; or
  - (b) refuse to register the contract.
- (3) On making a decision under subsection (2) the Secretary must—
  - (a) notify the licensed grower and the licensed processor who are the parties to the contract of that decision; and
  - (b) provide reasons for the decision if the decision was a refusal under subsection (2)(b).

**69TB Access to the alkaloid poppy register restricted**

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- (1) The Secretary must ensure that the alkaloid poppy register, or any part of the alkaloid poppy register, is only accessed by a prescribed person, or class of prescribed person, who is authorised to do so by the Secretary.
- (2) The Secretary must ensure that personal information in the alkaloid poppy register is only disclosed in accordance with this Act.

**69TC Person with access to alkaloid poppy register not to disclose personal information from it**

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- (1) Unless a disclosure is authorised under this section, a person authorised to have access to the alkaloid poppy register or any part of the alkaloid poppy register must not disclose to any person the following information in the alkaloid poppy register—
  - (a) any personal information;
  - (b) the location of specified premises;
  - (c) commercial in confidence information.

Penalty: 100 penalty units or 12 months imprisonment or both.

- (2) The Secretary or a person authorised to have access to the alkaloid poppy register or any part of the alkaloid poppy register may disclose personal information in the alkaloid poppy register to a Department or public statutory authority—
  - (a) for the purpose of law enforcement; or
  - (b) as required by or under any Act or law; or
  - (c) if the Secretary or a person authorised to have access to the alkaloid poppy register believes on reasonable grounds that to do so is necessary to enable the proper administration of the Act.

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### **69TD Delegation**

The Secretary, by instrument, may delegate any powers or functions of the Secretary under this Part, other than this power of delegation, to a person or class of persons employed under Part 3 of the **Public Administration Act 2004**.

## **Division 8—Review by VCAT**

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### **69U Refusal of licence or renewal of licence on grounds of protected information**

- (1) If the Chief Commissioner of Police opposes the issuing or renewal of a poppy cultivation licence or a poppy processing licence wholly or partly on the basis of protected information, to the extent that the Chief Commissioner's reasons for that decision relate to protected information—
  - (a) the Chief Commissioner of Police must inform the Secretary in writing; and
  - (b) the requirement under section 69OB(4)(b), 69OI(5)(b), 69PB(4)(b) or 69PI(5)(b) to provide reasons for the decision do not apply; and
  - (c) the Secretary and the applicant are not entitled to be provided with those reasons.
- (2) If a person is not entitled under subsection (1) to some or all of the reasons for a decision under section 69OA(3)(c), 69OH(3)(c), 69PA(3)(c) or 69PH(3)(c)—
  - (a) the Chief Commissioner of Police must create a written record of the reasons for the decision; and
  - (b) the Secretary must notify the applicant that the application has been denied on the basis of protected information; and

- (c) the Secretary must inform the applicant that—
    - (i) the Chief Commissioner of Police has created a written record of the reasons for the decision that relate to the protected information; and
    - (ii) the reasons are not able to be disclosed to the applicant; and
    - (iii) he or she is entitled to seek review of the Secretary's decision by VCAT; and
  - (d) if the applicant seeks review of the decision by VCAT, the Chief Commissioner of Police must provide the reasons to VCAT.
- (3) Section 8 of the **Administrative Law Act 1978** does not apply to a decision to which this section applies.

**69UA Review by VCAT**

- (1) A person may apply to VCAT for review of a decision of the Secretary—
- (a) to refuse to issue a poppy cultivation licence or a poppy processing licence to that person; or
  - (b) to refuse to issue to that person or to renew a poppy cultivation licence or a poppy processing licence wholly or partly on the basis of protected information; or
  - (c) to refuse to renew a poppy cultivation licence or a poppy processing licence held by that person; or
  - (d) to refuse to register a contract between a licensed grower and a licensed processor in the alkaloid poppy register; or

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- (e) to suspend, cancel or amend a poppy cultivation licence or a poppy processing licence held by that person.
- (2) An application for review under subsection (1) must be made within 28 days after the later of—
  - (a) the day on which the decision is made; or
  - (b) if, under the **Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998**, the person requests a statement of reasons for the decision, the day on which the statement of reasons is given to the person or the person is informed under section 46(5) of that Act that a statement of reasons will not be given.

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#### **69UB VCAT to inquire on grounds for refusal**

If VCAT receives an application for review under section 69UA(1)(a), (c) or (e), VCAT must enquire of the Secretary whether the grounds for the refusal, suspension, cancellation or amendment were based on any protected information.

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#### **69UC Appointment of special counsel**

- (1) VCAT must appoint a special counsel to represent the interests of the applicant—
  - (a) if in response to a request under section 69UB, the Secretary informs VCAT in writing that a decision was based on protected information; or
  - (b) on receipt of an application for review under section 69UA(1)(b).
- (2) A special counsel must be a barrister within the meaning of the **Legal Profession Act 2004** who, in the opinion of VCAT, has the appropriate skills and ability to represent the interests of the party at the hearing.

- (3) At any time before the special counsel attends the hearing or obtains any confidential affidavit in relation to the application for the purpose of obtaining information or instructions from the party or representative in relation to the proceeding the special counsel may communicate with—
- (a) the party whose interests he or she is representing; or
  - (b) any representative of that party.
- (4) Subject to section 69UE(3), at any time after the special counsel commences to attend the hearing or obtains any confidential affidavit in relation to the application, the special counsel—
- (a) must not take instructions from the party whose interests he or she is representing, or from any representative of that party; and
  - (b) must not communicate any other information in relation to the hearing to that party or a representative of that party without leave of VCAT, except to communicate any order made by VCAT at or in relation to the hearing.
- (5) A special counsel may be required to sign a confidentiality undertaking to VCAT.

**69UD Procedure for hearing—protected information**

- (1) If, in response to a request under section 69UB, the Secretary informs VCAT in writing that the decision was based on protected information or the application for review was made under section 69UA(1)(b), VCAT must, at the hearing of the application, first determine whether or not the information is protected information.

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- (2) For the purposes of making a determination under subsection (1), VCAT may hold a hearing or any part of it in private.
- (3) If VCAT determines to hold a hearing or part of a hearing in private under subsection (2)—
  - (a) only the Chief Commissioner of Police and the special counsel are entitled to be present; and
  - (b) each party that is entitled to be present has a right to make submissions as to—
    - (i) whether evidence supporting the grounds for refusal to issue or to renew the relevant licence, the cancellation or the suspension of the relevant licence amounts to protected information; and
    - (ii) the weight that should be given to that evidence; and
    - (iii) the character of the applicant, being evidence indicating whether the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a poppy cultivation licence or a poppy processing licence; and
    - (iv) whether, in all the circumstances, the poppy cultivation licence or the poppy processing licence should be renewed or issued to the applicant.
- (4) After hearing the evidence of the Chief Commissioner of Police and the special counsel under subsection (3), VCAT must decide whether or not any of the evidence adduced amounts to protected information.

- (5) If VCAT decides that none of the evidence adduced under subsection (3) amounts to protected information, VCAT must admit the applicant to the proceeding and subsection (3) ceases to apply to the conduct of the hearing.

**69UE Decision of VCAT where protected information exists**

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- (1) Without limiting any other power of VCAT conferred by or under this Part or any other Act, if VCAT decides that any of the evidence adduced under section 69UD(3) is protected information, that subsection continues to apply to the hearing of the proceeding to the extent that it relates to that protected information.
- (2) In making a determination in a proceeding to which subsection (1) applies, VCAT must decide—
- (a) what weight to give the protected information and any other evidence adduced; and
  - (b) whether, in all the circumstances, the poppy cultivation licence or the poppy processing licence should be issued to the applicant, renewed or reinstated (as the case may be).
- (3) If VCAT decides that any of the evidence adduced under section 69UD(3) is protected information—
- (a) VCAT must take all steps and precautions to prevent release of that information; and
  - (b) if the special counsel wishes to seek further instructions from the applicant on one or more occasions in relation to that protected information, the special counsel may do so only by submitting written questions for the approval of VCAT after hearing any submissions from the Chief Commissioner of Police on their content.
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- (4) Despite section 117 of the **Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998**, any order issued by VCAT in relation to a decision under this section must only state—
- (a) whether the decision of the Secretary is upheld or overturned; and
  - (b) if the poppy cultivation licence or the poppy processing licence is not issued, reinstated or renewed (as the case requires), that the applicant or each relevant person in relation to the application has failed to meet the fit and proper person requirements.
- (5) For the avoidance of doubt, VCAT may publish reasons for its decision to the extent that those reasons do not relate to protected information.

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**69UF General provisions for hearing matters involving protected information**

- (1) For the purposes of a hearing to which section 69UD or 69UE applies, VCAT must be constituted by a presidential member.
- (2) At any time before a final determination has been made by VCAT on a matter to which section 69UD or 69UE applies—
- (a) the Secretary may change his or her decision and renew or issue or reinstate the poppy cultivation licence or the poppy processing licence; and
  - (b) if the poppy cultivation licence or the poppy processing licence is renewed or issued or reinstated (as the case requires), the proceeding terminates immediately.

- (3) The following provisions do not apply to a proceeding for as long as section 69UD or 69UE applies—
- (a) Subdivision 1 of Division 3 of Part 3 and sections 49 and 101 of the **Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998**;
  - (b) section 8 of the **Administrative Law Act 1978**.
- (4) Subsection (3) does not apply to any extent that the proceedings do not involve protected information.

### **Division 9—Regulations**

#### **69V Regulations**

- (1) The Governor in Council may make regulations for or with respect to the following—
- (a) the cultivation of alkaloid poppies;
  - (b) the processing of poppy straw;
  - (c) classes of persons that are disqualified persons;
  - (d) prescribing fees or levies to recover any compliance or administrative costs;
  - (e) prescribing terms, conditions, limitations and restrictions to which licences issued under this Part will be subject;
  - (f) particulars to be included in any application for the issue, renewal or amendment of a poppy cultivation licence or a poppy processing licence;
  - (g) restricting, limiting or prohibiting premises, vehicles or machines used or intended to be used in connection with the cultivation and destruction of alkaloid poppies or the processing or destruction of poppy straw;

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inserted by  
No. 13/2014  
s. 4.

- (h) limiting or prohibiting transport of poppy straw, including in relation to specific geographical areas or regions in Victoria;
  - (i) the distance required to separate alkaloid poppies and poppy straw at a specified premises from any other place;
  - (j) matters to be considered by the Secretary in relation to the suitability of specified premises for the cultivation of alkaloid poppies or processing of poppy straw;
  - (k) fencing of specified premises and standard of fencing required to separate alkaloid poppies and poppy straw from a public place or any other premises;
  - (l) requirements of signage at specified premises and information to be displayed at a specified premises, or on equipment or vehicles used for or in connection with the growing or harvesting of alkaloid poppies or the processing of poppy straw;
  - (m) the manner in which searches, detentions and seizures under this Part are to be carried out;
  - (n) records to be kept in relation to alkaloid poppy cultivation or poppy straw processing;
  - (o) prescribing a penalty of not more than 100 penalty units for any contravention of or failure to comply with the regulations made under this Part.
- (2) Regulations made under this Part may—
- (a) be of general or limited application;
  - (b) differ according to differences in time, place or circumstances;
  - (c) apply to different classes of person and licences;
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- (d) provide for different fees for different activities or classes of activity or different cases or classes of cases;
- (e) provide for waiver or reduction of fees;
- (f) in the case of applications for the issue or renewal of licences, specify fees that reflect the cost of administration of, and the provision of, inspection services in connection with this Part;
- (g) confer powers or discretions or impose duties on the Secretary or an inspector;
- (h) exempt specified persons or things or classes of person or classes of thing from complying with all or any of the regulations—
  - (i) whether unconditionally or on specified conditions; and
  - (ii) either wholly or to such an extent as is specified; and
  - (iii) leave any matter to be required to be undertaken in a manner approved by the Secretary.

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**Pt 5 (Heading  
and ss 63–69)  
repealed by  
No. 10002  
s. 6(1)(c)(d).**

## Part V—Drugs of dependence and related matters

Pt 6  
(Heading and  
ss 70–101)  
substituted as  
Pt 5 (Heading  
and ss 70–80)  
and Pt 6  
(Heading and  
ss 81–90) by  
No. 10002  
s. 7(1).  
Pt 5 (Heading)  
amended by  
No. 52/2006  
s. 7.

S. 70  
substituted by  
No. 10002  
s. 7(1).

S. 70(1)  
amended by  
No. 101/1986  
s. 55(1)(c).

S. 70(1) def. of  
*aggregated  
commercial  
quantity*  
inserted by  
No. 61/2001  
s. 4(1),  
amended by  
Nos 52/2006  
s. 8(1)–(4),  
3/2019  
s. 9(a)(b).

### 70 Definitions

- (1) In this Part and Part VI, unless inconsistent with the context or subject-matter—

*aggregated commercial quantity*, in relation to 2 or more drugs of dependence, means a quantity determined as follows—

- (a) the quantity of each drug of dependence involved in the alleged offence is determined as a fraction of—
- (i) in the case of a drug of dependence which is a narcotic plant, the commercial quantity specified in column 2 of Part 2 of Schedule Eleven in respect of that drug of dependence; and
  - (ii) in relation to a drug of dependence the name of which is specified in column 1 of Part 3 of Schedule Eleven—

- (A) if that drug of dependence is contained in or mixed with another substance and the quantity of that mixture of drug of dependence and other substance is not less than the quantity specified in column 2A of that Part of that Schedule opposite to the name of that drug of dependence, means any amount of that drug of dependence; or
  - (B) in any other case, means the quantity that is specified in column 2 of that Part of that Schedule opposite to the name of that drug of dependence; and
- (b) the fractions determined under paragraph (a) are added together; and
  - (c) the quantity is an aggregated commercial quantity if the total of those fractions when added together is equal to or greater than the number "1";

**Example 1**

**Drug of dependence not contained in or mixed with other substance**

Jack is in possession of 40 grams of heroin, 80 grams of amphetamine and 800 grams of tetrahydrocannabinol. The individual commercial quantities for each of those drugs is 50 grams, 100 grams and 1 kilogram respectively (as set out in column 2 of Part 3 of Schedule Eleven), so each of these quantities is not individually a commercial quantity for trafficking.

To aggregate the individual quantities, determine the quantities involved as fractions of the specified commercial quantities:

$\frac{40}{50}$  (heroin),  $\frac{80}{100}$  (amphetamine) and  $\frac{800}{1000}$  (tetrahydrocannabinol) ie  $\frac{4}{5}$  plus  $\frac{4}{5}$  plus  $\frac{4}{5}$ .

The total of the fractions when added together is  $\frac{12}{5}$  or 2.4 which is a number greater than 1.

This is a quantity which is not less than an aggregated commercial quantity of 2 or more drugs of dependence.

**Example 2**

**Drug of dependence not contained in or**

**mixed with other substance** Jill is in possession of 80 cannabis plants and 800 grams of tetrahydrocannabinol. The individual commercial quantities for each of those drugs is 100 plants and 1 kilogram respectively (as set out in column 2 of Part 2 of Schedule Eleven and column 2 of Part 3 of Schedule Eleven), so each of these quantities is not individually a commercial quantity for trafficking.

To aggregate the individual quantities, determine the quantities involved as fractions of the specified commercial quantities:

$\frac{80}{100}$  (cannabis plants) and  $\frac{800}{1000}$  (tetrahydrocannabinol) ie  $\frac{8}{10}$  plus  $\frac{8}{10}$ .

The total of the fractions when added together is  $\frac{16}{10}$  or 1.6 which is a number greater than 1.

This is a quantity which is not less than an aggregated commercial quantity of 2 or more drugs of dependence.

**Example 3**

**Drug of dependence contained in or mixed with other substance**

Fred is in possession of 200 grams of a substance containing 120 grams of heroin, 400 grams of a substance containing 200 grams of amphetamine and 8 kilograms of a substance containing 900 grams of tetrahydrocannabinol. The individual commercial quantities for a mixture of one of these drugs and another substance (as set out in column 2A of Part 3 of Schedule Eleven), comprise 250 grams for heroin, 500 grams for amphetamine, and

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10 kilograms for tetrahydrocannabinol, so each of these quantities is not individually a commercial quantity for trafficking.

To aggregate the individual quantities, determine the quantities involved as fractions of the specified commercial quantities  $\frac{200}{250}$  (quantity of mixture of substance and heroin),  $\frac{400}{500}$  (quantity of mixture of substance and amphetamine),  $\frac{800}{1000}$  (quantity of mixture of substance and tetrahydrocannabinol) i.e.  $\frac{4}{5}$  plus  $\frac{4}{5}$  plus  $\frac{4}{5}$ . The total of these fractions is  $\frac{12}{5}$  or 2.4 which is a number greater than 1. This is a quantity which is not less than an aggregated commercial quantity of 2 or more drugs of dependence.

**Note**

For narcotic plants, quantities are to be calculated on the quantity specified for a drug of dependence in column 2 of Part 2 of Schedule Eleven.

Quantities of drugs of dependence contained in or mixed with another substance are to be calculated on the quantities specified in column 2A of Part 3 of Schedule Eleven.

In the case of a drug of dependence specified in column 1 of Part 3 of Schedule Eleven, quantities are to be calculated either on the quantity specified for the drug of dependence in column 2 of Part 3 of Schedule Eleven (if that drug is not contained in or mixed with another substance) or on the quantity specified for the drug of dependence in column 2A of Part 3 of Schedule Eleven (if that drug is contained in or mixed with another substance). If a quantity is calculated on a quantity specified in column 2 of Part 3 of Schedule Eleven in respect of a drug of dependence, any other substance contained in or mixed with that drug of dependence is not to be included in the calculation.

S. 70(1) def. of *aggregated large commercial quantity* inserted by No. 61/2001 s. 4(1), amended by Nos 52/2006 s. 8(5)–(7), 40/2017 s. 11, 3/2019 s. 9(c)(d).

*aggregated large commercial quantity*, in relation to 2 or more drugs of dependence, means a quantity determined as follows—

- (a) the quantity of each drug of dependence involved in the alleged offence is determined as a fraction of—
  - (i) in the case of a drug of dependence which is a narcotic plant, the large commercial quantity specified in column 1A of Part 2 of Schedule Eleven in respect of that drug of dependence; and
  - (ii) in relation to a drug of dependence the name of which is specified in column 1 of Part 3 of Schedule Eleven—
    - (A) if that drug of dependence is contained in or mixed with another substance and the quantity of that mixture of drug of dependence and other substance is not less than the quantity specified in column 1B of that Part of that Schedule opposite to the name of that drug of dependence, means any amount of that drug of dependence; or

- (B) in any other case, means the quantity that is specified in column 1A of that Part of that Schedule opposite to the name of that drug of dependence; and
- (b) the fractions determined under paragraph (a) are added together; and
- (c) the quantity is an aggregated large commercial quantity if the total of those fractions when added together is equal to or greater than the number "1";

**Examples**

**Example 1**

**Drug of dependence contained in or mixed with other substance**

Bill is in possession of 800 grams of a substance containing 250 grams of amphetamine, 450 grams of a substance containing 150 grams of heroin, 450 grams of a substance containing 100 grams of methylamphetamine. The individual large commercial quantities for a mixture of one of these drugs and another substance (as set out in column 1B of Part 3 of Schedule Eleven), comprise 1 kilogram for amphetamine, 750 grams for heroin and 750 grams for methylamphetamine so each of these quantities is not individually a large commercial quantity for trafficking.

To aggregate the individual quantities, determine the quantities involved as fractions of the specified large commercial quantities  $\frac{800}{1000}$  (quantity of mixture of substance and amphetamine),  $\frac{450}{750}$  (quantity of mixture of substances and heroin),  $\frac{450}{750}$  (quantity of mixture of substance and methylamphetamine), i.e.  $\frac{4}{5}$  plus  $\frac{3}{5}$  plus  $\frac{3}{5}$ . The total of these fractions is  $\frac{10}{5}$  or 2 which is a number greater than 1. This is a quantity which is not less than an aggregated large commercial quantity of 2 or more drugs of dependence.

**Example 2**

**Drug of dependence not contained in or mixed with other substance**

Fredrica is in possession of 100 grams of heroin, 300 grams of amphetamine, and 450 grams of cocaine. The individual large commercial quantities for each of those drugs (as set out in Column 1A of Part 3 of Schedule Eleven), comprise 500 grams for heroin, 750 grams for amphetamine and 750 grams for cocaine so each of these quantities is not individually a large commercial quantity for trafficking.

To aggregate the individual quantities, determine the quantities involved as fractions of the specified large commercial quantities  $\frac{100}{500}$  (heroin),  $\frac{300}{750}$  (amphetamine),  $\frac{450}{750}$  (cocaine), i.e.  $\frac{1}{5}$  plus  $\frac{2}{5}$  plus  $\frac{3}{5}$ . The total of these fractions is  $\frac{6}{5}$  or 1.2 which is a number greater than 1. This is a quantity which is not less than an aggregated large commercial quantity of 2 or more drugs of dependence.

**Note**

For narcotic plants, quantities are to be calculated on the quantity specified for a drug of dependence in column 1A of Part 2 of Schedule Eleven.

Quantities of drugs of dependence contained in or mixed with another substance are to be calculated on the quantities specified in column 1B of Part 3 of Schedule Eleven.

In the case of a drug of dependence specified in column 1 of Part 3 of Schedule Eleven, quantities are to be calculated either on the quantity specified for the drug of dependence in column 1A of Part 3 of Schedule Eleven (if that drug is not contained in or mixed with another substance) or on the quantity specified for the drug of dependence in column 1B of Part 3 of Schedule Eleven (if that drug is contained in or mixed with another substance). If a quantity is calculated on a quantity specified in column 1A of Part 3 of Schedule Eleven in respect of a drug of dependence, any other substance contained in or mixed with that drug of dependence is not to be included in the calculation.

***automatic forfeiture quantity***, in relation to a drug of dependence the name of which is specified in column 1 of Part 3 of Schedule Eleven, means the quantity of that drug, including any other substance in which it is contained or with which it is mixed, that is specified in column 2B of that Part of that Schedule opposite to the name of that drug of dependence;

S. 70(1) def. of *automatic forfeiture quantity* inserted by No. 63/2003 s. 45.

**Note**

see the **Confiscation Act 1997**;

***cannabis*** means any fresh or dried parts of a plant of the genus *Cannabis* L;

S. 70(1) def. of *cannabis* amended by No. 101/1986 s. 58(1)(b)(i), substituted by No. 48/1997 s. 37(a).

***child*** means a person under 18 years of age;

S. 70(1) def. of *child* inserted by No. 48/1997 s. 37(a).

***commercial quantity***—

S. 70(1) def. of *commercial quantity* substituted by Nos 48/1997 s. 37(b), 61/2001 s. 4(2).

- (a) in relation to a drug of dependence the name of which is specified in column 1 of Part 1 of Schedule Eleven, means the quantity that is specified in column 2 of that Part of that Schedule opposite to the name of that drug of dependence;
- (b) in relation to a drug of dependence the name of which is specified in column 1 of Part 2 of Schedule Eleven, means the quantity, or the number of plants, that is specified in column 2 of that Part of that Schedule opposite to the name of that drug of dependence;

- (c) in relation to a drug of dependence the name of which is specified in column 1 of Part 3 of Schedule Eleven—
  - (i) if that drug of dependence is contained in or mixed with another substance and the quantity of that mixture of drug of dependence and other substance is not less than the quantity specified in column 2A of that Part of that Schedule opposite to the name of that drug of dependence, means any amount of that drug of dependence; or
  - (ii) in any other case, means the quantity that is specified in column 2 of that Part of that Schedule opposite to the name of that drug of dependence;
- (d) in relation to 2 or more drugs of dependence, means an aggregated commercial quantity of those drugs;

S. 70(1) def. of *criminal organisation* inserted by No. 3/2019 s. 9(e).

*criminal organisation* means—

- (a) an organisation that is a declared organisation under the **Criminal Organisations Control Act 2012**; or
- (b) an organisation that—
  - (i) has 2 or more members; and
  - (ii) engages in systemic and continuing criminal activity which involves substantial planning; and
  - (iii) has a purpose of obtaining profit, gain, power or influence through that criminal activity;

*cultivate*, in relation to a narcotic plant includes—

- (a) sow a seed of a narcotic plant; or
- (b) plant, grow, tend, nurture or harvest a narcotic plant; or
- (c) graft, divide or transplant a narcotic plant;

S. 70(1) def. of *cultivate* inserted by No. 61/2001 s. 4(1), amended by No. 52/2006 s. 8(8).

*large commercial quantity*—

- (a) in relation to a drug of dependence the name of which is specified in column 1 of Part 2 of Schedule Eleven, means the quantity, or the number of plants, that is specified in column 1A of that Part of that Schedule opposite to the name of that drug of dependence;
- (b) in relation to a drug of dependence the name of which is specified in column 1 of Part 3 of Schedule Eleven—
  - (i) if that drug of dependence is contained in or mixed with another substance and the quantity of that mixture of drug of dependence and other substance is not less than the quantity specified in column 1B of that Part of that Schedule opposite to the name of that drug of dependence, means any amount of that drug of dependence; or
  - (ii) in any other case, means the quantity that is specified in column 1A of that Part of that Schedule opposite to the name of that drug of dependence;

S. 70(1) def. of *large commercial quantity* inserted by No. 61/2001 s. 4(1).

S. 70(1) def. of  
*narcotic plant*  
amended by  
Nos 101/1986  
s. 58(1)(b)(ii),  
52/2006  
s. 8(9).

(c) in relation to 2 or more drugs of dependence, means an aggregated large commercial quantity of those drugs;  
  
*narcotic plant* means any plant the name of which is specified in column 1 of Part 2 of Schedule Eleven and includes a cutting of such a plant, whether or not the cutting has roots;

S. 70(1) def. of  
*public place*  
inserted by  
No. 2/2016  
s. 4.

*public place* has the same meaning as it has in section 3 of the **Summary Offences Act 1966**;

S. 70(1) def. of  
*school*  
inserted by  
No. 2/2016  
s. 4.

*school* has the same meaning as it has in section 1.1.3 of the **Education and Training Reform Act 2006**;

S. 70(1) def. of  
*small quantity*  
amended by  
Nos 101/1986  
s. 58(1)(b)(iii),  
48/1997  
s. 37(c).

*small quantity*—  
  
(a) in relation to any fresh or dried parts of a plant of the genus *Cannabis* L, means the quantity that is specified in column 4 of Part 2 of Schedule Eleven opposite to the name *Cannabis* L specified in column 1 of that part of that Schedule; and  
  
(b) in relation to any drug of dependence the name of which is specified in column 1 of Part 3 of Schedule Eleven, means the quantity of that drug, including any other substance in which it is contained or with which it is mixed, that is specified in column 4 of that Part of that Schedule opposite to the name of that drug of dependence;

***traffick*** in relation to a drug of dependence includes—

- (a) prepare a drug of dependence for trafficking;
- (b) manufacture a drug of dependence; or
- (c) sell, exchange, agree to sell, offer for sale or have in possession for sale, a drug of dependence;

***traffickable quantity***, in relation to a drug of dependence—

- (a) the name of which is specified in column 1 of Part 1 of Schedule Eleven, means the quantity that is specified in column 3 of that Part of that Schedule opposite to the name of that drug of dependence;
- (b) the name of which is specified in column 1 of Part 2 of Schedule Eleven, means the quantity, or the number of plants, that is specified in column 3 of that Part of that Schedule opposite to the name of that drug of dependence;
- (c) the name of which is specified in column 1 of Part 3 of Schedule Eleven—
  - (i) if that drug of dependence is contained in or mixed with another substance and the quantity of that mixture of drug of dependence and other substance is not less than the quantity specified in column 3 of that Part of that Schedule opposite to the name of that drug of dependence, means any amount of that drug of dependence; or

S. 70(1) def. of *traffickable quantity* substituted by No. 48/1997 s. 37(d), amended by No. 52/2006 s. 8(10).

(ii) in any other case, means the quantity that is specified in column 3A of that Part of that Schedule opposite to the name of that drug of dependence;

*use* in relation to a drug of dependence means—

- (a) smoke a drug of dependence;
- (b) inhale the fumes caused by heating or burning a drug of dependence; or
- (c) introduce a drug of dependence into the body of a person.

(2) The provisions of section 4(2) and (3) and the interpretations of *manufacture*, *sell* and *supply* in section 4(1) do not apply to this Part.

## 71 Trafficking in a drug or drugs of dependence—large commercial quantity

S. 70(2)  
amended by  
No. 18/2000  
s. 105(c).

S. 71  
substituted by  
No. 10002  
s. 7(1),  
amended by  
Nos 56/1989  
s. 286(Sch. 2  
item 9),  
48/1997  
ss 38(1)  
(2)(a)(b),  
41(1)(a)(b),  
substituted by  
No. 61/2001  
s. 5,  
amended by  
No. 52/2014  
s. 18 (ILA  
s. 39B(1)).

S. 71(1)  
amended by  
Nos 20/2016  
s. 119, 61/2017  
s. 128, 34/2019  
s. 21.

(1) A person who, without being authorized by or licensed under this Act or the regulations or the **Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017** or the regulations under that Act to do so, trafficks or attempts to traffick in a quantity of a drug of dependence or of 2 or more drugs of dependence that is not less than the large commercial quantity applicable to that drug of dependence or those

drugs of dependence is guilty of an indictable offence and liable—

- (a) to level 1 imprisonment (life); and
- (b) in addition to imprisonment, to a penalty of not more than 5000 penalty units.

**Notes**

- 1 An offence against subsection (1) is a category 1 offence under the **Sentencing Act 1991**. See section 5(2G) of that Act for the requirement to impose a custodial order for this offence.
- 2 An offence against subsection (1) is a serious drug offence for the purposes of the **Confiscation Act 1997**. On the conviction of a person for a serious drug offence, the court must make an order under section 89DI of the **Sentencing Act 1991** declaring the person to be a serious drug offender.

- (2) The standard sentence for an offence under subsection (1) (other than one constituted by an attempt to traffick) is 16 years.

**Note**

See sections 5A and 5B of the **Sentencing Act 1991** as to standard sentences.

Note to s. 71(1) inserted by No. 55/2014 s. 50, substituted as Notes by No. 65/2016 s. 21(1).

S. 71(2) inserted by No. 52/2014 s. 18, repealed by No. 34/2017 s. 16, new s. 71(2) inserted by No. 34/2017 s. 37.

**71AA Trafficking in a drug or drugs of dependence—commercial quantity**

S. 71AA inserted by No. 61/2001 s. 5, amended by Nos 20/2016 s. 120, 3/2019 s. 10(1)(2) (ILA s. 39B(1)).

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), a person who, without being authorized by or licensed under this Act or the regulations or the **Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017** or the regulations under that Act to do so, trafficks or attempts to traffick in a quantity of a drug of dependence or of 2 or more drugs of dependence that is not less than the commercial

S. 71AA(1) amended by Nos 61/2017 s. 129, 34/2019 s. 22(1).

quantity applicable to that drug of dependence or those drugs of dependence is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to level 2 imprisonment (25 years maximum).

S. 71AA(2)  
inserted by  
No. 3/2019  
s. 10(2),  
amended by  
Nos 3/2019  
s. 18, 34/2019  
s. 22(2).

- (2) A person who, without being authorized by or licensed under this Act or the regulations or the **Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017** or the regulations under that Act to do so, trafficks or attempts to traffick in a quantity of a drug of dependence or of 2 or more drugs of dependence that is not less than the commercial quantity applicable to that drug of dependence or those drugs of dependence for the benefit of or at the direction of a criminal organisation is guilty of an indictable offence and liable—
- (a) to level 1 imprisonment (life); and
  - (b) in addition to imprisonment, to a penalty of not more than 5000 penalty units.

Note to  
s. 71AA  
inserted by  
No. 65/2016  
s. 21(2),  
substituted as  
Notes by  
No. 3/2019  
s. 10(3).

#### Notes

- 1 An offence against subsection (1) is a category 2 offence under the **Sentencing Act 1991**. See subsection (2H) of section 5 of that Act for the requirement to impose a custodial order for this offence unless the circumstances set out in paragraphs (a) to (e) of that subsection exist.
- 2 An offence against subsection (2) is a category 1 offence under the **Sentencing Act 1991**. See section 5(2G) of that Act for the requirement to impose a custodial order for this offence.
- 3 An offence against subsection (2) is a serious drug offence for the purposes of the **Confiscation Act 1997**. On the conviction of a person for a serious drug offence, the court must make an order under section 89DI of the **Sentencing Act 1991** declaring the person to be a serious drug offender.

**71AB Trafficking in a drug of dependence to a child**

S. 71AB  
inserted by  
No. 61/2001  
s. 5,  
amended by  
No. 2/2016  
s. 5(1)(2) (ILA  
s. 39B(1)).

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), a person who, without being authorized by or licensed under this Act or the regulations to do so, trafficks or attempts to traffick in a drug of dependence to a child is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to level 3 imprisonment (20 years maximum).
- (2) A person who, without being authorised by or licensed under this Act or the regulations to do so, trafficks or attempts to traffick in a drug of dependence to a child at a school or in a public place within 500 metres of a school is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to level 2 imprisonment (25 years maximum).

S. 71AB(1)  
amended by  
Nos 20/2016  
s. 121, 34/2019  
s. 23.

S. 71AB(2)  
inserted by  
No. 2/2016  
s. 5(2),  
amended by  
Nos 20/2016  
s. 121, 34/2019  
s. 23.

**71AC Trafficking in a drug of dependence**

S. 71AC  
inserted by  
No. 61/2001  
s. 5,  
amended by  
No. 2/2016  
s. 6(1)(2) (ILA  
s. 39B(1)).

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), a person who, without being authorized by or licensed under this Act or the regulations or the **Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017** or the regulations under that Act to do so, trafficks or attempts to traffick in a drug of dependence is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to level 4 imprisonment (15 years maximum).

S. 71AC(1)  
amended by  
Nos 20/2016  
s. 122, 61/2017  
s. 130(1),  
34/2019 s. 24.

S. 71AC(2)  
inserted by  
No. 2/2016  
s. 6(2),  
amended by  
Nos 20/2016  
s. 122, 61/2017  
s. 130(2),  
34/2019 s. 24.

- (2) A person who, without being authorised by or licensed under this Act or the regulations or the **Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017** or the regulations under that Act to do so, trafficks or attempts to traffick in a drug of dependence at a school or in a public place within 500 metres of a school is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to level 3 imprisonment (20 years maximum).

S. 71AD  
inserted by  
No. 2/2016  
s. 7.

**71AD Use of violence or threats to cause trafficking in drug of dependence**

- (1) A person must not intentionally cause another person to traffick in a drug of dependence by—
- (a) threatening to harm that person or another person; or
  - (b) using violence against that person or another person.

Penalty: Level 6 imprisonment (5 years maximum).

- (2) Nothing in subsection (1) prevents a person who trafficks a drug of dependence in the circumstances specified in that subsection from being liable for any offence of trafficking under this Part.
- (3) Nothing in this section limits or affects the operation of—
- (a) section 79 or 80; or
  - (b) section 322O, 322P, 323 or 324 of the **Crimes Act 1958**.

**71A Possession of substance, material, documents or equipment for trafficking in a drug of dependence**

S. 71A  
inserted by  
No. 48/1997  
s. 39,  
amended by  
No. 52/2006  
s. 9(1) (ILA  
s. 39B(1)).

(1) A person who, without being authorised by or licensed under this Act or the regulations or the **Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017** or the regulations under that Act to do so, possesses a substance, material, document containing instructions relating to the preparation, cultivation or trafficking of a drug of dependence or equipment with the intention of using the substance, material, document or equipment for the purpose of trafficking in a drug of dependence is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to level 5 imprisonment (10 years maximum).

S. 71A(1)  
amended by  
Nos 20/2016  
s. 123, 2/2016  
s. 8(1),  
61/2017 s. 131,  
34/2019 s. 25.

(2) Nothing in this section is limited by section 71C.

S. 71A(2)  
inserted by  
No. 52/2006  
s. 9(1).

(3) Nothing in this section is limited by section 71D.

S. 71A(3)  
inserted by  
No. 52/2006  
s. 9(2).

(4) Nothing in this section is limited by section 71E.

S. 71A(4)  
inserted by  
No. 2/2016  
s. 8(2).

## **71B Supply of drug of dependence to a child**

**S. 71B**  
inserted by  
No. 48/1997  
s. 39.

- (1) Subject to subsection (1A), a person who, without being authorised by or licensed under this Act or the regulations to do so—

**S. 71B(1)**  
amended by  
Nos 2/2016  
s. 9(1),  
20/2016  
s. 124(1),  
34/2019 s. 26.

- (a) supplies a drug of dependence to a child for the purposes of the supply of that drug of dependence by that child to another person, whether a child or adult; or
- (b) supplies a drug of dependence to a child for the use of that drug of dependence by that child—

**S. 71B(1)(a)**  
amended by  
No. 52/2006  
s. 10.

is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to a penalty of not more than 1000 penalty units or level 4 imprisonment (15 years maximum) or both.

**S. 71B(1A)**  
inserted by  
No. 2/2016  
s. 9(2),  
amended by  
Nos 20/2016  
s. 124(2),  
34/2019 s. 26.

- (1A) A person who, without being authorised by or licensed under this Act or the regulations to do so—
- (a) supplies a drug of dependence to a child at a school or in a public place within 500 metres of a school for the purposes of the supply of that drug of dependence by that child to another person, whether a child or adult; or
- (b) supplies a drug of dependence to a child at a school or in a public place within 500 metres of a school for the use of that drug of dependence by that child—

is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to a penalty of not more than 1600 penalty units or level 3 imprisonment (20 years maximum) or both.

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- (2) Despite section 70(2), in this section *supply* has the same meaning as in section 4(1) of this Act.
- (3) This section does not apply to a person who supplies a drug of dependence to a child if, at the time of supplying that drug, that person was also a child.
- (4) It is a defence to a charge under this section for a person charged to prove that he or she believed on reasonable grounds that the person to whom the drug of dependence was supplied was 18 years of age or older.

**71C Possession of tablet press**

A person who, without being authorized by or licensed under this Act or the regulations (if any) to do so or otherwise without a lawful excuse, possesses a tablet press is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to a penalty of not more than 600 penalty units or level 6 imprisonment (5 years maximum) or both.

S. 71C  
inserted by  
No. 52/2006  
s. 11,  
amended by  
Nos 20/2016  
s. 125, 34/2019  
s. 27.

**71D Possession of precursor chemicals**

A person who, without being authorized by or licensed under this Act or the regulations (if any) to do so or otherwise without a lawful excuse, possesses a prescribed precursor chemical in a quantity that is not less than the prescribed quantity applicable to that precursor chemical is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to a penalty of not more than 600 penalty units or level 6 imprisonment (5 years maximum) or both.

S. 71D  
inserted by  
No. 52/2006  
s. 12 (as  
amended by  
No. 10/2007  
s. 6),  
amended by  
Nos 20/2016  
s. 126, 34/2019  
s. 28.

S. 71E  
inserted by  
No. 2/2016  
s. 10,  
amended by  
No. 20/2016  
s. 127.

**71E Possession of document containing information about trafficking or cultivating a drug of dependence**

S. 71E(1)  
amended by  
No. 34/2019  
s. 29.

- (1) A person who, without being authorised by or licensed under this Act or the regulations to do so or otherwise without a reasonable excuse, possesses a document containing instructions for the trafficking or cultivation of a drug of dependence is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to a penalty of not more than 600 penalty units or level 6 imprisonment (5 years maximum) or both.

**Note**

See the definition of *document* in section 38 of the **Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984**. See the definition of *traffick* in this Part which includes manufacturing a drug of dependence and also section 71(2).

- (2) Section 104 does not apply to an offence against this section.

S. 71F  
inserted by  
No. 2/2016  
s. 10,  
amended by  
No. 20/2016  
s. 128.

**71F Publication of document containing instructions**

S. 71F(1)  
amended by  
No. 34/2019  
s. 30.

- (1) A person who, without being authorised by or licensed under this Act or the regulations to do so or otherwise without a reasonable excuse, publishes a document containing instructions for the trafficking or cultivation of a drug of dependence—

- (a) with the intention that the instructions will be used by another person for the purposes of the trafficking or cultivation of a drug of dependence; or
- (b) knowing or being reckless as to whether the instructions will be used by another person for the purpose of the trafficking or cultivation of a drug of dependence—

is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to a penalty of not more than 1200 penalty units or level 5 imprisonment (10 years maximum) or both.

- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), it is irrelevant whether the document or the instructions contained in the document actually work to traffick or cultivate a drug of dependence.
- (3) For the purposes of this section, *publish* includes sell, offer for sale, let on hire, exhibit, display, distribute and demonstrate.
- (4) Section 104 does not apply to an offence against this section.

**72 Cultivation of narcotic plants—large commercial quantity**

A person who, without being authorized by or licensed under this Act or the regulations to do so, cultivates or attempts to cultivate a narcotic plant in a quantity of a drug of dependence, being a narcotic plant, that is not less than the large commercial quantity applicable to that narcotic plant is guilty of an indictable offence and liable—

- (a) to level 1 imprisonment (life); and

S. 72 substituted by No. 10002 s. 7(1), amended by No. 48/1997 ss 40(1)(2), 41(2)(3), substituted by No. 61/2001 s. 6, amended by Nos 20/2016 s. 129, 34/2019 s. 31.

(b) in addition to imprisonment, to a penalty of not more than 5000 penalty units.

Note to s. 72 inserted by No. 55/2014 s. 51, substituted as Notes by No. 65/2016 s. 21(3).

#### Notes

- 1 An offence against this section is a category 1 offence under the **Sentencing Act 1991**. See section 5(2G) of that Act for the requirement to impose a custodial order for this offence.
- 2 An offence against this section is a serious drug offence for the purposes of the **Confiscation Act 1997**. On the conviction of a person for a serious drug offence, the court must make an order under section 89DI of the **Sentencing Act 1991** declaring the person to be a serious drug offender.

S. 72A inserted by No. 61/2001 s. 6, amended by Nos 20/2016 s. 130, 34/2019 s. 32.

### 72A Cultivation of narcotic plants—commercial quantity

A person who, without being authorized by or licensed under this Act or the regulations to do so, cultivates or attempts to cultivate a narcotic plant in a quantity of a drug of dependence, being a narcotic plant, that is not less than the commercial quantity applicable to that narcotic plant is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to level 2 imprisonment (25 years maximum).

Note to s. 72A inserted by No. 65/2016 s. 21(4).

#### Note

An offence against this section is a category 2 offence under the **Sentencing Act 1991**. See subsection (2H) of section 5 of that Act for the requirement to impose a custodial order for this offence unless the circumstances set out in paragraphs (a) to (e) of that subsection exist.

S. 72B inserted by No. 61/2001 s. 6, amended by Nos 20/2016 s. 131, 34/2019 s. 33.

### 72B Cultivation of narcotic plants

A person who, without being authorized by or licensed under this Act or the regulations to do so, cultivates or attempts to cultivate a narcotic plant is guilty of an indictable offence and liable—

- (a) if the trial judge (or magistrate on a summary hearing) is satisfied on the balance of probabilities that the offence was not committed by the person for any purpose related to trafficking in that plant, to level 8 imprisonment (1 year maximum) or a

penalty of not more than 20 penalty units or both; or

- (b) in any other case, to level 4 imprisonment (15 years maximum).

**72C Defence to prosecution for offences involving cultivation**

It is a good defence to a prosecution for an offence against section 72, 72A, 72B or 72D(2) involving the cultivation of a narcotic plant if the person charged with the offence adduces evidence which satisfies the court on the balance of probabilities that, having regard to all the circumstances (including his or her conduct) in which the matter alleged to constitute the offence arose or preparatory to the alleged commission of the offence, he or she did not know or suspect and could not reasonably have been expected to have known or suspected that the narcotic plant was a narcotic plant.

S. 72C  
inserted by  
No. 61/2001  
s. 6,  
amended by  
No. 2/2016  
s. 11.

**72D Permitting use of premises for trafficking or cultivation of drug of dependence**

- (1) An owner or occupier of land or premises who, without being authorised by or licensed under this Act or the regulations or the **Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017** or the regulations under that Act to do so, intentionally permits another person to use that land or those premises for trafficking in a drug of dependence is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to a penalty level 6 imprisonment (5 years maximum).
- (2) An owner or occupier of land or premises who, without being authorised by or licensed under this Act or the regulations to do so, intentionally permits another person to use that land or those premises for cultivating a drug of dependence

S. 72D  
inserted by  
No. 2/2016  
s. 12.

S. 72D(1)  
amended by  
Nos 20/2016  
s. 132, 61/2017  
s. 132, 34/2019  
s. 34(1).

S. 72D(2)  
amended by  
Nos 20/2016  
s. 132, 34/2019  
s. 34(2).

is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to a penalty level 6 imprisonment (5 years maximum).

- (3) For the purposes of this section, *premises* includes the following—
- (a) residential dwellings, including temporary accommodation;
  - (b) commercial or industrial land and buildings;
  - (c) other structures on land;

**Examples**

Caravans, cabins, sheds, outhouses, shipping containers.

- (d) vehicles, including motor vehicles, aircraft, boats and vessels.

### 73 Possession of a drug of dependence

S. 73  
substituted by  
No. 10002  
s. 7(1).

- (1) A person who without being authorized by or licensed under this Act or the regulations or the **Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017** or the regulations under that Act to do so has or attempts to have in his possession a drug of dependence is guilty of an indictable offence and liable—

- (a) where the court is satisfied on the balance of probabilities that—

- (i) the offence was committed in relation to a quantity of cannabis or tetrahydrocannabinol that is not more than the small quantity applicable to cannabis or tetrahydrocannabinol;

- (ii) the offence was not committed for any purpose related to trafficking in cannabis or tetrahydrocannabinol—

to a penalty of not more than 5 penalty units;

S. 73(1)  
amended by  
Nos 20/2016  
s. 133(1),  
61/2017  
s. 133(1),  
34/2019 s. 35.

S. 73(1)(a)(i)  
amended by  
No. 48/1997  
s. 42(1)(a).

S. 73(1)(a)(ii)  
amended by  
No. 48/1997  
s. 42(1)(b).

(b) subject to paragraph (a), where the court is satisfied on the balance of probabilities that the offence was not committed by the person for any purpose relating to trafficking in that drug of dependence—to a penalty of not more than 30 penalty units or to level 8 imprisonment (1 year maximum) or to both that penalty and imprisonment; or

S. 73(1)(b)  
amended by  
No. 48/1997  
s. 41(4).

(c) in any other case—to a penalty of not more than 400 penalty units or to level 6 imprisonment (5 years maximum) or to both that penalty and imprisonment.

S. 73(1)(c)  
amended by  
No. 48/1997  
s. 41(5).

(2) Where a person has in his possession, without being authorized by or licensed under this Act or the regulations or the **Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017** or the regulations under that Act to do so, a drug of dependence in a quantity that is not less than the traffickable quantity applicable to that drug of dependence, the possession of that drug of dependence in that quantity is prima facie evidence of trafficking by that person in that drug of dependence.

S. 73(2)  
amended by  
Nos 20/2016  
s. 133(2),  
61/2017  
s. 133(2),  
34/2019 s. 35.

#### **74 Introduction of a drug of dependence into the body of another person**

A person who, without being authorized by or licensed under this Act or the regulations or the **Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017** or the regulations under that Act to do so, introduces or attempts to introduce a drug of dependence into the body of another person is guilty of an offence against this Act and liable to a penalty of not more than 30 penalty units or to level 8 imprisonment (1 year maximum) or to both that penalty and imprisonment.

S. 74  
substituted by  
No. 10002  
s. 7(1),  
amended by  
Nos 48/1997  
s. 41(6),  
20/2016 s. 134,  
61/2017 s. 134,  
34/2019 s. 36.

S. 75  
substituted by  
No. 10002  
s. 7(1),  
amended by  
Nos 20/2016  
s. 135, 61/2017  
s. 135, 34/2019  
s. 37.

## 75 Use of drug of dependence

A person who, without being authorized by or licensed under this Act or the regulations or the **Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017** or the regulations under that Act to do so uses or attempts to use a drug of dependence is guilty of an offence against this Act and liable—

S. 75(a)  
amended by  
No. 48/1997  
s. 42(2).

(a) where the court is satisfied on the balance of probabilities that the offence was committed in relation to cannabis or tetrahydrocannabinol—to a penalty of not more than 5 penalty units; and

S. 75(b)  
amended by  
No. 48/1997  
s. 41(7).

(b) in any other case—to a penalty of not more than 30 penalty units or to level 8 imprisonment (1 year maximum) or to both that penalty and imprisonment.

S. 76  
substituted by  
No. 10002  
s. 7(1),  
amended by  
No. 57/1989  
s. 3(Sch.  
item 59.7  
(a)(b)).

## 76 Adjourned bonds to be given in certain cases

S. 76(1)  
amended by  
No. 49/1991  
s. 119(7)  
(Sch. 4  
item 6).

(1) Where before the Magistrates' Court—

S. 76(1)(a)  
amended by  
No. 48/1997  
s. 43(1)(a).

(a) in relation to cannabis—

S. 76(1)(a)(i)  
amended by  
No. 61/2001  
s. 7(a).

(i) a person is charged with an offence under section 72B and at the hearing the court is satisfied on the balance of probabilities that the offence was not committed by the person for any purpose relating to trafficking in cannabis;

- (ii) a person is charged with an offence under section 73 and at the hearing the court is satisfied on the balance of probabilities that the offence was not committed by the person for any purpose relating to trafficking in cannabis;
  - (iii) a person is charged with an offence under section 75; or
  - (iv) a person is charged with an offence under section 79 or section 80, being an offence that relates to an offence mentioned in subparagraphs (i), (ii) or (iii) of this paragraph and, where that last-mentioned offence relates to the possession or cultivation of cannabis, the court is satisfied on the balance of probabilities that the last-mentioned offence would not have been committed by the person for any purpose relating to trafficking in cannabis or the court is satisfied on the balance of probabilities that the last-mentioned offence would, if committed, have related to a quantity of cannabis which was not more than the small quantity applicable to cannabis; and
- (ab) in relation to any drug of dependence specified in column 1 of Part 3 of Schedule Eleven—
- (i) a person is charged with an offence under section 73 and at the hearing the court is satisfied on the balance of probabilities that the offence—

**S. 76(1)(ab)**  
**inserted by**  
**No. 48/1997**  
**s. 43(1)(a).**

- (A) was committed in relation to a quantity of that drug which was not more than the small quantity applicable to that drug; and
  - (B) was not committed for any purpose relating to trafficking in that drug; or
- (ii) a person is charged with an offence under section 75 and at the hearing the court is satisfied on the balance of probabilities that the offence was committed in relation to a quantity of that drug which was not more than the small quantity applicable to that drug; or
- (iii) a person is charged with an offence under section 79 or section 80, being an offence that relates to an offence mentioned in subparagraphs (i) or (ii), and the court is satisfied on the balance of probabilities that the last-mentioned offence—
- (A) would, if committed, have been committed in relation to a quantity of that drug which was not more than the small quantity applicable to that drug; and
  - (B) would not have been committed for any purpose relating to trafficking in that drug; and
- (ac) a person is charged with an offence under section 71E and at the hearing the court is satisfied on the balance of probabilities that the offence was not committed by the person for any purpose relating to cultivating or trafficking in a drug of dependence; and

S. 76(1)(ac)  
inserted by  
No. 2/2016  
s. 13(1).

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| <p>(b) a person mentioned in paragraph (a), (ab) or (ac) has not previously been convicted of an offence under—</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(i) section 36B(2), Part III of this Act or this Part;</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(ii) Part II or Part III of the <b>Poisons Act 1962</b>;</p>  | <p>S. 76(1)(b) amended by Nos 48/1997 s. 43(1)(b), 2/2016 s. 13(2).</p>   |
| <p>*            *            *            *            *</p>   | <p>S. 76(1)(b)(iii) repealed by No. 46/2008 s. 275(3)(a).</p>   |
| <p>(iv) a provision of the law of another State or Territory of the Commonwealth corresponding to any provision mentioned in subparagraphs (i) or (ii); or</p> <p>(v) Division 2 of Part XIII of the Act of the Commonwealth known as the Customs Act 1901 as amended and in force for the time being; or</p> <p>(vi) section 307.1, 307.2, 307.3, 307.4, 307.5, 307.6, 307.7, 307.8, 307.9 or 307.10 of the Criminal Code of the Commonwealth as amended and in force for the time being—</p> | <p>S. 76(1)(b)(iv) amended by No. 46/2008 s. 275(3)(b).</p> <p>S. 76(1)(b)(v) amended by No. 93/2005 s. 14(1).</p> <p>S. 76(1)(b)(vi) inserted by No. 93/2005 s. 14(2).</p> |
| <p>and has not previously been dealt with under this section; and</p>  |   |
| <p>(c) in relation to a person mentioned in paragraph (a), (ab) or (ac) the court is satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that the person is guilty of the offence with which he is charged—</p>  | <p>S. 76(1)(c) amended by Nos 48/1997 s. 43(1)(b), 2/2016 s. 13(3).</p>   |

the court, without proceeding to conviction, shall having regard to the character and antecedents of the person and to all the circumstances and the public interest, adjourn the further hearing to a

time and place to be fixed (such time being not more than twelve months thereafter) and allow the person charged to go at large upon his giving an undertaking under section 75(1) of the **Sentencing Act 1991**, unless the court considers it appropriate to proceed to a conviction.

S. 76(1A)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1997  
s. 43(2).

(1A) If a person to whom subsection (1) applies is, on a charge for an offence in relation to a drug of dependence other than cannabis or tetrahydrocannabinol, released on giving an undertaking under section 75(1) of the **Sentencing Act 1991**, the court must attach to the undertaking a condition that the person completes an approved drug education and information program.

(2) Where subsection (1) applies to a person and the magistrates' court proceeds to a conviction, the court shall state its reasons for doing so.

S. 76(3)  
amended by  
No. 48/2006  
s. 42(Sch.  
item 11).

(3) In determining whether a person has been previously convicted of an offence for the purposes of paragraph (b) of subsection (1), proceedings under the **Children, Youth and Families Act 2005** or under any Act of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory of the Commonwealth which corresponds to that Act shall be disregarded.

S. 76(4)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1997  
s. 43(3),  
amended by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

(4) A person or body may apply to the Secretary for approval for a program for the purposes of this section.

(5) An application under subsection (4) must be accompanied by the prescribed application fee.

S. 76(5)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1997  
s. 43(3).

(6) The Secretary—

S. 76(6)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1997  
s. 43(3),  
amended by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

(a) may grant an approval subject to any conditions, limitations or restrictions specified in the approval; and

(b) must specify the period during which an approval continues in force.

**77 Forging prescriptions and orders for drugs of dependence**

S. 77  
substituted by  
No. 10002  
s. 7(1),  
amended by  
Nos 48/1997  
s. 41(8),  
20/2016 s. 136  
(ILA s. 39B(1)).

(1) A person shall not forge or attempt to forge or fraudulently alter or attempt to fraudulently alter or utter or attempt to utter knowing it to be forged or fraudulently altered a prescription or order for a drug of dependence.

Penalty: 20 penalty units or level 8 imprisonment (1 year maximum) or both.

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S. 77(2)  
inserted by  
No. 20/2016  
s. 136,  
repealed by  
No. 34/2019  
s. 38.

**78 Obtaining drugs of dependence etc. by false representation**

S. 78  
substituted by  
No. 10002  
s. 7(1),  
amended by  
No. 48/1997  
s. 41(9).

A person shall not knowingly by false representation, whether oral or in writing or by conduct—

(a) obtain or attempt to obtain a drug of dependence from a person authorized by or licensed under this Act or the regulations or the **Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017** or the regulations under that Act to possess,

S. 78(a)  
amended by  
Nos 20/2016  
s. 137, 61/2017  
s. 136, 34/2019  
s. 39(a).

S. 78(b)  
amended by  
Nos 23/1994  
s. 118(Sch. 1  
item 17.13),  
74/2000  
s. 3(Sch. 1  
item 38.2),  
20/2016 s. 137,  
61/2017 s. 136,  
34/2019  
s. 39(a).

- manufacture, sell or supply the drug of dependence;
- (b) obtain or attempt to obtain a prescription or order for a drug of dependence from a registered medical practitioner, dentist, pharmacist or veterinary practitioner or a person authorized by this Act or the regulations or the **Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017** or the regulations under that Act to issue or possess the prescription or order;

S. 78(c)  
amended by  
No. 23/1994  
s. 118(Sch. 1  
item 17.13).

- (c) cause or induce or attempt to cause or induce a registered medical practitioner to administer by injection or otherwise, a drug of dependence to him; or

S. 78(d)  
amended by  
Nos 20/2016  
s. 137, 61/2017  
s. 136, 34/2019  
s. 39(b).

- (d) cause or induce or attempt to cause or induce a pharmacist or a person authorized by this Act or the regulations or the **Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017** or the regulations under that Act to supply a drug of dependence, to dispense a prescription or order for a drug of dependence, if the first-mentioned person knew the prescription or the order to have been obtained in contravention of this Act or the regulations.

Penalty: 20 penalty units or level 8 imprisonment (1 year maximum) or both.

S. 79  
substituted by  
No. 10002  
s. 7(1).

## 79 Conspiring

S. 79(1)  
amended by  
Nos 48/1997  
s. 47(a),  
61/2001  
s. 7(b), 2/2016  
s. 14.

- (1) A person who conspires with another person or other persons to commit an offence against any provision of sections 71, 71AA, 71AB, 71AC, 71AD, 71A, 71B, 71E, 71F, 72, 72A, 72B, 72D or 73 is guilty of an indictable offence

and liable to the same punishment pecuniary penalties and forfeiture as if he has committed the first-mentioned offence.

**Note**

An offence against this section is a serious drug offence for the purposes of the **Confiscation Act 1997** where the conspiracy is to commit an offence against section 71, 71AA(2) or 72. On the conviction of a person for a serious drug offence, the court must make an order under section 89DI of the **Sentencing Act 1991** declaring the person to be a serious drug offender.

**Note to s. 79(1) inserted by No. 55/2014 s. 52, amended by No. 3/2019 s. 11.**

- (2) A person who conspires with another person or persons to commit an offence against any of the provisions of sections 74, 75, 77 or 78 is guilty of an offence against this Act and liable to the same punishment pecuniary penalties and forfeiture as if he has committed the first-mentioned offence.

**80 Inciting etc.**

**S. 80 (Heading) inserted by No. 63/2014 s. 7(8).**

**S. 80 substituted by No. 10002 s. 7(1).**

- (1) A person who incites the commission of an offence against any of the provisions of sections 71, 71AA, 71AB, 71AC, 71AD, 71A, 71B, 71E, 71F, 72, 72A, 72B, 72D or 73 is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to the same punishment pecuniary penalties and forfeiture as if he has committed the relevant offence against any of the provisions of sections 71, 71AA, 71AB, 71AC, 71AD, 71A, 71B, 71E, 71F, 72, 72A, 72B, 72D or 73.

**S. 80(1) amended by Nos 48/1997 s. 47(b), 61/2001 s. 7(c)(i)(ii), 63/2014 s. 7(9), 2/2016 s. 15(1).**

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Note to  
s. 80(1)  
inserted by  
No. 55/2014  
s. 53(1),  
amended by  
Nos 79/2014  
s. 62(1),  
3/2019  
s. 12(1).

S. 80(2)  
amended by  
No. 63/2014  
s. 7(9).

Note to  
s. 80(2)  
inserted by  
No. 63/2014  
s. 7(10).

**Note**

An offence against this section is a serious drug offence for the purposes of the **Confiscation Act 1997** where the offence that is incited is an offence against section 71, 71AA(2) or 72. On the conviction of a person for a serious drug offence, the court must make an order under section 89DI of the **Sentencing Act 1991** declaring the person to be a serious drug offender.

- (2) A person who incites the commission of an offence against any of the provisions of sections 74, 75, 77 or 78 is guilty of an offence against this Act and liable to the same punishment pecuniary penalties and forfeiture as if he has committed the relevant offence against any of the provisions of sections 74, 75, 77 or 78.

**Note**

Subdivision (1) of Division 1 of Part II of the **Crimes Act 1958** deals with complicity in commission of offences.

- (3) A person who in Victoria—
- (a) conspires with another person or persons to commit; or
  - (b) aids, abets, counsels or procures the commission of—

an offence in any place outside Victoria being an offence punishable under the provisions of a corresponding law in force in that place shall be guilty of the same offence and liable to the same punishment pecuniary penalty and forfeiture as if the offence committed outside Victoria had been committed inside Victoria.

**Note**

An offence against this section is a serious drug offence for the purposes of the **Confiscation Act 1997** where the conspiracy is to commit an offence that, if committed in Victoria, would be an offence against section 71, 71AA(2) or 72 or the offence that is aided, abetted, counselled or procured is an offence that, if committed in Victoria, would be an offence against section 71, 71AA(2) or 72. On the conviction of a person for a serious drug offence, the court must make an order under section 89DI of the **Sentencing Act 1991** declaring the person to be a serious drug offender.

**Note to s. 80(3)** inserted by **No. 55/2014 s. 53(2)**, amended by **Nos 79/2014 s. 62(2)**, **3/2019 s. 12(2)**.

- (4) A person who in Victoria does an act preparatory to the commission of an offence in a place outside Victoria being an offence under a law which is in relation to the provisions of sections 71, 71AA, 71AB, 71AC, 71AD, 71A, 71B, 71E, 71F, 72, 72A, 72B, 72D, 73, 74, 75, 77 or 78 a corresponding law shall be guilty of the same offence and liable to the same punishment pecuniary penalty and forfeiture as if the first-mentioned offence were committed in Victoria.
- (5) A person who sells or supplies a hypodermic needle or a syringe is not guilty of an offence under this section or of being involved in the commission of an offence against any provision referred to in this section by reason only of that sale or supply—
- (a) if the person is, or is engaged or employed by, a pharmacist and the sale or supply is made in the course of the lawful practice of a pharmacist; or
- (b) if the sale or supply is by a specified person or organisation or specified class of persons or organisations in specified circumstances as authorised by Order in Council published in the Government Gazette.

**S. 80(4)** amended by **Nos 61/2001 s. 7(d)**, **2/2016 s. 15(2)**.

**S. 80(5)** inserted by **No. 20/1987 s. 3**, amended by **No. 63/2014 s. 7(11)**.

**S. 80(5)(b)** substituted by **No. 12/1994 s. 6(1)**.

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S. 80(6)  
inserted by  
No. 12/1994  
s. 6(2),  
amended by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

(6) The Secretary must keep a list of all persons and organisations authorised under subsection (5)(b).

S. 80(7)  
inserted by  
No. 12/1994  
s. 6(2),  
amended by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

(7) The Secretary must ensure that—

S. 80(7)(a)  
amended by  
No. 12/1999  
s. 4(Sch. 2  
item 4.1).

(a) a copy of the list is kept available for inspection by members of the public during normal office hours without charge at the Secretary's principal office; and

(b) a copy of the list is made available, without charge, to any member of the public on request.

S. 80(8)  
inserted by  
No. 17/2021  
s. 4.

(8) A person who sells or supplies a hypodermic needle or a syringe is not guilty of an offence under this section by reason only of being involved in the commission of an offence against any provision referred to in this section if the hypodermic needle or syringe is obtained from a person or organisation referred to in subsection (5)(a) or (b).

S. 80(9)  
inserted by  
No. 17/2021  
s. 4.

(9) Subsection (8) applies whether or not the hypodermic needle or syringe is sold or supplied for personal use.

S. 80(10)  
inserted by  
No. 17/2021  
s. 4.

(10) Despite section 70(2), in subsections (5), (8) and (9) *supply* has the same meaning as in section 4(1).

## Part VA—Cocaine kits

### Division 1—Cocaine kits

Pt 5A  
(Heading and  
ss 80A–80H)  
inserted by  
No. 18/2006  
s. 3.

#### 80A What is a cocaine kit?

S. 80A  
inserted by  
No. 18/2006  
s. 3.

A cocaine kit is constituted by two or more of the following items packaged for use as a unit for the purposes of preparing for introduction, or for introducing, cocaine into the body of a person—

- (a) a razor blade;
- (b) a tube;
- (c) a mirror;
- (d) a scoop;
- (e) a glass bottle;
- (f) any other item for use together with any item referred to in paragraphs (a) to (e) to prepare for introduction, or to introduce, cocaine into the body of a person.

#### 80B Offence to display a cocaine kit in a retail outlet

S. 80B  
inserted by  
No. 18/2006  
s. 3.

- (1) A person must not display a cocaine kit in a retail outlet.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
60 penalty units;

In the case of a body corporate,  
300 penalty units.

- (2) In this section, *retail outlet* includes—
- (a) a shop;
  - (b) a market.

S. 80C  
inserted by  
No. 18/2006  
s. 3.

**80C Offence to sell a cocaine kit**

A person must not sell a cocaine kit if the person selling the cocaine kit knows or is reckless as to whether the cocaine kit is sold for the purpose of preparing for introduction, or introducing, cocaine into the body of any person.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
60 penalty units;  
In the case of a body corporate,  
300 penalty units.

**Note**

See definition of *sell* in section 4(1).

**Division 2—Enforcement**

S. 80D  
inserted by  
No. 18/2006  
s. 3,  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.25).

**80D Seizure of cocaine kits**

A police officer may seize a cocaine kit if he or she has reasonable grounds for suspecting that the cocaine kit is displayed or is for sale in contravention of this Part.

S. 80E  
inserted by  
No. 18/2006  
s. 3.

**80E Retention and return of seized cocaine kits**

S. 80E(1)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.25).

(1) If a police officer seizes a cocaine kit under this Part, the police officer must take reasonable steps to return the cocaine kit to the person from whom it was seized or its lawful owner if the reason for its seizure no longer exists.

S. 80E(2)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.25).

(2) If a cocaine kit seized under this Part has not been returned to the person from whom it was seized or its lawful owner within 3 months after it was seized, a police officer must take reasonable steps to return it to that person or owner unless—

- (a) proceedings for the purpose for which the cocaine kit was retained have commenced within that 3 month period and those proceedings (including any appeal) have not been completed; or
- (b) the Magistrates' Court makes an order under section 80F extending the period during which the cocaine kit may be retained.

**80F Magistrates' Court may extend 3 month period**

S. 80F  
inserted by  
No. 18/2006  
s. 3.

- (1) A police officer may apply to the Magistrates' Court—
  - (a) within 3 months after a cocaine kit is seized under this Part; or
  - (b) if an extension has been granted under this section, before the end of the period of the extension—

S. 80F(1)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.25).

for an extension (not exceeding 3 months) of the period during which the cocaine kit may be retained.

- (2) The Magistrates' Court may make an order under this section if the Court is satisfied that—
  - (a) the making of the order is in the interests of justice; and
  - (b) the total period of retention does not exceed 12 months; and
  - (c) retention of the cocaine kit is necessary for the purposes of an investigation into whether a contravention of this Part has occurred.

- (3) At least 7 days prior to the hearing of an application under this section, the applicant must give notice of the application to the person from whom the cocaine kit was seized or its lawful owner described in the application.

S. 80G  
inserted by  
No. 18/2006  
s. 3.

### **80G Forfeiture and destruction of seized cocaine kits**

S. 80G(1)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.26).

- (1) Subject to section 80E, any cocaine kit that a police officer has seized and retained under this Part is forfeited to the Crown if the police officer—
- (a) cannot find the person from whom it was seized or its lawful owner, despite making reasonable enquiries; or
  - (b) cannot return it to the person from whom it was seized or its lawful owner, despite making reasonable efforts.
- (2) Any cocaine kit forfeited to the Crown under subsection (1) may be destroyed in any manner the Minister thinks fit.

S. 80H  
inserted by  
No. 18/2006  
s. 3.

### **80H Court may order forfeiture to the Crown**

A court which finds a person guilty of an offence against section 80B or 80C may order that the cocaine kit to which the offence relates—

- (a) be forfeited to the Crown; and
- (b) be destroyed in accordance with the order.

## Part VAB—Ice pipes

Pt VAB  
(Heading and  
ss 80HA–  
80HH)  
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No. 64/2010  
s. 11.

### 80HA Definition

In this Part—

*ice pipe* means a device—

- (a) capable of being used or intended for use or designed for the introduction, or for introducing, into the body of a person the drug of dependence methylamphetamine, by means of smoking or inhaling of smoke or fumes resulting from the heating or burning of methylamphetamine in a crystalline form; or
- (b) that is intended to be used as a device referred to in paragraph (a) but that is not capable of being so used because it needs adjustment, modification or addition.

S. 80HA  
inserted by  
No. 64/2010  
s. 11.

### 80HB Offence to display an ice pipe in a retail outlet

- (1) A person must not display an ice pipe in a retail outlet.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person  
240 penalty units;

In the case of a body corporate  
600 penalty units.

- (2) In this section, *retail outlet* includes—
  - (a) a shop;
  - (b) a market.

S. 80HB  
inserted by  
No. 64/2010  
s. 11.

S. 80HC  
inserted by  
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s. 11.

### **80HC Offence to sell or supply an ice pipe**

A person must not sell or supply an ice pipe.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person  
240 penalty units;

In the case of a body corporate  
600 penalty units.

S. 80HD  
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No. 64/2010  
s. 11,  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.27).

### **80HD Seizure of ice pipes**

A police officer may seize an ice pipe if he or she has reasonable grounds for suspecting that the ice pipe is displayed or is for sale or supply in contravention of this Part.

S. 80HE  
inserted by  
No. 64/2010  
s. 11.

### **80HE Retention and return of seized ice pipes**

S. 80HE(1)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.27).

(1) If a police officer seizes an ice pipe under this Part, the police officer must take reasonable steps to return the ice pipe to the person from whom it was seized or its lawful owner if the reason for its seizure no longer exists.

S. 80HE(2)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.27).

(2) If the ice pipe seized under this Part has not been returned to the person from whom it was seized or its lawful owner within 3 months after it was seized, a police officer must take reasonable steps to return it to that person or owner unless—

(a) proceedings for the purpose for which the ice pipe was retained have commenced within that 3 month period and those proceedings (including any appeal) have not been completed; or

(b) the Magistrates' Court makes an order under section 80HF extending the period during which the ice pipe may be retained.

**80HF Magistrates' Court may extend 3 month period**

S. 80HF  
inserted by  
No. 64/2010  
s. 11.

- (1) A police officer may apply to the Magistrates' Court—
- (a) within 3 months after an ice pipe is seized under this Part; or
  - (b) if an extension has been granted under this section, before the end of the period of the extension—
- for an extension (not exceeding 3 months) of the period during which the ice pipe may be retained.
- (2) The Magistrates' Court may make an order under this section if the Court is satisfied that—
- (a) the making of the order is in the interests of justice; and
  - (b) the total period of retention does not exceed 12 months; and
  - (c) retention of the ice pipe is necessary for the purposes of an investigation into whether a contravention of this Part has occurred.
- (3) At least 7 days prior to the hearing of an application under this section, the applicant must give notice of the application to the person from whom the ice pipe was seized or its lawful owner described in the application.

S. 80HF(1)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.27).

**80HG Forfeiture and destruction of seized ice pipe**

S. 80HG  
inserted by  
No. 64/2010  
s. 11.

- (1) Subject to section 80HF, any ice pipe that a police officer has seized and retained under this Part is forfeited to the Crown if the police officer—

S. 80HG(1)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.28).

- (a) cannot find the person from whom it was seized or its lawful owner, despite making reasonable enquiries; or
  - (b) cannot return it to the person from whom it was seized or its lawful owner, despite making reasonable efforts.
- (2) Any ice pipe forfeited to the Crown under subsection (1) may be destroyed in any manner the Minister thinks fit.

S. 80HH  
inserted by  
No. 64/2010  
s. 11.

**80HH Court may order forfeiture to the Crown**

A court which finds a person guilty of an offence against section 80HB or 80HC may order that the ice pipe to which the offence relates—

- (a) be forfeited to the Crown; and
- (b) be destroyed in accordance with the order.

## Part VB—Precursor chemicals and apparatus

### Division 1—Preliminary

#### 80I Application of Part

This Part does not apply to—

- (a) the supply by retail of a retail product containing a precursor chemical;
- (b) therapeutic goods within the meaning of the **Therapeutic Goods (Victoria) Act 2010** which are prescribed to be exempt (in whole or in part) from this Part;
- (c) the supply of a precursor chemical, or class of precursor chemical, which is prescribed to be exempt (in whole or in part) from this Part.

### Division 2—Category 1 precursor chemicals

#### 80J Supply of category 1 precursor chemicals

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), a person (the *supplier*) must not supply a category 1 precursor chemical to another person (the *receiver*) unless the receiver—

- (a) provides sufficient proof of identity of receiver to the supplier; and

**Note**

See definition of *sufficient proof of identity of receiver* in section 4(1).

- (b) has an account with the supplier through which the receiver pays for the supply of category 1 precursor chemicals; and

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No. 75/2014  
s. 21.

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s. 8.

(c) gives the supplier an end user declaration containing the prescribed particulars.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
30 penalty units;

In the case of a body corporate,  
150 penalty units.

(2) A person must not supply a category 1 precursor chemical under subsection (1) unless at least 24 hours have passed since the receiver complied with the requirements set out in subsection (1).

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
30 penalty units;

In the case of a body corporate,  
150 penalty units.

S. 80K  
inserted by  
No. 55/2009  
s. 8.

#### **80K Storage of category 1 precursor chemicals**

(1) A person who supplies category 1 precursor chemicals must ensure that any category 1 precursor chemicals in that person's control, custody or possession are stored in a manner that prevents any access to it by a person other than—

(a) the person who supplies the category 1 precursor chemicals; and

(b) any person authorised in writing to have access to the category 1 precursor chemicals by the person referred to in paragraph (a).

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
20 penalty units;

In the case of a body corporate,  
100 penalty units.

- (2) A person who supplies any category 1 precursor chemical must keep each authorisation referred to in subsection (1)(b) for at least 2 years after the expiry of the authorisation.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
20 penalty units;

In the case of a body corporate,  
100 penalty units.

### **Division 3—Category 2 precursor chemicals and category 3 precursor apparatus**

#### **80L Supply of category 2 precursor chemicals**

A person (the *supplier*) must not supply a category 2 precursor chemical to another person (the *receiver*) unless the receiver—

- (a) provides sufficient proof of identity of receiver to the supplier; and

**Note**

See definition of *sufficient proof of identity of receiver* in section 4(1).

- (b) either—

- (i) has an account with the supplier through which the receiver pays for the supply of category 2 precursor chemicals; or

- (ii) if cash is used, gives the supplier an end user declaration containing the prescribed particulars.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
30 penalty units;

In the case of a body corporate,  
150 penalty units.

S. 80L  
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No. 55/2009  
s. 8.

S. 80M  
inserted by  
No. 55/2009  
s. 8.

### **80M Supply of category 3 precursor apparatus**

A person (the *supplier*) must not supply a category 3 precursor apparatus to another person (the *receiver*) unless the receiver—

- (a) provides sufficient proof of identity of receiver to the supplier; and

**Note**

See definition of *sufficient proof of identity of receiver* in section 4(1).

- (b) either—

- (i) has an account with the supplier through which the receiver pays for the supply of category 3 precursor apparatus; or
- (ii) if cash is used, gives the supplier an end user declaration containing the prescribed particulars.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
30 penalty units;

In the case of a body corporate,  
150 penalty units.

## **Division 4—Transaction records**

### **80N End user declarations to be kept**

S. 80N  
inserted by  
No. 55/2009  
s. 8.

- (1) A person who supplies any category 1 precursor chemical must keep each end user declaration given to the person under section 80J for at least 5 years after the relevant date of supply to which the end user declaration relates.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
20 penalty units;

In the case of a body corporate,  
100 penalty units.

- (2) A person who supplies any category 2 precursor chemical must keep each end user declaration given to the person under section 80L(b)(ii) for at least 2 years after the relevant date of supply to which the end user declaration relates.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
20 penalty units;

In the case of a body corporate,  
100 penalty units.

- (3) A person who supplies any category 3 precursor apparatus must keep each end user declaration given to the person under section 80M(b)(ii) for at least 2 years after the relevant date of supply to which the end user declaration relates.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
20 penalty units;

In the case of a body corporate,  
100 penalty units.

**80O Record of supply—category 1 precursor chemical**

S. 80O  
inserted by  
No. 55/2009  
s. 8.

- (1) A person who supplies any category 1 precursor chemical must make an accurate record of the supply setting out the following details—
- (a) the date of supply; and
  - (b) the name and quantity of the category 1 precursor chemical supplied; and
  - (c) any other prescribed details (if any).

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
20 penalty units;

In the case of a body corporate,  
100 penalty units.

- (2) A person who supplies any category 1 precursor chemical must keep each record made under subsection (1) for a period of at least 5 years from

date of supply of the relevant category 1 precursor chemical to which the record relates.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
20 penalty units;

In the case of a body corporate,  
100 penalty units.

S. 80P  
inserted by  
No. 55/2009  
s. 8.

**80P Record of supply—category 2 precursor chemical**

(1) A person who supplies any category 2 precursor chemical must make an accurate record of the supply setting out the following details—

(a) unless the receiver gives an end user declaration, the name and address of the person to whom the category 2 precursor chemical was supplied; and

(b) the date of supply; and

(c) the name and quantity of the category 2 precursor chemical supplied; and

(d) any other prescribed details (if any).

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
20 penalty units;

In the case of a body corporate,  
100 penalty units.

(2) A person who supplies any category 2 precursor chemical must keep each record made under subsection (1) for at least 2 years after the date of supply of the relevant category 2 precursor chemical to which the record relates.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
20 penalty units;

In the case of a body corporate,  
100 penalty units.

**80Q Record of supply of category 3 precursor apparatus**

S. 80Q  
inserted by  
No. 55/2009  
s. 8.

- (1) A person who supplies any category 3 precursor apparatus must make an accurate record of the supply setting out the following details—
- (a) unless the receiver gives an end user declaration, the name and address of the person to whom the category 3 precursor apparatus was supplied; and
  - (b) the date of supply; and
  - (c) the name and quantity of the category 3 precursor apparatus supplied; and
  - (d) any other prescribed details (if any).

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
20 penalty units;

In the case of a body corporate,  
100 penalty units.

- (2) A person who supplies any category 3 precursor apparatus must keep each record made under subsection (1) for at least 2 years after the date of supply of the relevant category 3 precursor apparatus to which the record relates.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
20 penalty units;

In the case of a body corporate,  
100 penalty units.

**80R Police may inspect records**

S. 80R  
inserted by  
No. 55/2009  
s. 8.

- (1) Subject to subsection (4), a police officer, without warrant, at any time when the premises are open for business—

S. 80R(1)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.29(a)).

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- (a) may enter premises where category 1 precursor chemicals, category 2 precursor chemicals or category 3 precursor apparatus are supplied; and
- (b) may inspect any records required to be kept under this Part which are at those premises.
- S. 80R(2)**  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.29(a)).
- (2) A police officer exercising a power under subsection (1) may require a person who supplies category 1 precursor chemicals, category 2 precursor chemicals or category 3 precursor apparatus to produce for inspection any records required to be kept under this Part.
- S. 80R(3)**  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.29(a)).
- (3) Without limiting subsection (2), if a document required to be produced under subsection (2) is or is part of a record kept in an electronically readable form, a police officer may require the document to be provided in a readily accessible form—
- (a) electronically; or
- (b) in a paper form produced from a computer.
- S. 80R(4)**  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.29(b)).
- (4) A police officer must show his or her identification before exercising a power under this section, unless that police officer is in police uniform.
- (5) This section does not limit or prevent the exercise of any other inspection power or enforcement power under this Act or the regulations or any other law.

**80S Offence not to produce records**

A person must comply with a requirement under section 80R to produce a record required to be kept under this Part.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
20 penalty units;  
In the case of a body corporate,  
100 penalty units.

**S. 80S**  
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**s. 8.**

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s. 4.

## Part VC—Cannabis water pipes and hookahs

### Division 1—Display, sale and supply

S. 80T  
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No. 51/2011  
s. 4.

#### 80T Definitions

In this Part—

*bong component* means an item for use or that is intended for use as part of a cannabis water pipe;

*bong kit* means a kit containing more than one item, one or more of which is a bong component, from which a cannabis water pipe may be constructed;

*cannabis water pipe* means a device—

- (a) capable of being used or intended to be used for the purposes of introducing into the body of a person cannabis or other drugs of dependence by the drawing of smoke or fumes resulting from heating or burning the cannabis or other drug through water or another liquid in the device, commonly known as a "bong"; or
- (b) that is intended to be used as a device referred to in paragraph (a) but is not capable of being so used because it needs adjustment, modification or addition—

but does not include a hookah;

***hookah*** means a fully assembled device—

- (a) used for smoking a substance consisting of tobacco, molasses, fruit, herbs or flavouring, whether the substance contains all or any combination of them, by the drawing of smoke or fumes resulting from heating or burning the substance in the device through water or another liquid in the device; and
- (b) that has one or more openings and one or more flexible hoses, each with a mouthpiece through which the smoke or fumes are drawn;

***medicinal cannabis vaporiser*** means a device capable of being used or intended to be used for the purposes of introducing into the body of a person a legal medicinal cannabis product by the drawing of vapour resulting from heating the product, whether through water or another liquid in the device or otherwise;

S. 80T def. of *medicinal cannabis vaporiser* inserted by No. 20/2016 s. 138, amended by No. 34/2019 s. 40.

***retail outlet*** includes—

- (a) a shop;
- (b) a market.

**80TA Part not to apply in relation to pharmacist dealing with medicinal cannabis vaporiser**

Nothing in this Part applies in relation to a pharmacist displaying, selling or supplying a medicinal cannabis vaporiser to a person for administration of a legal medicinal cannabis product.

S. 80TA inserted by No. 20/2016 s. 139, substituted by No. 34/2019 s. 41.

S. 80U  
inserted by  
No. 51/2011  
s. 4.

**80U Offence to display cannabis water pipe, bong component or bong kit in retail outlet**

(1) A person must not display a cannabis water pipe in a retail outlet.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
60 penalty units;  
In the case of a body corporate,  
300 penalty units.

(2) A person must not display a bong component in a retail outlet.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
60 penalty units;  
In the case of a body corporate,  
300 penalty units.

(3) A person must not display a bong kit in a retail outlet.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
60 penalty units;  
In the case of a body corporate,  
300 penalty units.

S. 80V  
inserted by  
No. 51/2011  
s. 4.

**80V Offence to sell cannabis water pipe, bong component or bong kit**

(1) A person must not sell a cannabis water pipe.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
60 penalty units;  
In the case of a body corporate,  
300 penalty units.

(2) A person must not sell a bong component.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
60 penalty units;  
In the case of a body corporate,  
300 penalty units.

(3) A person must not sell a bong kit.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
60 penalty units;  
In the case of a body corporate,  
300 penalty units.

**80W Offence to supply cannabis water pipe, bong component or bong kit in course of carrying out commercial activity**

S. 80W  
inserted by  
No. 51/2011  
s. 4.

(1) A person must not supply a cannabis water pipe in the course of carrying out a commercial activity.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
60 penalty units;  
In the case of a body corporate,  
300 penalty units.

(2) A person must not supply a bong component in the course of carrying out a commercial activity.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
60 penalty units;  
In the case of a body corporate,  
300 penalty units.

(3) A person must not supply a bong kit in the course of carrying out a commercial activity.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
60 penalty units;  
In the case of a body corporate,  
300 penalty units.

**80X Display for sale of hookahs in retail outlet**

S. 80X  
inserted by  
No. 51/2011  
s. 4.

A person must not display for the purposes of sale in a retail outlet—

(a) more than 3 hookahs; or

(b) if another number of hookahs is prescribed for the purposes of this section, more than the prescribed number of hookahs.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person,  
10 penalty units;

In the case of a body corporate,  
50 penalty units.

## **Division 2—Enforcement**

### **80Y Power to issue infringement notices**

S. 80Y  
inserted by  
No. 51/2011  
s. 4.

- (1) A police officer may serve an infringement notice on a person who the police officer has reason to believe has committed an offence against section 80U(1), (2) or (3), 80V(1), (2) or (3), 80W(1), (2) or (3) or 80X.
- (2) An offence referred to in subsection (1) for which an infringement notice may be served is an infringement offence within the meaning of the **Infringements Act 2006**.

S. 80Y(1)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.30).

### **80Z Infringement penalty**

- (1) The infringement penalty for an offence against section 80U(1), (2) or (3), 80V(1), (2) or (3) or 80W(1), (2) or (3) is—
- (a) in the case of a natural person, 12 penalty units;
- (b) in the case of a body corporate, 60 penalty units.

S. 80Z  
inserted by  
No. 51/2011  
s. 4.

(2) The infringement penalty for an offence against section 80X is—

- (a) in the case of a natural person, 2 penalty units;
- (b) in the case of a body corporate, 10 penalty units.

**80ZA Seizure of cannabis water pipes, bong components or bong kits**

S. 80ZA inserted by No. 51/2011 s. 4, amended by No. 9/2014 s. 9 (ILA s. 39B(1)).

(1) A police officer may seize a cannabis water pipe, bong component or bong kit if he or she has reasonable grounds for suspecting that the cannabis water pipe, bong component or bong kit is displayed or is for sale or is supplied in contravention of this Part.

S. 80ZA(1) amended by No. 37/2014 s. 10(Sch. item 47.31).

(2) If a police officer serves an infringement notice on a person for an offence against section 80U(1), (2) or (3), 80V(1), (2) or (3) or 80W(1), (2) or (3), the police officer may seize from the person any cannabis water pipe, bong component or bong kit to which the offence relates.

S. 80ZA(2) inserted by No. 9/2014 s. 9, amended by No. 37/2014 s. 10(Sch. item 47.32).

**80ZB Retention and return of seized items**

S. 80ZB inserted by No. 51/2011 s. 4.

(1) If a police officer seizes a cannabis water pipe, bong component or bong kit under section 80ZA(1), the police officer must take reasonable steps to return the seized item to the person from whom it was seized or its lawful owner if the reason for its seizure no longer exists.

S. 80ZB(1) amended by Nos 9/2014 s. 10(1), 37/2014 s. 10(Sch. item 47.33).

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S. 80ZB(2)  
amended by  
Nos 9/2014  
s. 10(1),  
37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.33).

- (2) If a cannabis water pipe, bong component or bong kit seized under section 80ZA(1) has not been returned to the person from whom it was seized or its lawful owner within 3 months after it was seized, a police officer must take reasonable steps to return it to that person or owner unless—
- (a) proceedings for the purpose for which the cannabis water pipe, bong component or bong kit was retained have commenced within that 3 month period and those proceedings (including any appeal) have not been completed; or
  - (b) the Magistrates' Court makes an order under section 80ZC extending the period during which the cannabis water pipe, bong component or bong kit may be retained.

S. 80ZB(3)  
inserted by  
No. 9/2014  
s. 10(2),  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.34).

- (3) If a police officer seizes a cannabis water pipe, bong component or bong kit under section 80ZA(2), a police officer must take reasonable steps to return the seized item to the person on whom the infringement notice is served if—

S. 80ZB(3)(a)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.34).

- (a) a police officer withdraws the infringement notice without—
  - (i) referring the matter for which the infringement notice has been served to the Magistrates' Court under section 17(1) of the **Infringements Act 2006**; or
  - (ii) filing a charge-sheet and summons in the Children's Court for the matter of the infringement offence to be dealt with; or

- (iii) serving, on that person, an official warning (within the meaning of the **Infringements Act 2006**) in place of the infringement notice; or
- (b) the enforcement agency under the **Infringements Act 2006** grants an application under section 25(2A)(a) of that Act; or
- (c) the Children's Court cancels the infringement notice under clause 16 of Schedule 3 to the **Children, Youth and Families Act 2005**; or
- (d) the matter of the infringement notice is heard and determined in the Magistrates' Court or the Children's Court without an order under section 80ZE being made.

S. 80ZB(3)(b)  
substituted by  
No. 47/2014  
s. 260.

**80ZC Magistrates' Court may extend 3 month period**

S. 80ZC  
inserted by  
No. 51/2011  
s. 4.

- (1) A police officer may apply to the Magistrates' Court for an extension (not exceeding 3 months) of the period during which a cannabis water pipe, bong component or bong kit seized under section 80ZA(1) may be retained.
- (2) An application under subsection (1) must be made—
  - (a) within 3 months after a cannabis water pipe, bong component or bong kit is seized under this Part; or
  - (b) if an extension has been granted under this section, before the end of the period of the extension.

S. 80ZC(1)  
amended by  
Nos 9/2014  
s. 11, 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.35).

- (3) The Magistrates' Court may make an order under this section if the Court is satisfied that—
- (a) the making of the order is in the interests of justice; and
  - (b) the total period of retention does not exceed 12 months; and
  - (c) retention of the cannabis water pipe, bong component or bong kit is necessary for the purposes of an investigation into whether a contravention of this Part has occurred.
- (4) At least 7 days prior to the hearing of an application under this section, the applicant must give notice of the application to the person from whom the cannabis water pipe, bong component or bong kit was seized or its lawful owner described in the application.

S. 80ZD  
inserted by  
No. 51/2011  
s. 4.

#### **80ZD Forfeiture and destruction of seized items**

S. 80ZD(1)  
amended by  
Nos 9/2014  
s. 12(1),  
37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.36).

- (1) Subject to section 80ZB, any cannabis water pipe, bong component or bong kit that a police officer has seized and retained under that section is forfeited to the Crown if the police officer—
- (a) cannot find the person from whom it was seized or its lawful owner, despite making reasonable enquiries; or
  - (b) cannot return it to the person from whom it was seized or its lawful owner, despite making reasonable efforts.

S. 80ZD(1A)  
inserted by  
No. 9/2014  
s. 12(2),  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.37).

- (1A) Despite anything to the contrary in Division 5 of Part 2 of the **Infringements Act 2006**, any cannabis water pipe, bong component or bong kit that a police officer has seized under section 80ZA(2) is forfeited to the Crown if the

person on whom the infringement notice has been served expiates that offence by payment of the infringement penalty in accordance with that Act.

- (2) Any cannabis water pipe, bong component or bong kit forfeited to the Crown under subsection (1) or (1A) may be destroyed in any manner the Minister thinks fit.

**S. 80ZD(2)**  
amended by  
**No. 9/2014**  
s. 12(3).

**80ZE Court may order forfeiture to the Crown**

A court which finds a person guilty of an offence against section 80U(1), (2) or (3), 80V(1), (2) or (3) or 80W(1), (2) or (3) may order that the cannabis water pipe, bong component or bong kit to which the offence relates—

**S. 80ZE**  
inserted by  
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- (a) be forfeited to the Crown; and  
(b) be destroyed in accordance with the order.

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Pt 6  
(Heading and  
ss 70–101)  
substituted as  
Pt 6 (Heading  
and ss 81–90)  
by No. 10002  
s. 7(1).

S. 80ZF  
inserted by  
No. 40/2017  
s. 12.

### 80ZF Definitions

In this Part—

*commercial supply* means supply in the course  
of carrying out a commercial activity;

*produce* has the same meaning as it has in  
Part IIIA.

S. 81  
substituted by  
No. 10002  
s. 7(1).

### 81 Warrant to search premises

S. 81(1)  
amended by  
Nos 16/1986  
s. 30, 101/1986  
s. 58(1)(c),  
57/1989  
s. 3(Sch. item  
59.8(a)–(c)),  
48/1997  
s. 44(1)(a),  
25/2009  
s. 6(1),  
37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.38(a)),  
6/2018  
s. 68(Sch. 2  
item 42.1),  
33/2018 s. 90.

- (1) Any magistrate who is satisfied by evidence on oath or by affirmation or by affidavit of any police officer of or above the rank of sergeant or for the time being in charge of a police station that there is reasonable ground for believing that there is, or will be within the next 72 hours, on or in any land or premises (including any vehicle on or in that land or those premises), or on or in a particular vehicle located in a public place—

S. 81(1)(a)  
amended by  
No. 48/1997  
s. 44(1)(b).

- (a) any thing in respect of which an offence under this Act or the regulations has been or is reasonably suspected to have been committed or is being or is likely to be committed within the next 72 hours;

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- (b) any thing which there is reasonable ground to believe will afford evidence of the commission of an offence under this Act or the regulations; or
- (c) any document directly or indirectly relating to or concerning a transaction or dealing which is or would be, if carried out, an offence under this Act or the regulations or under a provision of a law in force in a place outside Victoria corresponding to Part V of this Act—

may at any time issue a warrant authorizing a police officer named in the warrant to enter and search the land, premises or vehicle for any such thing or document and to seize and carry it before the Court so that the matter may be dealt with according to law.

- (1AA) A search warrant directed to a named police officer under subsection (1) may be executed by any police officer.

S. 81(1AA) inserted by No. 25/2009 s. 6(2), amended by No. 37/2014 s. 10(Sch. item 47.38(a)).

- (1AB) For the purposes of subsection (1), a seized thing may be brought before the Court by giving evidence on oath or by affirmation to the Court as to the present whereabouts of the thing and by producing a photograph of it.

S. 81(1AB) inserted by No. 48/2012 s. 41, amended by No. 6/2018 s. 68(Sch. 2 item 42.1).

- (1A) A magistrate who issues a warrant under subsection (1), if satisfied on reasonable grounds by the evidence given under that subsection that the thing or document to which the warrant relates is also tainted property within the meaning of the **Confiscation Act 1997**, may, in that warrant, direct that the police officer executing the warrant hold or retain that thing or document as if it were

S. 81(1A) inserted by No. 63/2003 s. 46(1), amended by Nos 25/2009 s. 6(3), 37/2014 s. 10(Sch. item 47.38(a)).

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tainted property seized under a warrant under section 79 of that Act as and from the date when that thing or document is no longer required for evidentiary purposes under this Act.

S. 81(1B)  
inserted by  
No. 63/2003  
s. 46(1).

(1B) A direction under subsection (1A)—

S. 81(1B)(a)  
amended by  
No. 87/2004  
s. 25.

(a) may only be made in relation to an offence under this Act which is a Schedule 1 offence within the meaning of the **Confiscation Act 1997**; and

(b) does not apply to a thing which may be destroyed or disposed of under subsection (3)(e).

(2) Every warrant under subsection (1) shall be in or to the effect of the form of Schedule Ten.

S. 81(3)  
amended by  
Nos 25/2009  
s. 6(4)(a),  
37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.38(a)).

(3) A police officer executing a warrant issued under subsection (1) may at any time or times by day or night but within one month from the date of the warrant and with such assistance as may be necessary—

S. 81(3)(a)  
substituted by  
No. 25/2009  
s. 6(4)(b).

(a) enter, if need be by force—

(i) the land or premises named in the warrant, including any vehicle located on or in that land or those premises;

(ii) the particular vehicle named or described in the warrant located in a public place;

S. 81(3)(b)  
amended by  
No. 25/2009  
s. 6(4)(c).

(b) arrest all persons on or in that land, those premises or that vehicle who are found offending against a provision of this Act or the regulations;

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(c) search—

- (i) the land or premises or any vehicle or any person found on or in that land or those premises or on or in any vehicle on or in that land or those premises;
- (ii) a particular vehicle located in a public place or any person found on or in that vehicle; and

**S. 81(3)(c)**  
substituted by  
**No. 25/2009**  
s. 6(4)(d).

(d) seize and carry away or, unless a direction under subsection (1A) applies, deal with as mentioned in paragraph (e)—

- (i) any thing in respect of which an offence under this Act or the regulations has been or is reasonably suspected to have been committed;
- (ii) any thing which there is reasonable ground to believe will afford evidence of the commission of an offence under this Act or the regulations; and
- (iii) any document directly or indirectly relating to or concerning a transaction or dealing which is or would be, if carried out, an offence against this Act or the regulations or under a provision of a law in force in a place outside Victoria corresponding to a provision of Part V of this Act; and

**S. 81(3)(d)**  
amended by  
**Nos 48/1997**  
s. 44(2)(a)(b),  
**63/2003**  
s. 46(2).

(e) if—

- (i) the thing is—
  - (A) a drug of dependence or a substance that contains a drug of dependence; or
  - (B) a poison or controlled substance;  
or

**S. 81(3)(e)**  
inserted by  
**No. 48/1997**  
s. 44(2)(b).

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(C) an instrument, device or substance that is or has been used or is capable of being used for or in the cultivation, manufacture, sale or use or in the preparation for cultivation, manufacture, sale or use of a drug of dependence; and

S. 81(3)(e)(ii)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.38(a)).

(ii) an analyst or botanist within the meaning of section 120 certifies in writing to the police officer executing the warrant that destruction or disposal of the thing is required in the interests of health or safety—

destroy or dispose of the thing after taking, where practicable, any samples of it as are required for the purposes of this Act.

S. 81(4)  
amended by  
Nos 57/1989  
s. 3(Sch.  
item 59.9),  
48/1997  
s. 44(3),  
substituted by  
No. 25/2009  
s. 6(5),  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item  
47.38(b)(i)).

(4) A police officer who executes a warrant under this section must, as soon as practicable after the warrant is executed—

(a) endorse the warrant to that effect; and

S. 81(4)(b)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item  
47.38(b)(ii)).

(b) cause to be lodged with the registrar of the Magistrates' Court at the venue nearest to the land, premises or public place where the warrant was executed a report signed by the police officer and containing particulars of—

(i) all searches undertaken; and

(ii) all persons arrested; and

(iii) all things and documents seized and carried away; and

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- (iv) all samples taken; and
- (v) all things destroyed or disposed of—  
in execution of the warrant.

- (4A) If a direction under subsection (1A) was made, a report referred to in subsection (4)(b) must also include particulars of whether a seized thing or document is being held or retained as if it were tainted property within the meaning of the **Confiscation Act 1997** seized under a warrant under section 79 of that Act. S. 81(4A)  
inserted by  
No. 63/2003  
s. 46(3).
  - (5) On application in that behalf by a person made to the Magistrates' Court at the venue at which a report has been lodged pursuant to subsection (4), the Court may make an order authorizing the person to inspect the report if the person satisfies the Court that he is—
    - (a) a person who was arrested in the course of the execution of the warrant;
    - (b) the owner or occupier of premises upon which the warrant was executed; or
    - (ba) the owner of the vehicle located in a public place on which the warrant was executed; or S. 81(5)(ba)  
inserted by  
No. 25/2009  
s. 6(6).
    - (c) the owner of the property seized and carried away in the execution of the warrant; or S. 81(5)(c)  
amended by  
No. 48/1997  
s. 44(4).
    - (d) the owner of property destroyed or disposed of in execution of the warrant. S. 81(5)(d)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1997  
s. 44(4).
  - (6) If a sample of a thing referred to in subsection (3)(e) taken in execution of a warrant is sufficient to enable an analysis or examination to be made both in the investigation of an offence S. 81(6)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1997  
s. 44(5).
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and on behalf of a person arrested in the course of the execution of the warrant, a part of the sample taken sufficient for analysis or examination must, on request by the person arrested, be delivered to an analyst or botanist within the meaning of section 120 nominated by that person.

S. 81(7)  
inserted by  
No. 25/2009  
s. 6(7),  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.38(c)).

(7) Nothing in this section affects the power of a police officer under section 82.

S. 81(8)  
inserted by  
No. 25/2009  
s. 6(7).

(8) In this section—

S. 81(8) def. of  
*public place*  
repealed by  
No. 40/2017  
s. 13.

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*vehicle* includes motor vehicle, aircraft, boat and vessel.

S. 81A  
inserted by  
No. 63/2003  
s. 47.

**81A Notice that seized thing or document is being held for purposes of Confiscation Act 1997**

S. 81A(1)  
amended by  
Nos 25/2009  
s. 6(8),  
37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.39).

(1) If a thing or document seized under a warrant issued under section 81 to which a direction under section 81(1A) applies is no longer required for evidentiary purposes under this Act, the police officer who executed the warrant must give notice to all persons known to have an interest in that thing or document that the thing or document is being held or retained as if it were tainted property seized under a warrant under section 79 of the **Confiscation Act 1997**.

- (2) A notice under subsection (1) must be—
- (a) given within 7 days after the thing or document is no longer required for evidentiary purposes under this Act; and
  - (b) in the prescribed form.

**81B Application for tainted property to be held or retained—return of warrant to court**

S. 81B  
inserted by  
No. 63/2003  
s. 47.

- (1) When a thing or document is brought before the Magistrates' Court to be dealt with according to law in accordance with the warrant issued under section 81 under which that thing or document was seized, the police officer who executed the warrant or another police officer may apply to the Court for a direction that the thing or document so seized be held or retained as if it were tainted property seized under a warrant under section 79 of the **Confiscation Act 1997**.
- (2) An application may only be made under subsection (1) if a direction under section 81(1A) was not made in relation to the warrant when it was issued.

S. 81B(1)  
amended by  
Nos 25/2009  
s. 6(9),  
37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.39).

**81C Court may make direction**

S. 81C  
inserted by  
No. 63/2003  
s. 47.

- (1) On an application under section 81B, if the Court is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the thing or document seized under the warrant issued under section 81 is tainted property within the meaning of the **Confiscation Act 1997**, the Court may direct that the thing or document be held or retained by the police officer as if it were tainted property seized under a warrant under section 79 of that Act.

S. 81C(1)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.39).

- (2) A direction under this section takes effect on and from the date that the thing or document is no longer required for evidentiary purposes under this Act.
- (3) In determining whether the thing or document which is the subject of the application is in fact tainted property within the meaning of the **Confiscation Act 1997**, the Court may require the applicant to provide any information that the Court considers necessary.

S. 81D  
inserted by  
No. 63/2003  
s. 47.

#### **81D Notice of direction under section 81C**

- (1) If the Magistrates' Court makes a direction under section 81C, the applicant for the direction must give notice to all persons known to have an interest in the thing or document to which the direction applies that the thing or document is being held or retained as if it were tainted property seized under a warrant under section 79 of the **Confiscation Act 1997** by virtue of a direction made under section 81C.
- (2) A notice under subsection (1) must be—
  - (a) given within 7 days after the thing or document is no longer required for evidentiary purposes under this Act; and
  - (b) in the prescribed form.

S. 81E  
inserted by  
No. 63/2003  
s. 47.

#### **81E Effect of directions under sections 81(1A) and 81C**

If a direction has been made under section 81(1A) or 81C, the thing or document to which the direction applies—

- (a) is deemed, on and from the date on which the thing or document is no longer required for evidentiary purposes under this Act, to have been seized as tainted property under a warrant under section 79 of the **Confiscation Act 1997**; and

(b) is to be dealt with under that Act accordingly.

**82 Search without warrant**

(1) Where a police officer has reasonable grounds for suspecting that—

- (a) on or in a vehicle in or upon a public place;
- (b) on an animal in a public place;
- (c) in the possession of a person in a public place;
- (d) on or in a boat or vessel, underway or not; or
- (e) on or in an aircraft—

there is a drug of dependence in respect of which an offence has been committed or is reasonably suspected to have been committed under a provision of Part V, the police officer may with such assistance as he thinks necessary—

- (f) search the vehicle, animal, person, boat, vessel or aircraft;
- (g) seize and carry away any instrument device or substance which he reasonably believes to be used or capable of being used for or in the manufacture, sale, preparation for manufacture, preparation for sale, or use of any drug of dependence;
- (h) seize and carry away the drug of dependence—

and deal with it according to law.

S. 82 substituted by No. 10002 s. 7(1), amended by Nos 37/2014 s. 10(Sch. item 47.40), 40/2017 s. 14(2) (ILA s. 39B(1)).

S. 82(1)(f) amended by No. 40/2017 s. 14(1).

S. 82(2)  
inserted by  
No. 40/2017  
s. 14(2).

- (2) If a police officer has reasonable grounds for suspecting that there is a psychoactive substance—
- (a) on or in a vehicle in a public place; or
  - (b) on an animal in a public place; or
  - (c) in the possession of a person in a public place; or
  - (d) on or in a boat or vessel, underway or not; or
  - (e) on or in an aircraft—

the police officer may with any assistance that the police officer thinks necessary do any of the following—

- (f) search the vehicle, animal, person, boat, vessel or aircraft;
- (g) seize and carry away any instrument, device or substance which the police officer reasonably believes to be used or capable of being used for or in the production, sale, commercial supply or preparation for sale or commercial supply of any psychoactive substance;
- (h) seize and carry away the psychoactive substance—

and deal with it according to law.

S. 82A  
inserted by  
No. 45/2017  
s. 18.

**82A Protective services officer may exercise police powers under section 82 to search without warrant**

- (1) Subject to subsection (3), a protective services officer on duty at a designated place may exercise all the powers and has all the duties given to or imposed on a police officer under section 82 other than—
- (a) the power to search a boat, vessel or aircraft; and

- (b) subject to subsection (4)—
- (i) the power to carry away any instrument, device or substance under section 82(1)(g) or (2)(g); and
  - (ii) the power to carry away any drug of dependence or psychoactive substance under section 82(1)(h) or (2)(h).
- (2) Any reference in section 82 to an action taken by a police officer includes any action taken by a protective services officer on duty at a designated place exercising the powers of a police officer in reliance on subsection (1).
- (3) A protective services officer on duty at a designated place may only exercise the powers under section 82 in relation to a person who is at, or in the vicinity of, a designated place.
- (4) If, in the course of a search under section 82, a protective services officer on duty at a designated place seizes any instrument, device or substance under section 82(1)(g) or (2)(g), or any drug of dependence or psychoactive substance under section 82(1)(h) or (2)(h)—
- (a) the protective services officer, as soon as practicable after that seizure, must give the instrument, device, substance, drug of dependence or psychoactive substance to a police officer; and
  - (b) the police officer must deal with that instrument, device, substance, drug of dependence or psychoactive substance according to law as if it had been seized by that police officer under section 82.

S. 83  
substituted by  
No. 10002  
s. 7(1).

### **83 Forfeiture of drug of dependence or substance before conviction**

S. 83(1)  
amended by  
Nos 16/1986  
s. 30, 101/1986  
s. 58(1)(d)(iii),  
57/1989  
s. 3(Sch.  
item 59.11),  
37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.41),  
40/2017  
s. 15(1)(c).

(1) Upon application in that behalf by a police officer the Magistrates' Court may upon proof that—

S. 83(1)(a)  
amended by  
No. 40/2017  
s. 15(1)(a).

(a) a substance is or contains a drug of dependence, a psychoactive substance or a poison or controlled substance; or

S. 83(1)(b)  
substituted by  
Nos 101/1986  
s. 58(1)(d)(i),  
40/2017  
s. 15(1)(b).

(b) an instrument, device or substance is an instrument, device or substance that is or has been used or is capable of being used for or in—

(i) the cultivation, manufacture, sale or use or in the preparation for cultivation, manufacture, sale or use of a drug of dependence; or

(ii) the production, sale, commercial supply or preparation for sale or commercial supply of a psychoactive substance—

and upon such notice being given to such persons as the court directs, order that the instrument or device or the whole or any part or parts of the substance, drug of dependence, psychoactive substance or poison or controlled substance be forfeited to Her Majesty and either destroyed or disposed of in such manner as is provided in the order, and may also make a finding of fact as to—

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- (c) the quantity of the drug of dependence, psychoactive substance, substance or poison or controlled substance produced to, or inspected by, the court, the quantity ordered to be destroyed or disposed of, the quantity remaining, and the fact that what remains is part of what was produced to, or inspected by, the court; or
- (d) the nature of any instrument or device produced to, or inspected by, the court—

S. 83(1)(c)  
amended by  
Nos 101/1986  
s. 58(1)(d)(ii),  
40/2017  
s. 15(1)(d).

S. 83(1)(d)  
amended by  
No. 101/1986  
s. 58(1)(d)(ii).

and may also order that the quantity remaining of the substance, drug of dependence, psychoactive substance or poison or controlled substance be forfeited to Her Majesty and either destroyed or disposed of in such manner as is provided in the order when no longer required for the purpose of any subsequent proceedings.

(1A) The Magistrates' Court has power—

- (a) to give any directions; or
- (b) to authorise the Minister to give any appropriate directions—

S. 83(1A)  
inserted by  
No. 101/1986  
s. 58(1)(d)(iv),  
amended by  
No. 57/1989  
s. 3(Sch.  
item 59.12).

necessary to give effect to any order made by it under subsection (1).

- (2) Where a finding of fact is made under subsection (1), production in any subsequent proceedings of an order containing the finding of fact shall be conclusive evidence of the matters to which the finding relates.
- (3) In subsection (1) *cultivation*, in relation to a drug of dependence that is a narcotic plant, includes—
- (a) the sowing of a seed of a narcotic plant; and
- (b) the planting, growing, tending, nurturing or harvesting of a narcotic plant; and

S. 83(2)  
amended by  
No. 101/1986  
s. 58(1)(d)(v).

S. 83(3)  
inserted by  
No. 101/1986  
s. 58(1)(d)(vi).

S. 83(3)(b)  
amended by  
No. 52/2006  
s. 13(a).

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S. 83(3)(c)  
inserted by  
No. 52/2006  
s. 13(b).

(c) the grafting, dividing or transplanting of a narcotic plant.

S. 83(4)  
inserted by  
No. 101/1986  
s. 58(1)(d)(vi),  
amended by  
No. 57/1989  
s. 3(Sch.  
item 59.13).

(4) Without limiting the manner in which evidence may be given on an application under subsection (1), the Court may inspect any place, process or thing.

S. 83(5)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1997  
s. 44(6),  
amended by  
No. 40/2017  
s. 15(2).

(5) If an order is made under subsection (1) requiring the destruction or disposal of an instrument or device or the whole or any part of any substance, drug of dependence, psychoactive substance or poison or controlled substance, the order may be executed before the end of any appeal period applicable under section 90 if a sample of the thing to be destroyed or disposed of is taken in accordance with this Act and kept until the end of that appeal period and the determination of any appeal made within that period.

S. 84  
substituted by  
No. 10002  
s. 7(1),  
repealed by  
No. 101/1986  
s. 58(1)(e).

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Ss 85–89  
substituted by  
No. 10002  
s. 7(1),  
repealed by  
No. 101/1986  
s. 55(1)(d).

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## 90 Appeals

**S. 90**  
substituted by  
No. 10002  
s. 7(1).

- (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any other Act a person (including the Crown) affected by an order made under section 83 may appeal against the decision as if the order were or were part of a sentence imposed on conviction for the offence in relation to a drug of dependence or a psychoactive substance to which the order relates, being a sentence which is not fixed by law and against which an appeal may be brought.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any other Act, a person (including the Crown) affected by the refusal or failure of the Magistrates' Court to make an order under section 83 may appeal in accordance with Rules of court against that failure or refusal.
- (3) On an appeal under subsection (1) the court to which the appeal is made may confirm vary or revoke the order to which the appeal relates.
- (4) An appeal under subsection (2) shall be by way of a re-hearing, and the court may in relation to the hearing and determination of the appeal exercise any powers which by or under this Act are conferred on a court in relation to the hearing and determination of an application for an order of the kind to which the appeal relates.
- (5) Where an appeal under subsection (1) is made by the Crown, proceedings on the appeal shall be instituted and conducted in the name of the Crown by the Director of Public Prosecutions.
- (6) An appeal under this section may be heard with any other appeal against the conviction or sentence for the offence in relation to a drug of

**S. 90(1)**  
amended by  
Nos 101/1986  
s. 55(1)(e),  
25/1990  
s. 4(1)(a),  
40/2017 s. 16.

**S. 90(2)**  
amended by  
Nos 101/1986  
s. 55(1)(e),  
57/1989  
s. 3(Sch.  
item 59.14),  
25/1990  
s. 4(1)(b).

**S. 90(6)**  
amended by  
No. 40/2017  
s. 16.

dependence or a psychoactive substance which is the subject-matter of the first-mentioned appeal.

- (7) A person's right of appeal under this section is in addition to any other right of appeal which the person may have.

S. 91  
(Heading)  
amended by  
No. 40/2017  
s. 17(1).

**91 Destruction of drugs of dependence and psychoactive substances—health and safety interests**

S. 91  
repealed by  
No. 10002  
s. 7(1),  
new s. 91  
inserted by  
No. 52/2006  
s. 14.

S. 91(1)  
amended by  
Nos 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.41),  
40/2017  
s. 17(2)(b).

- (1) Without limiting this Part, if a police officer carrying out a function under this Act or any other Act or law—
- (a) enters—
    - (i) any public land for the purposes of searching that land or premises on that land or any vehicle, boat, vessel or aircraft on that land or on those premises; or
    - (ii) any land or premises other than public land or premises on public land with the written or oral permission of either the owner or occupier of that land or those premises for the purposes of searching that land or premises or any vehicle, boat, vessel or aircraft on that land or on those premises; and
  - (b) finds on that land or those premises—
    - (i) a drug of dependence or a substance that contains a drug of dependence; or
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- (ia) a psychoactive substance; or **S. 91(1)(b)(ia)**  
inserted by  
No. 40/2017  
s. 17(2)(a)(i).
- (ii) a poison or controlled substance; or
- (iii) an instrument, device or substance that **S. 91(1)(b)(iii)**  
is or has been used or is capable of  
being used for or in the cultivation, **amended by**  
No. 40/2017  
s. 17(2)(a)(ii).  
manufacture, sale or use or in the  
preparation for cultivation,  
manufacture, sale or use of a drug of  
dependence; or
- (iv) an instrument, device or substance **S. 91(1)(b)(iv)**  
that is or has been used or is capable **inserted by**  
No. 40/2017  
s. 17(2)(a)(iii).  
of being used for or in the production,  
sale, commercial supply or preparation  
for sale or commercial supply of a  
psychoactive substance; and
- (c) an analyst or botanist within the meaning of **S. 91(1)(c)**  
section 120 certifies in writing to the police **amended by**  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.41).  
officer that destruction or disposal of the  
thing is required in the interests of health or  
safety—

the drug of dependence, psychoactive substance, poison, controlled substance, instrument, device or substance, as the case requires, may be destroyed or disposed of in accordance with this section.

- (2) For the purposes of this section, the Chief Commissioner of Police or a delegated police officer may authorise the destruction or disposal of, or cause to be destroyed or disposed of, a thing referred to in subsection (1)(b) after causing to be taken, where practicable, any samples of it as are required for the purposes of this Act.

- (3) A thing referred to in subsection (1)(b)—
- (a) may be disposed of or destroyed on the land or premises on which the thing was found, if practicable; or
  - (b) if it is not practicable to comply with paragraph (a), may be seized and carried away for disposal or destruction at another place.
- (4) If a sample of a thing referred to in subsection (1)(b) taken in accordance with subsection (2) is sufficient to enable an analysis or examination to be made both in the investigation of an offence against a provision of Part IIIA or Part V and on behalf of a person charged with that offence, on request by that person or that person's legal representative, a part of the sample taken sufficient for analysis or examination must be delivered to an analyst or botanist within the meaning of section 120 nominated by that person or that person's legal representative.
- (5) Without limiting any other power under this Act, the Chief Commissioner of Police or a delegated police officer may authorise the disposal or destruction of, or cause to be destroyed or disposed of, any sample of a thing referred to in subsection (1)(b) taken in accordance with this section where that sample of that thing is no longer required for the purpose of any subsequent proceedings.

**S. 91(4)**  
**amended by**  
**No. 40/2017**  
**s. 17(3).**

**92 Delegated police officers**

(1) The Chief Commissioner of Police may delegate, either generally or in a particular case, the function under section 91 of disposing of or destroying a thing referred to in section 91(1)(b) to—

(a) a police officer of or above the rank of superintendent; or

(b) a class of police officer of or above the rank of superintendent.

(2) A delegation under subsection (1) must be in writing.

**93 Certificate and report to be provided to Chief Commissioner of Police**

(1) If a delegated police officer destroys or disposes of a thing referred to in section 91(1)(b) in accordance with section 91(2), the officer must, as soon as practicable after doing so, provide the Chief Commissioner of Police with—

(a) a copy of the certificate of health and safety destruction or disposal; and

(b) a written report containing the details required by subsection (3).

(2) If the Chief Commissioner of Police destroys or disposes of a thing referred to in section 91(1)(b) in accordance with section 91(2), the Chief Commissioner of Police must, as soon as practicable after doing so, ensure that a copy of the certificate of health and safety destruction or disposal and a written report containing the details required by subsection (3) are made and retained.

S. 92  
repealed by  
No. 10002  
s. 7(1),  
new s. 92  
inserted by  
No. 52/2006  
s. 14.

S. 92(1)(a)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.41).

S. 92(1)(b)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.41).

S. 93  
repealed by  
No. 10002  
s. 7(1),  
new s. 93  
inserted by  
No. 52/2006  
s. 14.

- (3) A written report under subsection (1) or (2) must contain the following—
  - (a) details of the samples that were taken; and
  - (b) details of the things that were seized, destroyed or disposed of; and
  - (c) details of the circumstances surrounding the seizure, destruction and disposal.
- (4) The Chief Commissioner of Police must keep a copy, or cause a copy to be kept, of each certificate of health and safety destruction or disposal and each report provided to the Chief Commissioner of Police in accordance with subsection (1) or made and retained under subsection (2).

S. 94  
repealed by  
No. 10002  
s. 7(1),  
new s. 94  
inserted by  
No. 52/2006  
s. 14.

#### **94 Request for copies**

- (1) The following persons may request in writing a copy of a report or a certificate of health and safety destruction or disposal kept by the Chief Commissioner of Police under section 93—
  - (a) the owner or occupier of land or premises referred to in section 91(1)(a)(ii) at the time when anything referred to in section 91(1)(b) was seized, disposed of or destroyed in accordance with section 91 or that person's legal representative;
  - (b) the owner of any vehicle, boat, vessel or aircraft on land or premises referred to in paragraph (a) at the time when any thing referred to in section 91(1)(b) was seized, disposed of or destroyed in accordance with section 91 or that person's legal representative;

(c) a person charged with an offence against a provision of Part IIIA or Part V in respect of anything referred to in section 91(1)(b) which was seized, disposed of or destroyed in accordance with section 91 or that person's legal representative.

S. 94(1)(c)  
amended by  
No. 40/2017  
s. 17(3).

(2) The Chief Commissioner of Police must, as soon as practicable after a request under subsection (1), cause that person to be provided with a copy of the report or the certificate of health and safety destruction or disposal requested.

#### 95 IBAC Commissioner to inspect and report

S. 95  
(Heading)  
amended by  
No. 82/2012  
s. 161(1).

S. 95  
repealed by  
No. 10002  
s. 7(1),  
new s. 95  
inserted by  
No. 52/2006  
s. 14.

(1) The Commissioner within the meaning of the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011** must, at least once each financial year, inspect the certificates of health and safety destruction or disposal and reports held by the Chief Commissioner of Police under section 93 for the purpose of reporting on the operation of that section.

S. 95(1)  
amended by  
Nos 34/2008  
s. 143(Sch. 2  
item 6),  
82/2012  
s. 161(2).

(2) The Commissioner within the meaning of the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011** must report the results of an inspection under subsection (1) to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

S. 95(2)  
amended by  
Nos 34/2008  
s. 143(Sch. 2  
item 6),  
82/2012  
s. 161(2).

S. 95(3)  
inserted by  
No. 82/2012  
s. 161(3).

- (3) Any inspection done by the Director, Police Integrity within the meaning of the **Police Integrity Act 2008** (as in force immediately before its repeal) under subsection (1) during the financial year in which this section is amended by the **Integrity and Accountability Legislation Amendment Act 2012** is taken to be an inspection by the IBAC Commissioner required to be done by the IBAC Commissioner under subsection (1) during that financial year.

S. 96  
repealed by  
No. 10002  
s. 7(1),  
new s. 96  
inserted by  
No. 52/2006  
s. 14.

## 96 Annual reports

- (1) As soon as practicable after the end of each calendar year, the Chief Commissioner of Police must submit a report to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services that includes the following information—
- (a) the number of certificates of health and safety destruction or disposal which are provided to the Chief Commissioner of Police under section 93; and
  - (b) any other information relating to the seizure, disposal and destruction of things referred to in section 91(1)(b) that the Minister considers appropriate.
- (2) The Minister for Police and Emergency Services must cause a report under subsection (1) to be laid before each House of the Parliament within 12 sitting days of that House after it is received by the Minister.

Ss 97–101  
repealed by  
No. 10002  
s. 7(1).

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## **Part VIA—Declared testing facilities**

Pt 6A  
(Heading and  
ss 97, 98)  
inserted by  
No. 9/2014  
s. 8.

### **97 Declared testing facilities**

New s. 97  
inserted by  
No. 9/2014  
s. 8.

- (1) The Chief Commissioner of Police, by notice published in the Government Gazette, may declare a facility to be a declared testing facility.
- (2) A copy of a notice under subsection (1) must be posted on the website of the Victoria Police.
- (3) A declaration under subsection (1) may be made in respect of a facility located within Victoria or in another State or a Territory.
- (4) A declaration under subsection (1) is subject to any conditions specified in the notice regarding the possession, handling, storage and security of substances and items supplied to the facility under section 98.

### **98 Supply of things to declared testing facility**

New s. 98  
inserted by  
No. 9/2014  
s. 8.

- (1) Subject to subsection (3), for the purposes specified in subsection (2), the Chief Commissioner of Police may authorise the supply to a declared testing facility of a thing that is, or is suspected of being—
  - (a) a drug of dependence or a substance that contains a drug of dependence; or
  - (b) a poison or controlled substance; or
  - (c) an instrument, device or substance that is or has been used or is capable of being used for or in the cultivation, manufacture, sale or use or in the preparation for cultivation, manufacture, sale or use of a drug of dependence.

- (2) The purposes for which the Chief Commissioner of Police may authorise the supply of a thing to a declared testing facility are—
  - (a) substance profiling; and
  - (b) analytical testing; and
  - (c) research.
- (3) The Chief Commissioner of Police must not authorise the supply to a declared testing facility outside Victoria of a thing referred to in subsection (1) unless satisfied that the possession of the thing by a person employed or engaged by the declared testing facility is permitted under the laws of the jurisdiction in which the facility is located.
- (4) If a thing has been supplied to a declared testing facility under this section, the person in charge of the facility must arrange for the thing to be returned to, or collected by, the Victoria Police as soon as practicable after the purpose for which it was supplied has been carried out.
- (5) Subsection (4) does not apply to a thing, or part of a thing, that has been destroyed in the process of carrying out the purpose for which it has been supplied.

## Part VII—Proceedings

### 102 Identity of seller of substances

For the purposes of this Act other than Part V any person on whose behalf a sale or supply is made shall be deemed to be the person who sells or supplies, and where a sale or supply is made by an employee assistant or apprentice of a person, that employee assistant or apprentice shall be liable to the like penalties as the person on whose behalf he makes any sale.

S. 102  
amended by  
No. 10002  
s. 9(a)(b).

### 103 Offences by corporations

(1) In this section, *officer*—

- (a) in relation to a corporation within the meaning of the Corporations Act, has the same meaning as in section 9 of that Act; and
- (b) in relation to a corporation that is not a corporation within the meaning of that Act, means any person (by whatever name called) who is concerned or takes part in the management of the corporation—

but does not include an employee of the corporation.

- (2) If a corporation is guilty of an offence against this Act, any officer of the corporation who was in any way, by act or omission, directly or indirectly, knowingly concerned in or party to the commission of the offence is also guilty of that offence and liable to the penalty for that offence.
- (3) If in a proceeding for an offence against this Act it is necessary to establish the intention of a corporation, it is sufficient to show that a servant or agent of the corporation had that intention.

S. 103  
substituted by  
No. 18/2006  
s. 4.

- (4) A statement made by an officer of a corporation is admissible as evidence against the corporation in any proceeding against the corporation for an offence against this Act.

#### 104 Burden of proof

In any proceedings against any person for an offence against this Act the burden of proving any matter of exception qualification or defence shall lie upon the person seeking to avail himself thereof.

S. 105 amended by Nos 10002 s. 10(1) (a)–(c)(2)–(5), 16/1986 s. 30, repealed by No. 51/1989 s. 149(1).	*	*	*	*	*
Ss 106–109 repealed by No. 10002 s. 11(1).	*	*	*	*	*
Pt 8 (Heading and ss 110–117) amended by Nos 10002 s. 12(1)–(19) (as amended by No. 10087 s. 3(1)(Sch. 1 item 41)), 16/1986 s. 30, 110/1986 s. 140(2), repealed by No. 101/1986 s. 55(1)(d).	*	*	*	*	*

## Part IX—Evidentiary

### 118 List of licences and permits

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|  | <b>S. 118</b><br>amended by<br>No. 10262 s. 4,<br>substituted by<br>No. 42/1993<br>s. 51.  |
| (1) The Secretary must keep a list of the persons holding current licences, permits or warrants under this Act or the <b>Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017</b> except licences, permits or warrants under section 34, 56 or Part IVB or authorities under Part IVA.                | <b>S. 118(1)</b><br>amended by<br>Nos 12/1994<br>s. 17(2)(a),<br>46/1998<br>s. 7(Sch. 1),<br>54/1997<br>s. 6(b),<br>13/2014 s. 5,<br>61/2017<br>s. 137(1). |
| (2) The list must contain—   |  |
| (a) the full name and the residential or business address of each holder of a licence, permit or warrant; and  | <b>S. 118(2)(a)</b><br>amended by<br>No. 12/1994<br>s. 17(2)(b).   |
| (b) any other prescribed particulars.  |  |
| (3) Subject to subsection (3A), the Secretary must ensure that a copy of the list is kept available for inspection by members of the public during normal office hours without charge, at the Secretary's principal office.  | <b>S. 118(3)</b><br>amended by<br>Nos 46/1998<br>s. 7(Sch. 1),<br>12/1999<br>s. 4(Sch. 2<br>item 4.1),<br>61/2017<br>s. 137(2).                            |
| (3A) The Secretary must not make a copy of the list available for inspection by members of the public unless any information about a voluntary assisted dying permit or any other authorisation under the <b>Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017</b> has been omitted from the list. | <b>S. 118(3A)</b><br>inserted by<br>No. 61/2017<br>s. 137(3).  |

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S. 118(4)  
amended by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1)

- (4) The Secretary may take any steps that he or she considers appropriate to bring the existence of the list to the notice of members of the public.

S. 118(5)  
amended by  
Nos 12/1994  
s. 17(2)(c)(i),  
46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

- (5) In any proceedings the production of a document certified in writing purporting to be signed by the Secretary and purporting to be a copy of or an extract from the list as at a particular date is evidence and, in the absence of evidence to the contrary is proof—

- (a) of the matters stated; and  
(b) that at that date the persons whose names appear in the document held current licences, permits or warrants under this Act.

S. 118(5)(b)  
amended by  
No. 12/1994  
s. 17(2)(c)(ii).

S. 118(6)  
amended by  
No. 12/1994  
s. 17(2)(d).

- (6) In any proceedings, the absence of a person's name from a document that complies with subsection (5) is evidence and in the absence of evidence to the contrary is proof that on the relevant date the person was not the holder of a licence, permit or warrant under this Act and that is required to be listed under this section.

S. 118(7)  
inserted by  
No. 20/2016  
s. 140,  
repealed by  
No. 34/2019  
s. 42.

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S. 118(8)  
inserted by  
No. 66/2017  
s. 8.

- (8) This section does not apply to a medically supervised injecting centre licence under Part IIA.

## 119 Evidentiary

In any legal proceedings under this Act—

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| (a) the production of a copy of the Government Gazette containing the register as last published in relation to the time in question of veterinary practitioners is, if the name of the accused does not appear in the register, prima facie evidence that the person is not a veterinary practitioner;   | S. 119(a) amended by Nos 42/1993 s. 52(a)–(c), 23/1994 s. 118(Sch. 1 item 17.14), 74/2000 s. 3(Sch. 1 item 38.3 (a)(b)), 68/2009 s. 97(Sch. item 47.3), substituted by No. 75/2014 s. 22(a). |
| (b) a certificate referred to in section 244 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law is, if it states any person is or is not or was or was not on a certain date or for a certain period a registered medical practitioner, registered Chinese medicine practitioner, registered Chinese herbal dispenser, dentist, pharmacist, registered podiatrist, registered optometrist, nurse practitioner, registered nurse or registered midwife, prima facie evidence of the facts stated in the certificate; | S. 119(b) amended by No. 23/1994 s. 118(Sch. 1 item 17.15 (a)(b)), substituted by No. 75/2014 s. 22(b).  |
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| (e) a certificate that any person is or is not or was or was not on a certain date or for a certain period a veterinary practitioner shall if purporting to be signed by the registrar of the Veterinary Practitioners Registration Board of Victoria be prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated;  | S. 119(e) amended by No. 74/2000 s. 3(Sch. 1 item 38.4 (a)(b)).  |

S. 119(ea)  
inserted by  
No. 54/1997  
s. 6(c),  
amended by  
Nos 56/2003  
s. 11(Sch.  
item 7.2),  
13/2014 s. 6.

(ea) a certificate that any person is or is not or was or was not on a certain date or for a certain period a holder of an authority under Part IVA or a holder of a licence under Part IVB, if purporting to be signed by the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Primary Industries, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated;

S. 119(eb)  
inserted by  
No. 66/2017  
s. 9.

(eb) a certificate signed by the Secretary that a facility specified in a certificate was or was not the licensed medically supervised injecting centre at a specified date or that an entity specified in the certificate was or was not operating the licensed medically supervised injecting centre on a specified date is prima facie evidence of the facts stated in the certificate;

S. 119(f)  
amended by  
Nos 10262  
s. 4, 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1),  
50/2017  
s. 15(1).

(f) a certificate that any person is or is not or was or was not on a certain date or for a certain period a person who holds a licence permit warrant or authority under this Act shall if purporting to be signed by the Secretary be prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated;

S. 119(g)  
inserted by  
No. 50/2017  
s. 15(2).

(g) a certificate signed by the Secretary that a document is an extract from the monitored poisons database is prima facie evidence of the facts stated in that extract.

## 120 Analyst's etc. certificates

- (1) In any legal proceedings for an offence against this Act the production of a certificate purporting to be signed by an analyst or by a botanist with respect to any analysis or examination made by him shall, without proof of the signature of the person appearing to have signed the certificate or that he is an analyst or botanist (as the case requires) be sufficient evidence—

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| (a) in the case of a certificate purporting to be signed by an analyst, of the identity or quantity or both the identity and quantity of the thing analysed, of the result of the analysis and of the matters relevant to such proceedings stated in the certificate; and | S. 120(1)(a)<br>amended by<br>No. 101/1986<br>s. 58(1)(f).   |
| (b) in the case of the certificate purporting to be signed by a botanist, of the identity or quantity or both the identity and quantity of the thing examined.  | S. 120(1)(b)<br>amended by<br>No. 101/1986<br>s. 58(1)(f).   |
| (2) The provisions of subsection (1) do not apply—  |  |
| (a) if a copy of the certificate was not served on the accused at least seven days before the hearing; or   | S. 120(2)(a)<br>amended by<br>No. 68/2009<br>s. 97(Sch.<br>item 47.4).   |
| (b) if the accused, at least three days before the hearing, gave notice in writing personally or by post to the informant and to the analyst or botanist (as the case requires) that he requires the analyst or botanist to attend as a witness.                          | S. 120(2)(b)<br>amended by<br>No. 68/2009<br>s. 97(Sch.<br>item 47.4).   |
| (3) For the purpose of subsection (2) a copy of the certificate shall be deemed to be served on the accused under subsection (2)(a) if—   |  |
| (a) not less than ten days before the hearing a copy of the certificate is lodged with the court of hearing which is hereby authorized to make such copy available to the accused; and  | S. 120(3)<br>amended by<br>Nos 68/2009<br>s. 97(Sch.<br>item 47.4),<br>13/2010<br>s. 48(a).  |
| (a) not less than ten days before the hearing a copy of the certificate is lodged with the court of hearing which is hereby authorized to make such copy available to the accused; and  | S. 120(3)(i)<br>amended by<br>No. 68/2009<br>s. 97(Sch.<br>item 47.4),<br>re-numbered<br>as s. 120(3)(a)<br>by No.<br>13/2010<br>s. 48(b)(ii). |

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S. 120(3)(ii)  
amended by  
No. 68/2009  
s. 97(Sch.  
item 47.4),  
re-numbered  
as s. 120(3)(b)  
by  
No. 13/2010  
s. 48(b)(iii).

(b) notice in writing has been given to the accused that a copy of such certificate will be so lodged with the court.

(4) Service of a copy of a certificate for the purposes of this section may be effected and proved—

(a) in any manner in which service of a summons may be effected and proved; or

(b) where the certificate was served with the summons and proof of service of the summons is by affidavit, by stating in the affidavit that a copy of the certificate was served with the summons.

(5) Where an analysis or examination has been carried out for the purpose of any legal proceedings for an offence against this Act the court may, in addition to any other order as to costs, make such order as it thinks proper—

(a) as to the expenses of and remuneration to be paid for the analysis or examination; and

(b) where the analyst or botanist has been required by the accused to attend as a witness, as to the conduct money of the analyst or botanist.

S. 120(5)(b)  
amended by  
No. 68/2009  
s. 97(Sch.  
item 47.5).

(6) In this section—

S. 120(6)  
def. of  
*analyst*  
amended by  
Nos 66/1995  
s. 3(a),  
33/2001 s. 21.

*analyst* means a person employed by the Government of Victoria as an analyst or a person of a prescribed class employed or approved under a prescribed law of another State or Territory;

*botanist* means the chief botanist or his or her delegate under the **Royal Botanic Gardens Act 1991** or a person of a prescribed class employed or approved under a prescribed law of another State or Territory.

S. 120(6)  
def. of  
*botanist*  
substituted by  
No. 87/1991  
s. 52,  
amended by  
No. 66/1995  
s. 3(b).

### 121 Evidentiary effect of certain statements

For the purposes of this Act a statement of the quantity of the poison or controlled substance or the proportion which the poison or controlled substance bears to the total ingredients of a preparation shall be expressed in accordance with one of the forms specified in Schedule Twelve.

### 122 Proof that a substance is poison etc.

In any prosecution for a contravention of or failure to comply with any provision of this Act or any regulations thereunder, whenever it is necessary or proper to provide in respect of any particular article or substance that it is a poison or controlled substance then in every such case—

- (a) evidence that any substance commonly sold under the same name or description as the said particular article or substance is a poison or controlled substance shall be prima facie evidence that the said particular article or substance also conforms to the same description accordingly; and
- (b) evidence that any particular article or substance or the container thereof is labelled "Poison" or "Poisonous, not to be taken" or "Schedule 1" or "Schedule 2" or "Schedule 3" or "Schedule 4" or "Schedule 5" or "Schedule 6" or "Schedule 7" "Schedule 8" or "Schedule 9" or (whether alone or in combination with any other words or symbols) "S. 1", "S. 2",

S. 122(b)  
amended by  
Nos 42/1993  
s. 53(a)(b),  
20/2016 s. 141,  
34/2019 s. 43.

"S. 3", "S. 4", "S. 5", "S. 6", "S. 7", "S. 8"  
or "S. 9" shall be prima facie evidence that  
the particular article or substance is a poison  
or controlled substance.

S. 122A  
inserted by  
No. 101/1986  
s. 55(1)(f).

### 122A Evidence of market value of drugs of dependence

S. 122A(1)  
amended by  
No. 108/1997  
s. 152(1)(a).

(1) In any proceedings under this Act or the  
regulations or under the **Confiscation Act 1997**—

S. 122A(1)(a)  
amended by  
No. 37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.41).

(a) a police officer; or

(b) any other person—

whom the court is satisfied is experienced—

S. 122A(1)(c)  
amended by  
Nos 48/1997  
s. 47(c),  
61/2001  
s. 7(e).

(c) in the investigation of offences under  
section 71, 71AA, 71AB, 71AC, 71A, 71B,  
72, 72A, 72B, 73, 79(1) or 80(1) of this Act;  
or

(d) in the assessment of the market value of  
drugs of dependence—

may give evidence in accordance with  
subsection (2).

(2) A person mentioned in subsection (1) may give  
evidence to the best of that person's information,  
knowledge and belief, of the market value of a  
drug of dependence at a particular time or during a  
particular period, despite any rule of law or  
practice relating to hearsay evidence.

(3) Any evidence given under this section is, in the  
absence of evidence to the contrary, conclusive  
evidence of the matters testified to.

**123 General offence**

Every person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of this Act or any regulation made under this Act shall be guilty of an offence against this Act and if no penalty is expressly provided with respect to such offence shall be liable to a penalty of not more than 100 penalty units.

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S. 123  
amended by  
Nos 10002  
s. 14(f)(i)(ii),  
12/1994 s. 18.

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(Heading and  
ss 124–128)  
amended by  
Nos 10002  
s. 14(g),  
101/1986  
s. 55(1)(g)(h),  
90/1991  
s. 36(a)(b),  
31/1994  
s. 3(Sch. 1  
item 18),  
48/1997  
s. 47(d)(e),  
108/1997  
s. 152(1)  
(b)–(e)(2),  
repealed by  
No. 10/2007  
s. 3.

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### 129 Regulations

S. 129  
amended by  
No. 10002  
s. 13(1)(a)(f).

S. 129(1)  
amended by  
Nos 42/1993  
s. 54(1),  
18/2000  
s. 106(1)(a).

(1) For the purpose of preventing the improper use of drugs of dependence and Schedule 1 poisons, Schedule 4 poisons, Schedule 8 poisons and Schedule 9 poisons or any preparation of them or any of them the Governor in Council may make regulations for or with respect to regulating or controlling the manufacture sale possession administration use supply distribution and storage of those substances and preparations and in particular, without affecting the generality of the foregoing provisions of this section or of any other provisions of this Act, for or with respect to—

S. 129(1)(a)  
amended by  
Nos 23/1994  
s. 118(Sch. 1  
item 17.16),  
58/1997  
s. 96(Sch.  
item 3.4),  
56/1996  
s. 100(6)(a),  
94/2000  
s. 52(1)(a),  
18/2000  
s. 106(1)(b),  
25/2007  
s. 33(1),  
13/2010  
s. 45(1),  
14/2012  
s. 8(1).

(a) regulating the issue by registered medical practitioners, registered Chinese medicine practitioners, registered optometrists, registered podiatrists, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, registered midwives, dentists or veterinary practitioners of prescriptions for any such substance or preparation and the dispensing of any such prescriptions;

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| (aa) prohibiting either absolutely or subject to conditions the issue by registered medical practitioners, registered Chinese medicine practitioners, registered optometrists, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, registered midwives, veterinary practitioners and dentists of prescriptions or orders or classes of prescriptions or orders for any such substance or preparation; | S. 129(1)(aa) inserted by No. 10002 s. 13(1)(b), amended by Nos 23/1994 s. 118(Sch. 1 item 17.16), 58/1997 s. 96(Sch. item 3.4), 56/1996 s. 100(6)(b), 94/2000 s. 52(1)(b), 18/2000 s. 106(1)(c), 11/2002 s. 3(Sch. 1 item 16.2 (a)(b)), 13/2010 s. 45(1), 14/2012 s. 8(1). |
| (ab) prohibiting either absolutely or subject to conditions the dispensing by pharmacists or registered Chinese herbal dispensers of prescriptions or orders or classes of prescriptions or orders for any such substance or preparation;   | S. 129(1)(ab) inserted by No. 10002 s. 13(1)(b), amended by No. 18/2000 s. 106(1)(d).   |
| (b) requiring persons engaged in the manufacture sale supply dispensing, administration, prescription and distribution of any such substance or preparation to keep books and records and furnish information in writing or otherwise;  | S. 129(1)(b) amended by No. 10002 s. 13(1)(c).  |
| (ba) regulating, for the purposes of Division 10A of Part II, the administration of drugs of dependence, Schedule 9 poisons, Schedule 8 poisons and Schedule 4 poisons to residents of aged care services;  | S. 129(1)(ba) inserted by No. 17/2006 s. 5.   |
| (c) the custody accumulation administration use supply and storage of any such substance or preparation;  |   |

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S. 129(1)(ca)  
inserted by  
No. 10002  
s. 13(1)(d).

(ca) prohibiting either absolutely or subject to conditions or in any specified circumstances or classes of circumstances the prescription, sale, supply, dispensing or administration of any such substance or preparation;

S. 129(1)(cb)  
inserted by  
No. 50/2017  
s. 16.

(cb) prescribing, for the purposes of Division 9 of Part II, any matter necessary or required in relation to—

(i) the monitored poisons database; or

(ii) providing, accessing, using or disclosing information on the monitored poisons database to, or receiving and using information from, entities or health practitioners in Victoria or other States, the Territories or the Commonwealth; or

(iii) prescribing locations, geographical areas or regions in which Division 9, or specified provisions of that Division, are to operate, or not to operate, for any specified period of time or subject to specified conditions; or

(iv) any other matter under that Division;

(d) regulating the transfer or conveyance of any such substance or preparation;

(e) regulating the supply of any such substance or preparation to drug-dependent persons;

S. 129(1)(ea)  
inserted by  
No. 66/2017  
s. 10.

(ea) without limiting section 55Q, any matter or thing required to be prescribed for the purposes of Part IIA;

(f) regulating and controlling advertising by any person in relation to any such substances or preparations or any of them and prescribing the form and contents of such advertisements;

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- (fa) regulating the issue of prescriptions or orders or classes of prescriptions or orders by registered medical practitioners and the dispensing or disposal by a pharmacist of any prescriptions, orders or classes of prescriptions or orders for a voluntary assisted dying substance;
- (g) generally prescribing all such matters and things as are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying this Act into effect; and
- (h) prescribing a penalty of not more than 100 penalty units for any contravention of or failure to comply with the regulations made under this section.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in paragraph (h) of subsection (1) or in any regulations made under that subsection, a person who being a registered medical practitioner, registered Chinese medicine practitioner or registered Chinese herbal dispenser, registered optometrist, registered podiatrist, nurse practitioner, registered nurse, registered midwife, veterinary practitioner, dentist or pharmacist, contravenes or fails to comply with a regulation made under that subsection is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to a penalty of not more than 200 penalty units or to imprisonment for a term of not more than five years or to both such penalty and imprisonment.
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- S. 129(1)(fa) inserted by No. 61/2017 s. 138.
- S. 129(1)(h) amended by No. 10002 s. 13(1)(e).
- S. 129(2) inserted by No. 10002 s. 13(1)(g), amended by Nos 23/1994 s. 118(Sch. 1 item 17.17), 58/1997 s. 96(Sch. item 3.5), 56/1996 s. 100(6)(c), 94/2000 s. 52(1)(c), 18/2000 s. 106(1)(e), 25/2007 s. 33(2), 13/2010 s. 45(2), 14/2012 s. 8(2).
- S. 129A inserted by No. 20/2016 s. 142, repealed by No. 34/2019 s. 44.
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**130 Construction of section 129**

The provisions of section 129 with respect to the making of regulations shall (without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred by the said section) extend and apply to the making of regulations for or with respect to providing that any specified breach of the regulations made under the said section shall be regarded—

- (a) as infamous conduct in a professional respect within the meaning and for the purposes of any Act; or

S. 130(b) substituted by No. 80/2004 s. 150(Sch. 2 item 2.5), amended by Nos 97/2005 s. 182(Sch. 4 item 16.5), 13/2010 s. 46(a), repealed by No. 27/2012 s. 16.

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S. 130(c) substituted by No. 94/2000 s. 52(2), repealed by No. 97/2005 s. 182(Sch. 4 item 16.6), new s 130(c) inserted by No. 13/2010 s. 46(b).

- (c) as unprofessional conduct within the meaning and for the purposes of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law.

S. 131 amended by Nos 10002 s. 14(h), 42/1993 s. 54(2)(a)(b).

**131 Regulations as to regulated poisons**

For the purpose of protecting persons engaged in the manufacture sale use or distribution of regulated poisons or for the protection of the public from regulated poisons the Governor in Council may make regulations for or with respect to—

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| (a) prohibiting the possession manufacture sale supply distribution or use of any regulated poisons either absolutely or except under such circumstances or conditions as may be prescribed (including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, prohibiting a person from having in his possession, manufacturing, selling, distributing or using any regulated poison or class of regulated poisons unless he is authorized by or licensed or permitted under this Act or the regulations so to do); | S. 131(a)<br>amended by<br>No. 42/1993<br>s. 54(2)(a)(b).                                    |
| (b) prescribing any regulated poison to be an hallucinogenic drug for the purposes of Part VI;  | S. 131(b)<br>amended by<br>No. 42/1993<br>s. 54(2)(b).                                       |
| *            *            *            *            *   | S. 131(c)(d)<br>repealed by<br>No. 12/1994<br>s. 10(1).                                      |
| *            *            *            *            *   | S. 131(e)<br>amended by<br>No. 10002<br>s. 13(2),<br>repealed by<br>No. 12/1994<br>s. 10(1). |
| (f) prescribing precautions to be taken in and regulating or controlling the manufacture storage use or handling of any such regulated poisons; and   | S. 131(f)<br>amended by<br>No. 42/1993<br>s. 54(2)(a).                                       |
| (g) prescribing penalties not exceeding 100 penalty units for breaches of the regulations.  | S. 131(g)<br>amended by<br>No. 10002<br>s. 13(2).  |

### 132 General regulations

The Governor in Council may make regulations for or with respect to—

- (a) prescribing forms to be used for the purposes of this Act;
- (b) the colouring of any poison or controlled substance;
- (c) the sale supply and safe custody of poisons or controlled substances including the specifications of cupboards and other receptacles and the manner of storage of any poison or controlled substance;
- (d) prohibiting the sale or supply of any product (whether by wholesale or by retail) or any class of products containing any poison or controlled substances unless the product or class of products is packaged in accordance with regulations made under this section and contains no more than a specified concentration of any specified poison or controlled substance;
- (e) the minimum size of packages or containers in which poisons or controlled substances or any class of poisons or controlled substances may be sold or supplied or offered for sale or supply;
- (f) specifying the containers in which any poison or controlled substance may be sold or supplied and prohibiting the use of such containers for other substances;
- (g) prescribing the Schedule 2, 3, 4 or 8 poisons that a nurse practitioner or category of nurse practitioner is authorised to obtain and have in his or her possession and to use, sell or supply;

S. 132(g)  
repealed by  
No. 10002  
s. 13(3)(a),  
new s. 132(g)  
inserted by  
No. 94/2000  
s. 52(3).

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| (h) prescribing the Schedule 2, 3, 4 or 8 poisons that a registered nurse or class of registered nurse is authorised to obtain and have in his or her possession and to use, sell or supply;   | S. 132(h)<br>repealed by<br>No. 10002<br>s. 13(3)(a),<br>new s. 132(h)<br>inserted by<br>No. 13/2010<br>s. 47(a).  |
| (i) prescribing the Schedule 2, 3, 4 or 8 poisons that a registered midwife or class of registered midwife is authorised to obtain and have in his or her possession and to use, sell or supply;   | S. 132(i)<br>repealed by<br>No. 10002<br>s. 13(3)(a),<br>new s. 132(i)<br>inserted by<br>No. 14/2012<br>s. 9(1).   |
| (j) prohibiting and controlling advertising by any person in relation to Schedule 3 poisons or any class of Schedule 3 poisons and prescribing the form and contents of such advertisements;   | S. 132(j)<br>amended by<br>No. 42/1993<br>s. 55(a).  |
| (k) providing for the dispensing of prescriptions for poisons or controlled substances issued by registered medical practitioners, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, registered midwives, registered optometrists, registered podiatrists, dentists or veterinary practitioners in other States; | S. 132(k)<br>amended by<br>Nos 23/1994<br>s. 118(Sch. 1<br>item 17.18(b)),<br>74/2000<br>s. 3(Sch. 1<br>item 38.5),<br>94/2000<br>s. 52(4)(a),<br>13/2010<br>s. 47(b),<br>14/2012<br>s. 9(2)(a). |
| (l) labelling and specifying the particulars (including antidotes) to be included in labels attached to containers of poisons and controlled substances;   |  |
| (m) applications for licences, permits, warrants and authorities issued under this Act, and the issue, renewal, amendment, suspension or cancellation of them;   | S. 132(m)<br>substituted by<br>No. 12/1994<br>s. 10(2)(a).   |

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- S. 132(n)  
amended by  
Nos 10002  
s. 13(3)(b),  
12/1994  
s. 10(2)(b).
- (n) prescribing terms and conditions limitations and restrictions to which licences warrants and permits issued under this Act shall be subject;
- S. 132(o)  
substituted by  
No. 12/1994  
s. 10(2)(c).
- (o) prescribing fees for applications for the issue, renewal and amendment of licences, permits, warrants, authorisations and approvals under the Act and pro rata fees for periods of less than 12 months;
- S. 132(oa)  
inserted by  
No. 12/1994  
s. 10(2)(c).
- (oa) prescribing penalties not exceeding 100 penalty units for the breach of terms, conditions, limitations and restrictions of authorisations and approvals;
- S. 132(p)  
amended by  
No. 75/2014  
s. 9.
- (p) the inspection of premises mobile facilities stocks books and any other documents relating to poisons or controlled substances;
- S. 132(q)  
amended by  
Nos 23/1994  
s. 118(Sch. 1  
item 17.18(a)),  
58/1997  
s. 96(Sch.  
item 3.5),  
56/1996  
s. 100(7),  
94/2000  
s. 52(4)(b),  
18/2000  
s. 106(2)(a)(b),  
13/2010  
s. 47(c),  
14/2012  
s. 9(2)(b).
- (q) exempting from all or any of the provisions of this Act and the regulations substances or preparations containing any poison or controlled substance which by their nature are not capable of being used in evasion of this Act and the regulations or which are sold or supplied by a pharmacist or registered Chinese herbal dispenser or according to the prescription of a registered medical practitioner, registered Chinese medicine practitioner, registered optometrist, nurse practitioner, registered nurse, registered midwife, registered podiatrist, veterinary practitioner or dentist for an individual and specific case;
- S. 132(r)  
amended by  
No. 12/1994  
s. 16(3)(a).
- (r) the procedure to be followed in relation to the sale or supply and recording of poisons or controlled substances;
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| (s) prescribing substances, or classes of substances, that are not psychoactive substances;   | S. 132(s)<br>repealed by<br>No. 12/1994<br>s. 16(3)(b),<br>new s. 132(s)<br>inserted by<br>No. 40/2017<br>s. 18. |
| (t) specifying the persons or classes of persons authorized or entitled to purchase obtain use or be in possession of any poison or controlled substance;   |  |
| (u) providing that all persons are authorized or entitled to purchase or obtain or have in their possession or use specified poisons or controlled substances or specified classes of poisons or controlled substances;         |  |
| (ua) without limiting section 55Q, any matter or thing required to be prescribed for the purposes of Part IIA;  | S. 132(ua)<br>inserted by<br>No. 66/2017<br>s. 11.   |
| (v) providing for the disposal of automatic machines forfeited pursuant to the provisions of this Act;  |  |
| (w) prohibiting the sale or supply of any poison or controlled substance by self-service methods other than any methods prescribed;   |  |
| (x) prescribing a penalty of not more than 100 penalty units for any contravention of or failure to comply with the regulations;  | S. 132(x)<br>amended by<br>No. 10002<br>s. 13(3)(c).   |
| (y) the administration and use of Schedule 3 poisons or any class of Schedule 3 poison;   | S. 132(y)<br>amended by<br>No. 42/1993<br>s. 55(b)(i)(ii).   |
| (ya) regulating, controlling or authorising the supply, possession, administration and use of naloxone or other Schedule 2 or Schedule 3 poisons for the treatment of opioid overdose, including, but not limited to, different | S. 132(ya)<br>inserted by<br>No. 17/2021<br>s. 5.  |

requirements in relation to the supply, possession, administration and use of naloxone or those other Schedule 2 or Schedule 3 poisons—

- (i) by different persons or classes of persons; or
- (ii) to different persons or classes of persons; or
- (iii) in any specified circumstances; or
- (iv) subject to conditions specified in any authority or approval;

S. 132(z)  
amended by  
Nos 42/1993  
s. 55(c),  
23/1994  
s. 118(Sch. 1  
item 17.18(b)),  
74/2000  
s. 3(Sch. 1  
item 38.5),  
94/2000  
s. 52(4)(c),  
13/2010  
s. 47(d),  
14/2012  
s. 9(2)(c).

- (z) regulating and controlling the issue by registered medical practitioners, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, registered midwives, registered optometrists, registered podiatrists, dentists or veterinary practitioners of prescriptions for any Schedule 3 poison and the dispensing of any such prescriptions;

S. 132(za)  
amended by  
Nos 42/1993  
s. 55(d),  
23/1994  
s. 118(Sch. 1  
item 17.18(a)),  
74/2000  
s. 3(Sch. 1  
item 38.6),  
94/2000  
s. 52(4)(d),  
13/2010  
s. 47(e),  
14/2012  
s. 9(2)(d).

- (za) regulating and controlling the sale or supply by pharmacists of Schedule 3 poisons to persons without direction from a registered medical practitioner, nurse practitioner, registered nurse, registered midwife, registered optometrist, registered podiatrist, veterinary practitioner or dentist;

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| (zb) prescribing the manner in which Schedule 3 poisons may be dispensed by pharmacists and the keeping of records of each transaction effected by a pharmacist;  | S. 132(zb) amended by No. 42/1993 s. 55(d).   |
| (zc) regulating and controlling the dispensing and sale or supply of Schedule 4 poisons by pharmacists without a prescription from a registered medical practitioner, nurse practitioner, registered nurse, registered midwife, registered optometrist, registered podiatrist, dentist or veterinary practitioner in emergency circumstances to the extent that the quantity of any Schedule 4 poison so dispensed sold or supplied does not exceed three days medication or, where a Schedule 4 poison is or is contained in a pre-packed pharmaceutical preparation, the minimum standard package containing the preparation; | S. 132(zc) amended by Nos 42/1993 s. 55(e)(i)(ii), 23/1994 s. 118(Sch. 1 item 17.18(a)), 74/2000 s. 3(Sch. 1 item 38.6), 94/2000 s. 52(4)(e), 13/2010 s. 47(f), 14/2012 s. 9(2)(e). |
| (zca) amending the Poisons Standard in so far as it is incorporated in the Poisons Code;  | S. 132(zca) inserted by No. 42/1993 s. 54(3), amended by No. 75/2014 s. 23.   |
| (zcb) for the purposes of Part V, prescribing precursor chemicals and the prescribed quantity of any precursor chemical, including different quantities for different chemicals;  | S. 132(zcb) inserted by No. 42/1993 s. 54(3), repealed by No. 74/2004 s. 17, new s. 132(zcb) inserted by No. 52/2006 s. 15.   |
| (zcc) without limiting this section, for the purposes of Part VB, prescribing—<br>(i) category 1 precursor chemicals;<br>(ii) category 2 precursor chemicals;<br>(iii) category 3 precursor apparatus;  | S. 132(zcc) inserted by No. 55/2009 s. 9(1).  |
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S. 132(zcd)  
inserted by  
No. 51/2011  
s. 5.

(iv) any other matter or thing required to be prescribed for the purposes of that Part;

(zcd) for the purposes of Part VC, prescribing a number or numbers of hookahs that may be displayed;

S. 132(zce)  
inserted by  
No. 13/2014  
s. 7.

(zce) any matter or thing required to be prescribed for the purposes of Part IVB;

S. 132(zcf)  
inserted by  
No. 50/2017  
s. 17.

(zcf) without limiting section 129, prescribing, for the purposes of Division 9 of Part II, any matter necessary or required in relation to—

(i) the monitored poisons database; or

(ii) providing, accessing, using or disclosing information on the monitored poisons database to, or receiving and using information from, entities or health practitioners in Victoria or other States, the Territories or the Commonwealth; or

(iii) any other matter under that Division;

(zd) generally prescribing all such matters and things as are authorized or required to be prescribed or are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying into effect the objects of this Act.

S. 132AA  
inserted by  
No. 41/2011  
s. 5.

**132AA Regulations prescribing drugs of dependence**

(1) Subject to subsection (2), the Governor in Council may make regulations for or with respect to—

(a) prescribing a substance as a drug of dependence;

(b) specifying whether that prescribed drug of dependence is included in Part 1, Part 2 or Part 3 of Schedule Eleven;

- (c) specifying quantities in relation to that prescribed drug of dependence for the purposes of Schedule Eleven.
- (2) The Minister must not recommend the making of regulations under subsection (1) unless he or she is satisfied that the substance represents—
  - (a) a significant risk to the health of consumers; or
  - (b) a significant risk to public safety.
- (3) Despite anything to the contrary in section 5 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, a regulation made under this section expires 12 months after the day on which the regulation is made.

**132A Regulations may incorporate other documents**

S. 132A  
inserted by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 56.

- (1) Regulations under any provision of this Act may apply, adopt or incorporate by reference any document formulated or published by a person or body, either—
  - (a) without modification or as modified by the regulations; or
  - (b) as formulated or published on or before the date when the regulations are made; or
  - (c) as formulated or published from time to time.
- (2) Regulations under any provision of this Act may apply, adopt or incorporate by reference the Poisons Code or any part of that Code.
- (3) Section 32 of the **Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984** applies to regulations under any provision of this Act that incorporate by reference any part of the Poisons Code as if that part were a statutory rule.

S. 132B  
inserted by  
No. 12/1994  
s. 7.

### **132B Scope of regulations**

The regulations may—

- (a) be of general or limited application; and
- (b) apply to different classes of persons, licences, permits, warrants, authorisations and approvals; and
- (c) provide for different fees for different activities or classes of activity or different cases or classes of cases; and
- (d) in the case of applications for the issue, renewal or amendment of licences, permits or warrants, specify fees that reflect the cost of administration of, and the provision of inspection services in connection with, the licence, permit and warrant system; and
- (e) in the case of fees for applications for the issue, renewal or amendment of licences, permits or warrants, may vary according to the kinds of poisons or controlled substances to which the licence, permit or warrant relates; and
- (f) confer powers or discretions or impose duties on any person; and
- (g) may exempt specified persons or things or classes of person or classes of thing from complying with all or any of the regulations, whether unconditionally or on specified conditions and either wholly or to such an extent as is specified.

S. 132B(f)  
amended by  
No. 55/2009  
s. 9(2)(a).

S. 132B(g)  
inserted by  
No. 55/2009  
s. 9(2)(b).

### **133 Strict compliance with prescribed forms not necessary**

Forms set out in any regulations made under this Act or forms to the like effect may be used for the purposes thereof and shall be sufficient in law.

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**133A Exemption from regulatory impact statement procedure**

S. 133A  
inserted by  
No. 25/1990  
s. 3.

(1) The provisions of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** with respect to the preparation of regulatory impact statements do not apply to a regulation which is consistent with, and gives effect in Victoria to, the Poisons Standard.

S. 133A(1)  
substituted by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 57(1),  
amended by  
Nos 68/1996  
s. 15(a),  
75/2014 s. 24.

(2) Any regulation to which subsection (1) applies may be disallowed, in whole or in part, by resolution of either House of Parliament in accordance with the requirements of section 23 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**.

S. 133A(2)  
amended by  
Nos 42/1993  
s. 57(2),  
68/1996  
s. 15(b).

(3) Disallowance of a regulation under subsection (2) must be taken to be disallowance by Parliament for the purposes of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**.

S. 133A(3)  
amended by  
Nos 42/1993  
s. 57(2),  
68/1996  
s. 15(c).

Pt 12  
(Heading and  
ss 134, 135)  
substituted as  
Pt 12  
(Heading and  
ss 134–136)  
by No.  
42/1993 s. 58.  
  
Pt 12  
(Heading)  
amended by  
No. 61/2001  
s. 9.

S. 134  
substituted by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 58.

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### 134 References

- (1) In this section *subordinate instrument* has the same meaning as in the **Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984**.
- (2) In—
  - (a) an Act other than this Act; or
  - (b) a subordinate instrument made under this Act or any other Act; or
  - (c) any licence, warrant, permit or other instrument under this Act; or
  - (d) any other document whatever—

a reference of a kind listed in Column 1 of the Table must in relation to any period occurring on or after the commencement of this section and unless inconsistent with the context or subject matter be taken to be a reference of the kind listed opposite in Column 2.

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**TABLE**

<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>
Old Reference	New Reference
Domestic poison	Schedule 5 poison
Special poison (if the reference relates to a Schedule 1 poison)	Schedule 1 poison
Narcotic drug	Schedule 8 poison or Schedule 9 poison
Hallucinogenic drug	Schedule 8 poison or Schedule 9 poison
Dangerous poison (if the reference relates to a Schedule 1 poison)	Schedule 1 poison
Medicinal poison	Schedule 2 poison
Potent substance	Schedule 3 poison
Restricted substance	Schedule 4 poison
Hazardous substance	Schedule 5 poison
Industrial and Agricultural poison	Schedule 6 poison
Dangerous poison (if the reference relates to a Schedule 7 poison)	Schedule 7 poison
Special poison (if the reference relates to a Schedule 7 poison)	Schedule 7 poison
Special poison (if the reference relates to a regulated poison)	Regulated poison
Drug of addiction	Schedule 8 poison or Schedule 9 poison
Substance specified in Schedule One of the <b>Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981</b>	Schedule 1 poison
Substance specified in Schedule Two of the <b>Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981</b>	Schedule 2 poison
Substance specified in Schedule Three of the <b>Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981</b>	Schedule 3 poison
Substance specified in Schedule Four of the <b>Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981</b>	Schedule 4 poison
Substance specified in Schedule Five of the <b>Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981</b>	Schedule 5 poison
Substance specified in Schedule Six of the <b>Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981</b>	Schedule 6 poison

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<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>
Old Reference	New Reference
Substance specified in Part 1 of Schedule Seven of the <b>Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981</b>	Schedule 7 poison
Substance specified in Part 2 of Schedule Seven of the <b>Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981</b>	Regulated poison
Substance specified in Schedule Eight of the <b>Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981</b>	Schedule 8 poison or Schedule 9 poison

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S. 134(3)  
inserted by  
No. 18/2000  
s. 107.

- (3) Despite subsection (2), on or after the commencement of section 97 of the **Chinese Medicine Registration Act 2000**, a reference in Column 2 in the Table to a Schedule 1 poison is not to be taken to be a reference to a Schedule 1 poison within the meaning of this Act as amended by the **Chinese Medicine Registration Act 2000**.

S. 135  
substituted by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 58.

### 135 Instruments to continue

- (1) The amendments made to this Act by the **Health and Community Services (General Amendment) Act 1993** do not affect the continuity of status, operation or effect of any licence, permit, warrant or authority in force under this Act immediately before the commencement of this section.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not affect the operation of section 134.

S. 135A  
inserted by  
No. 74/2004  
s. 18.

### 135A Transitional provisions—**Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Amendment) Act 1994**

Despite the repeal of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Amendment) Act 1994** by the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances and Therapeutic Goods (Victoria) Acts (Amendment) Act 2004**, a warrant to which section 19(2) of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Amendment) Act 1994** (including a suspended warrant) applied

immediately before that repeal must be taken to have been issued under this Act and may be amended, suspended or cancelled accordingly.

**136 Continuity of Poisons Advisory Committee**

The Poisons Advisory Committee is the same body after as before the commencement of the **Health and Community Services (General Amendment) Act 1993**.

S. 136  
inserted by  
No. 42/1993  
s. 58.

**137 Transitional provisions—Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Amendment) Act 2001**

- (1) The amendments to this Act made by the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Amendment) Act 2001** apply only to offences alleged to have been committed after the commencement of that Act.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), if an offence is alleged to have been committed between two dates, one before and one on or after the commencement of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Amendment) Act 2001**, the offence is alleged to have been committed before the commencement of that Act.

S. 137  
inserted by  
No. 61/2001  
s. 10.

**138 Refund of licence fee in relation to Schedule 5 poisons and Schedule 6 poisons**

- (1) The Secretary may refund to a licence holder an amount equal to the proportion of the fee paid for a licence in relation to the period that starts on the date of the commencement of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances and Therapeutic Goods (Victoria) Acts (Amendment) Act 2004** and ends on the expiry of the licence if—

S. 138  
inserted by  
No. 74/2004  
s. 5.

- (a) the licence is issued under Division 4 of Part II for—
  - (i) the sale or supply by wholesale of a Schedule 5 poison or a Schedule 6 poison; or
  - (ii) the manufacture and sale or supply by retail of a Schedule 5 poison or a Schedule 6 poison; or
  - (iii) the manufacture and sale or supply by wholesale of a Schedule 5 poison or a Schedule 6 poison; and
- (b) at that commencement, the licence has a period of at least 6 months to run before its expiry.

- (2) A refund paid to a licence holder under subsection (1) is to be paid from the Consolidated Fund which is, to the necessary extent, appropriated accordingly.

S. 139  
inserted by  
No. 74/2004  
s. 5.

**139 Transitional provisions relating to licences—Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances and Therapeutic Goods (Victoria) Acts (Amendment) Act 2004**

- (1) An application for a new licence of a kind referred to in section 20(1)(b) or (e) of this Act as in force immediately before the commencement of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances and Therapeutic Goods (Victoria) Acts (Amendment) Act 2004** or for the renewal of such a licence must be taken to be an application for a licence or for its renewal (as the case requires) of a kind of licence referred to in the relevant section as amended by the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances and Therapeutic Goods (Victoria) Acts (Amendment) Act 2004**.

(2) A licence—

- (a) of a kind referred to in section 20(1)(b) or (e) of this Act as in force immediately before the commencement of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances and Therapeutic Goods (Victoria) Acts (Amendment) Act 2004** (including a suspended licence); and
- (b) in existence at the date of that commencement—

must be taken to have been issued under this Act as amended by the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances and Therapeutic Goods (Victoria) Acts (Amendment) Act 2004** and may be renewed, amended, suspended or cancelled accordingly.

- (3) The amendments to section 20(1)(b) and (e) made by the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances and Therapeutic Goods (Victoria) Acts (Amendment) Act 2004** do not affect the continuity or suspension of a licence of a kind referred to in section 20(1)(b) or (e) of this Act as in force immediately before the commencement of that Act.

**140 Transitional provisions—Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Amendment) Act 2006**

S. 140  
inserted by  
No. 52/2006  
s. 16.

- (1) The amendments made to the definitions of *aggregated commercial quantity*, *aggregated large commercial quantity*, *cultivate*, *narcotic plant* and *traffickable quantity* by section 8 of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Amendment) Act 2006** apply only to offences alleged to have been committed after the commencement of that section.

- (2) For the purpose of subsection (1), if an offence is alleged to have been committed between two dates, one before and one on or after the commencement of section 8 of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Amendment) Act 2006**, the offence is alleged to have been committed before that commencement.
- (3) The amendments made to section 71B of this Act by section 10 of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Amendment) Act 2006** apply only to offences alleged to have been committed after the commencement of section 10 of that Act.
- (4) For the purpose of subsection (3), if an offence is alleged to have been committed between two dates, one before and one on or after the commencement of section 10 of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Amendment) Act 2006**, the offence is alleged to have been committed before that commencement.
- (5) The amendments made to section 83(3) by section 13 of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Amendment) Act 2006** apply only to offences alleged to have been committed after the commencement of section 13 of that Act.
- (6) For the purpose of subsection (5), if an offence is alleged to have been committed between two dates, one before and one on or after the commencement of section 13 of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Amendment) Act 2006**, the offence is alleged to have been committed before that commencement.

- (7) The amendments made to Part 1 of Schedule Eleven by section 18 of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Amendment) Act 2006** apply only to offences alleged to have been committed after the commencement of that section.
- (8) For the purpose of subsection (7), if an offence is alleged to have been committed between two dates, one before and one on or after the commencement of section 18 of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Amendment) Act 2006**, the offence is alleged to have been committed before that commencement.
- (9) The amendments made to Part 2 of Schedule Eleven by section 19 of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Amendment) Act 2006** apply only to offences alleged to have been committed after the commencement of that section.
- (10) For the purpose of subsection (9), if an offence is alleged to have been committed between two dates, one before and one on or after the commencement of section 19 of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Amendment) Act 2006**, the offence is alleged to have been committed before that commencement.
- (11) The amendments made to Part 3 of Schedule Eleven by section 20 of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Amendment) Act 2006** apply only to offences alleged to have been committed after the commencement of that section.

- (12) For the purpose of subsection (11), if an offence is alleged to have been committed between two dates, one before and one on or after the commencement of section 20 of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Amendment) Act 2006**, the offence is alleged to have been committed before that commencement.
- (13) A search warrant issued in or to the effect of the form in Schedule Ten, as in force immediately before the commencement of section 17 of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Amendment) Act 2006** and not executed (whether wholly or in part) before the commencement of that section, on and from that commencement may be executed according to its terms despite not being in the form of Schedule Ten as amended by section 17 of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Amendment) Act 2006**.

S. 141  
inserted by  
No. 10/2007  
s. 4.

#### **141 Drug Rehabilitation and Research Fund**

- (1) On 1 July 2007—
- (a) the Drug Rehabilitation and Research Fund is closed; and
  - (b) all money standing to the credit of the Drug Rehabilitation and Research Fund must be paid into the Consolidated Fund.
- (2) In this section, ***Drug Rehabilitation and Research Fund*** means the trust fund established by section 124 of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981** as in force immediately before 1 July 2007.

**142 Transitional provisions—Drugs, Poisons and  
Controlled Substances Amendment Act 2008**

S. 142  
inserted by  
No. 17/2008  
s. 13.

- (1) A notice given under section 33 as in force immediately before the commencement of Part 3 of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment Act 2008** is to be taken, on and from that commencement, to be a notification of drug-dependent person for the purposes of section 33 as substituted by that Act.
- (2) A permit issued by the Secretary under section 34 as in force immediately before the commencement of Part 3 of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment Act 2008** is to be taken, on and from that commencement, to be a Schedule 8 permit issued under section 34A or a Schedule 9 permit issued under section 33B, as the case requires, and—
  - (a) may be amended, suspended or revoked as if it had been issued under section 34A or section 33B, as the case requires; and
  - (b) authorises the medical practitioner or nurse practitioner to whom it was issued before that commencement to continue the administration, supply or prescription of the Schedule 8 poison or Schedule 9 poison to which the permit relates in accordance with that permit after that commencement as if the permit had been issued under this Act as amended by Part 3 of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment Act 2008**.

- (3) A notice published by the Secretary under section 35A for the purposes of section 35(2A) as in force immediately before the commencement of Part 3 of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment Act 2008** is to be taken, on and from that commencement, to be a notice published for the purposes of section 34D.

S. 143  
inserted by  
No. 48/2012  
s. 42.

**143 Transitional provision—Criminal Procedure Amendment Act 2012**

Section 81 as amended by section 41 of the **Criminal Procedure Amendment Act 2012** applies to a search warrant issued on or after the commencement of section 41 of that Act.

S. 144  
inserted by  
No. 2/2016  
s. 16.

**144 Transitional provisions—Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment Act 2016**

- (1) The amendments made to section 71AB by section 5 of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment Act 2016** apply only to offences alleged to have been committed after the commencement of section 5 of that Act.
- (2) The amendments made to section 71AC by section 6 of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment Act 2016** apply only to offences alleged to have been committed after the commencement of section 6 of that Act.
- (3) The amendments made to section 71B by section 9 of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment Act 2016** apply only to offences alleged to have been committed after the commencement of section 9 of that Act.

- (4) For the purpose of subsections (1), (2) and (3), if an offence is alleged to have been committed between 2 dates, one before and one on or after the commencement of section 5, 6, or 9 of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment Act 2016** (as the case requires), the offence is alleged to have been committed before the applicable commencement.

**145 Transitional—Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Miscellaneous Amendment Act 2017**

S. 145  
inserted by  
No. 40/2017  
s. 19.

- (1) The amendment made to Schedule Eleven by sections 20 to 23 of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Miscellaneous Amendment Act 2017** apply only to offences alleged to have been committed after the commencement of the applicable section.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), if an offence is alleged to have been committed between 2 dates, one before and one on or after the commencement of the applicable section of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Miscellaneous Amendment Act 2017**, the offence is alleged to have been committed before that commencement.

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S. 146  
inserted by  
No. 50/2017  
s. 18,  
repealed by  
No. 9719/1981  
s. 146(5).

**147 Transitional—Justice Legislation Amendment (Police and Other Matters) Act 2019**

S. 147  
inserted by  
No. 3/2019  
s. 13.

- (1) The amendments made to Schedule Eleven by sections 14(a), 15 and 16(a) of the **Justice Legislation Amendment (Police and Other Matters) Act 2019** apply only to offences alleged to have been committed after the commencement of the applicable section.

- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), if an offence is alleged to have been committed between 2 dates, one before and one on or after the commencement of the applicable section of the **Justice Legislation Amendment (Police and Other Matters) Act 2019**, the offence is alleged to have been committed before that commencement.

S. 148  
inserted by  
No. 40/2019  
s. 9.

**148 Transitional provision—Primary Industries  
Legislation Amendment Act 2019**

- (1) The substitution of the definition of *serious offence* in section 61(1) by section 7 of the amending Act does not apply for the purposes of the consideration of an application under section 62 received by the Secretary before the commencement of section 7 of the amending Act.
- (2) In this section—

*amending Act* means the **Primary Industries  
Legislation Amendment Act 2019**.

## Schedules

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Schs 1–9  
repealed.<sup>1</sup>

### Schedule Ten—Search warrant

(Section 81)

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To \_\_\_\_\_ a police officer  
WHEREAS I, the undersigned, a \*Magistrate \_\_\_\_\_ in the  
State of Victoria, am satisfied by the \*evidence on oath or affirmation or  
\*by affidavit of:  
\_\_\_\_\_ a police officer of or  
above the rank of Sergeant or for the time being in charge of a police  
station, that there is reasonable ground for believing  
that there \*is \_\_\_\_\_ on or in a certain  
\*are \_\_\_\_\_  
\*will be within the next 72 hours  
\*land or  
\*premises situate at or  
\*vehicle identified by

Sch. 10  
substituted by  
No. 10002  
s. 8(1),  
amended by  
Nos 16/1986  
s. 30, 101/1986  
s. 58(1)(g),  
57/1989  
s. 3(Sch. item  
59.15(a)–(c)),  
48/1997  
s. 44(7)(a)–(c),  
63/2003  
s. 48(1)(2),  
52/2006 s. 17,  
25/2009 s. 7,  
37/2014  
s. 10(Sch.  
item 47.42),  
6/2018  
s. 68(Sch. 2  
item 42.2),  
33/2018 s. 91.

located in a public place \_\_\_\_\_ \*certain things  
\*certain documents

to wit:

\* (1) upon or in respect of which an offence under the **Drugs Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981** or the Regulations under that Act, has been or is reasonably suspected to have been committed or is being or is likely to be committed within the next 72 hours;

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- \* (2) which there is reasonable ground to believe will afford evidence of the commission of an offence under the **Drugs Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981** or the Regulations under that Act;
- \* (3) which is a document directly or indirectly relating to or concerning a transaction or dealing which is or would be, if carried out, an offence under the **Drugs Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981** or the Regulations under that Act or under a provision of a law in force in a place outside Victoria and which corresponds to a provision of Part V of that Act.

These are therefore in Her Majesty's name—

- \* (1) to authorize you or any other police officer to enter and search the said \*land or \*premises or \*specified vehicle located in a public place for the \*things or \*documents specified in this warrant and, if any of those \*things or \*documents be found, to seize and carry them before the Magistrates' Court so that the matter may be dealt with according to law or to destroy or dispose of them in accordance with section 81 of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**.
- \* (2) in relation to a specified thing or a specified document to which this warrant relates which is also tainted property within the meaning of the **Confiscation Act 1997**, to direct you or any other police officer to hold or retain that thing or document as if it were tainted property seized under a warrant under section 79 of that Act as and from the date when that thing or document is no longer required for evidentiary purposes under the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**.

Signed this            day of

\*Magistrate

\*Strike out whichever is not applicable.

Note: Under section 81(3) of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**, a police officer to whom a warrant under section 81(1) of that Act is addressed or any other police officer may, at any time or times by day or night but within one month from the date of the warrant and with such assistance as may be necessary—

- (a) enter, if need be by force, the land or premises or specified vehicle located in a public place named in the warrant; and

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- (b) arrest all persons on or in that land or those premises or on or in that vehicle who are found offending against a provision of that Act or the regulations made under that Act; and
  - (c) search—
    - (i) the land or premises or any vehicle or any person found on or in that land or those premises or any person found on or in any vehicle on or in that land or those premises;
    - (ii) the specified vehicle located in a public place or any person found on or in that vehicle; and
  - (d) seize and carry away or, unless a direction under section 81(1A) of that Act applies, deal with as mentioned in paragraph (e)—
    - (i) any thing in respect of which an offence under that Act or the regulations made under that Act has been or is reasonably suspected to have been committed; and
    - (ii) any thing which there is reasonable ground to believe will afford evidence of the commission of an offence under that Act or the regulations made under that Act; and
    - (iii) any document directly or indirectly relating to or concerning a transaction or dealing which is or would be, if carried out, an offence against that Act or the regulations made under that Act or under a provision of a law in force in a place outside Victoria corresponding to a provision of Part V of that Act; and
  - (e) if—
    - (i) the thing is—
      - (A) a drug of dependence or a substance that contains a drug of dependence; or
      - (B) a poison or controlled substance; or
      - (C) an instrument, device or substance that is or has been used or is capable of being used for or in the cultivation, manufacture, sale or use or in the preparation for cultivation, manufacture, sale or use of a drug of dependence; and
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- (ii) an analyst or botanist within the meaning of section 120 of that Act certifies in writing to the police officer executing the warrant that destruction or disposal of the thing is required in the interests of health or safety—

destroy or dispose of the thing after taking, where practicable, any samples of it as are required for the purposes of that Act.

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## Schedule Eleven

### Part 1

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	
<i>Drug</i>	<i>Quantity of pure drug</i>	<i>Quantity of pure drug</i>	
	Kilograms	Grams	
ACETORPHINE		2.0	Sch. 11 substituted by No. 10002 s. 8(1), amended by S.R. No. 1/1985 (paras (1)–(9)), substituted by S.R. No. 268/1985, amended by No. 101/1986 s. 58(1)(h)(i)–(iii), S.R. Nos 138/1989 (para. (3)(a)(b)), 314/1990 (para. (3)(a)–(g)), 69/1993 para. (3)(a)(b), No. 48/1997 ss 45(1) (a)–(h)(2), 46, S.R. Nos 107/1999 regs 3(1) (a)–(e)(2), 4, 85/2000 reg. 3, Nos 61/2001 s. 8, 63/2003 s. 49, 74/2004 s. 19(a)(b), 52/2006 ss 18–20 (as amended by No. 79/2006 s. 87), 57/2012 ss 5–7, 9/2014 ss 13–17, 40/2017 ss 20–23, 3/2019 ss 14–17.
N-ACETYLAMPHETAMINE	2.0	2.0	
ACETYLDIHYDROCODEINE	10.0	100.0	
ACETYLMETHADOL		2.0	
N-ACETYLMETHYLAMPHETAMINE	2.0	2.0	
ALPRAZOLAM		0.5	
ANILERIDINE		25.0	
BARBITURATES	2.0	50.0	
1, 4-BENZODIAZEPINES not included elsewhere in this Part		10.0	
BENZOXAZOCINES	2.0	50.0	
BENZETHIDINE		10.0	
BENZYL MORPHINE		5.0	
BEZITRAMIDE		5.0	
BROMAZEPAM		3.0	
4-BROMO-2,5-DIMETHOXYAMPHETAMINE	0.5	0.5	
4-BROMO-2,5-DIMETHOXYMETHYLAMPHETAMINE	0.5	0.5	
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BUFOTENINE		2.0	
BUTORPHANOL	1.5	2.0	
CHLORAL HYDRATE	2.0	50.0	
CHLORDIAZEPOXIDE		5.0	
1-CHLORO-1-PHENYL-2-AMINOPROPANE	2.0	2.0	

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	Kilograms	Grams
1-CHLORO-1-PHENYL-2-METHYLAMINO-PROPANE	2.0	2.0
CLOBAZAM		5.0
CLONAZEPAM		2.5
CLONITAZENE		5.0
CODEINE (when in excess of 10.0 grams)	2.0	100.0
CODEINE <i>N</i> -OXIDE		10.0
CODOXIME		10.0
DESOMORPHINE		2.0
DIAMPROMIDE		5.0
DIAZEPAM		2.0
DIETHYLPROPION	2.0	50.0
<i>N, N</i> -DIETHYLTRYPTAMINE	2.0	2.0
DIFENOXIN		5.0
DIHYDROCODEINE (when in excess of 5.0 grams)	2.0	100.0
DIHYDROHYDROXYMORPHINE		2.0
DIHYDROMORPHINE		10.0
DIMENOXADOL		10.0
DIMEPHEPTANOL		10.0
2,5-DIMETHOXY-4-METHYLAMPHETAMINE	0.5	0.5
<i>N, N</i> -DIMETHYLTRYPTAMINE	0.5	0.5
DIOXAPHETYL BUTYRATE		2.0
DIPHENOXYLATE	2.0	3.0
DIPIANONE		10.0
ECGONINE		10.0
ETHYLMORPHINE	2.0	2.0
<i>N</i> -ETHYL-1-PHENYLCYCLOHEXYLAMINE	0.001	0.001
ETONITAZENE		5.0

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<i>Drug</i>	<i>Quantity of pure drug</i>	<i>Quantity of pure drug</i>
	Kilograms	Grams
ETORPHINE	2.0	2.0
ETOXERIDINE		5.0
FENTANYL	0.05	0.005
FLUNITRAZEPAM		0.5
FLURAZEPAM		3.0
N-FORMYLAMPHETAMINE	2.0	2.0
N-FORMYLMETHYLAMPHETAMINE	2.0	2.0
FURETHIDINE		1.0
GLUTETHIMIDE	2.0	100.0
HYDROCODONE		2.0
HYDROMORPHONE		2.0
HYDROXYAMPHETAMINE	2.0	2.0
N-HYDROXY-3, 4- METHYLENEDIOXYAMPHETAMINE	0.5	0.5
KETOBEMIDONE		2.0
LORAZEPAM		0.5
LYSERGAMIDE	0.01	0.1
LYSERGIC ACID	0.002	0.002
MECLOQUALONE	50.0	50.0
MESCALINE	7.5	7.5
METAZOCINE		7.0
METHADONE	2.0	2.0
METHAQUALONE	2.0	50.0
METHORPHAN		2.0
4-METHOXYAMPHETAMINE	0.5	0.5
4-METHOXYMETHYLAMPHETAMINE	0.5	0.5
5-METHOXY- N, N- DIETHYLTRYPTAMINE	0.5	0.5
5-METHOXY- N, N- DIMETHYLTRYPTAMINE	0.5	0.5
METHOXYAMPHETAMINES	0.5	0.5

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<i>Drug</i>	<i>Quantity of pure drug</i>	<i>Quantity of pure drug</i>
	Kilograms	Grams
2-METHYLAMINO-PROPIOPHENONE (METHCATHINONE)	2.0	2.0
METHYLDESORPHINE		2.0
METHYLDIHYDROMORPHINE		2.0
3,4-METHYLENEDIOXY- <i>N</i> - ETHYLAMPHETAMINE	0.5	0.5
(3,4-METHYLENEDIOXYPHENYL)-2- BROMOPROPANE	0.5	0.5
<i>N</i> -METHYL-1-(3,4- METHYLENEDIOXYPHENYL)-2- BUTANAMINE (MBDB)	0.5	2.0
1-(3,4-METHYLENEDIOXYPHENYL)-3- BROMOPROPANE	0.5	0.5
(3,4-METHYLENEDIOXYPHENYL)-2- PROPANONE	0.5	0.5
METHYLPHENIDATE	2.0	5.0
METOPON		2.0
MONOACETYLMORPHINE		2.0
MORAMIDE	2.0	2.0
MORPHERIDINE		2.0
MORPHINAN		2.0
MORPHINE	1.5	2.0
MORPHINE <i>N</i> -OXIDE		2.0
MORPHINONE		2.0
MYROPHINE		20.0
NALBUPHINE	1.5	2.0
NICOCODINE (when in excess of 0.1 grams)	2.0	2.0
NICODICODINE (when in excess of 0.1 grams)	2.0	2.0
NICOMORPHINE		2.0
NITRAZEPAM		1.0
7-NITRO-1,4-BENZODIAZEPINES not included elsewhere in this Part		2.5

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<i>Drug</i>	<i>Quantity of pure drug</i>	<i>Quantity of pure drug</i>
	Kilograms	Grams
NORACYMETHADOL		2·0
NORCODEINE (when in excess of 10·0 grams)	2·0	100·0
NORMETHADONE		5·0
NORMORPHINE		20·0
NORPIPANONE		10·0
OXAZEPAM		10·0
OXYCODONE		5·0
OXYMORPHONE	2·0	2·0
PENTAZOCINE	5·0	5·0
PETHIDINE	5·0	10·0
PHENYLACYLMORPHAN		2·0
PHENADOXONE		10·0
PHENAMPROMIDE		10·0
PHENAZOCINE		1·0
PHENCYCLIDINE	0·1	0·001
PHENDIMETRAZINE		5·0
PHENMETRAZINE		5·0
PHENOMORPHAN		5·0
PHENOPERIDINE		1·0
PHENTERMINE	2·0	50·0
1-PHENYL-2-CHLOROPROPANE	2·0	2·0
1-(1-PHENYLCYCLOHEXYL)		
PYRROLIDINE	0·1	0·001
1-PHENYL-2-NITROPROPENE	2·0	2·0
PHENYLPROPANOLAMINE (when in excess of 20·0 grams)	2·0	100·0
PHENYL-2-PROPANONE OXIME	2·0	2·0
PIMINODINE		10·0

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<i>Drug</i>	<i>Quantity of pure drug</i>	<i>Quantity of pure drug</i>
	Kilograms	Grams
PIPERIDINE DERIVATIVES INCLUDING—ALLYLPRODINE, MEPRODINE, PHENOPERIDINE and PRODINE		
	1·0	2·0
PIRITRAMIDE		1·0
PROHEPTAZINE		1·0
PROPERIDINE		25·0
PROPIRAM		2·0
PROPOXYPHENE	2·0	2·0
PSILOCIN	0·1	0·1
PSILOCYBIN	0·1	0·1
TEMAZEPAM		3·0
THEBACON	2·0	2·0
THEBAINE	2·0	2·0
THIAMBUTENE		5·0
1-[1-(2-THIENYL) CYCLOHEXYL] PIPERIDINE	0·1	0·001
TRIMEPERIDINE		10·0

## Part 2

Column 1	Column 1A (Large Commercial Quantity)	Column 2 (Commercial Quantity)	Column 3 (Traffickable Quantity)	Column 4 (Small Quantity)
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
<i>Cannabis L.</i>	250 kg or 1000 plants	25·0 kg or 100 plants	250·0 g or 10 plants	50·0 g
<i>Erythroxylum coca</i> Lam		80·0 kg	800·0 g	
<i>Erythroxylum nova-granatense</i> (Morris) Hier		80·0 kg	800·0 g	
<i>Papaver bracteatum</i> Lindley	1000 plants	10·0 kg or 250 plants	100·0 g or 50 plants	5 plants
<i>Papaver somniferum</i> L., other than its seed	1000 plants	10·0 kg or 250 plants	100·0 g or 50 plants	5 plants

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### Part 3

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Drug	Quantity	Quantity of mixture of substance and drug of dependence	Quantity	Quantity of mixture of substance and drug of dependence	Quantity	Quantity of mixture of substance and drug of dependence	Quantity	Quantity
AMPHETAMINE	750-0 g	1-0 kg	100-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g		0-75 g
1-BENZYLPIPERAZINE (also known as BZP)	750-0 g	1-0 kg	100-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g	-	0-75 g
BUPRENORPHINE						2-0g		
1,4-BUTANEDIOL (also known as 1,4-BD) (except for a lawful industrial purpose)	-	20-0 kg	-	2-0 kg	-	50-0 g	-	10-0 g
COCAINE	750-0 g	1-0 kg	250-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g		1-0 g
DIACETYLMORPHINE (Heroin)	500-0 g	750-0 g	50-0 g	250-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g	-	1-0 g
EPHEDRINE (when in excess of 10-0 g)	750-0 g		100-0 g				20-0 g	
GAMMA BUTYROLACTONE (also known as GBL) (except for a lawful industrial purpose)	-	20-0 kg	-	2-0 kg	-	50-0 g	-	10-0 g
HARMALINE				1-25 kg		20-0 g		
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HARMINES (not included elsewhere in this Part)				1-25 kg		20-0 g		
4-HYDROXYBUTANOIC ACID (also known as GHB)	-	20-0 kg	-	2-0 kg	-	50-0 g	-	10-0 g
KETAMINE	750-0 g	1-0 kg	100-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g	-	0-75 g
LYSERGIC ACID DIETHYLAMIDE	150-0 mg		50-0 mg		1-5 g	150 mg		20 mg
METHYLAMPHETAMINE	500-0 g	750-0 g	50-0 g	250-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g	-	0-75 g
METHYLENEDIOXY-AMPHETAMINES	750-0 g	1-0 kg	100-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g		0-75 g
3,4-METHYLENEDIOXY-AMPHETAMINE (MDA)	750-0 g	1-0 kg	100-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g		0-75 g
3,4-METHYLENEDIOXY-N-METHYLAMPHETAMINE (MDMA)	750-0 g	1-0 kg	100-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g		0-75 g
3,4-METHYLENEDIOXYPYROVALERONE (also known as MDPV)	750-0 g	1-0 kg	100-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g	-	0-75 g
4-METHYLMETHCATHINONE (also known as 4-MMC)	750-0 g	1-0 kg	100-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g	-	0-75 g
PHENYL-2-PROPANONE		1-0 kg		500-0 g		3-0 g		
PSEUDOEPHEDRINE (when in excess of 10-0g)	750-0 g		100-0 g				20-0 g	
TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL	3-0 kg	25-0 kg	1-0 kg	10-0 kg	600-0 g	25-0 g		1-0 g

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Drug	Quantity	Quantity of mixture of substance and drug of dependence	Quantity	Quantity of mixture of substance and drug of dependence	Quantity	Quantity of mixture of substance and drug of dependence	Quantity	Quantity
ANABOLIC AND ANDROGENIC STEROIDAL AGENTS, other than in implant preparations for use in animals			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
ATAMESTANE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
BOLANDIOL			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
BOLASTERONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
BOLAZINE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
BOLDENONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
BOLENOL			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
CALUSTERONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
CHLORANDROSTENOLONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
CLOSTEBOL			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
DANAZOL			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
DIHYDROLONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
DIMETHANDROSTANOLONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
DROSTANOLONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
ENESTEBOL			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
EPITIOSTANOL			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
ETHYLDIENOLONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
ETHYLOESTRENOL			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
FLUOXYMESTERONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
FORMEBOLONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
FURAZABOL			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
HYDROXYSTENOZOL			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
MEBOLAZINE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
MEPITIOSTANE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
MESABOLONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
MESTANOLONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
MESTEROLONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
METHANDIENONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
METHANDRIOL			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
METHENOLONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
METHYLCLOSTEBOL			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
METHYLTESTOSTERONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
METHYLTRIENOLONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
METRIBOLONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
MIBOLERONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
NANDROLONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
NORANDROSTENOLONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
NORBOLETHONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g

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Drug	Quantity	Quantity of mixture of substance and drug of dependence	Quantity	Quantity of mixture of substance and drug of dependence	Quantity	Quantity of mixture of substance and drug of dependence	Quantity	Quantity
NORCLOSTEBOL			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
NORETHANDROLONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
NORMETHANDRONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
OVANDROTONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
OXABOLONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
OXANDROLONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
OXYMESTERONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
OXYMETHOLONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
PRASTERONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
PROPETANDROL			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
QUINBOLONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
ROXIBOLONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
SILANDRONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
STANOLONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
STANZOLOL			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
STENBOLONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
TESTOLACTONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
TESTOSTERONE, other than in implant preparations for use in animals			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
THIOMESTERONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
TRENBOLONE, other than in implant preparations for use in animals			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
TRESTOLONE			5-0 kg	5-0 kg	300-0 g	500-0 g		50-0 g
The following SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(1-(5-FLUOROPENTYL)-3-(2-IODOBENZOYL)INDOLE) (common name AM-694)	-	10-0 kg	-	1-0 kg	-	3-0 g	-	1-0 g
2-[(1R,3S)-3-HYDROXYCYCLOHEXYL]-5-(2-METHYLNONAN-2-YL)PHENOL (common names cannibicyclohexanol and CP 47,497 C8 homologue)	-	10-0 kg	-	1-0 kg	-	3-0 g	-	1-0 g
2-[(1R,3S)-3-HYDROXYCYCLOHEXYL]-5-(2-METHYLOCTAN-2-YL)PHENOL (common name CP 47,497)	-	10-0 kg	-	1-0 kg	-	3-0 g	-	1-0 g
2-(2-METHOXYPHENYL)-1-(1-PENTYLINDOL-3-YL)ETHANONE (common name JWH-250)	-	10-0 kg	-	1-0 kg	-	3-0 g	-	1-0 g

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(1-(2-MORPHOLIN-4-YLETHYL)INDOL-3-YL)-NAPHTHALEN-1-YLMETHANONE (common name JWH-200)	-	10.0 kg	-	1.0 kg	-	3.0 g	-	1.0 g
NAPHTHALEN-1-YL-(1-BUTYLINDOL-3-YL)METHANONE (common name JWH-073)	-	10.0 kg	-	1.0 kg	-	3.0 g	-	1.0 g
1-PENTYL-3-(4-METHYL-1-NAPHTHOYL)INDOLE (common name JWH-122)	-	10.0 kg	-	1.0 kg	-	3.0 g	-	1.0 g
1-PENTYL-3-(1-NAPHTHOYL)INDOLE (common name JWH-018)	-	10.0 kg	-	1.0 kg	-	3.0 g	-	1.0 g
(1-PENTYLINDOL-3-YL)-(2,2,3,3-TETRAMETHYLCYCLOPROPYL)METHANONE (UR-144)	-	10.0 kg	-	1.0 kg	-	3.0 g	-	1.0 g
(1-(5-FLUOROPENTYL)INDOL-3-YL)-(2,2,3,3-TETRAMETHYLCYCLOPROPYL)METHANONE (XLR-11)	-	10.0 kg	-	1.0 kg	-	3.0 g	-	1.0 g
N-(1-ADAMANTYL)-1-PENTYLINDAZOLE-3-CARBOXAMIDE (AKB48 OR APINACA)	-	10.0 kg	-	1.0 kg	-	3.0 g	-	1.0 g
N-(1-FENCHYL)-1-(2-MORPHOLINOETHYL)-7-METHOXYINDOLE-3-CARBOXAMIDE (UR-12)	-	10.0 kg	-	1.0 kg	-	3.0 g	-	1.0 g
1-(5-FLUOROPENTYL)-INDOLE-3-CARBOXYLIC ACID 8-QUINOLINYL ESTER (5F-PB-22)	-	10.0 kg	-	1.0 kg	-	3.0 g	-	1.0 g
N-[1-(AMINOCARBONYL)-2-METHYLPROPYL]-1-PENTYLINDAZOLE-3-CARBOXAMIDE (common name AB-PINACA)	-	10.0 kg	-	1.0 kg	-	3.0 g	-	1.0 g
N-[1-(AMINOCARBONYL)-2-METHYLPROPYL]-1-(CYCLOHEXYLMETHYL)INDAZOLE-3-CARBOXAMIDE (common name AB-CHMINACA)	-	10.0 kg	-	1.0 kg	-	3.0 g	-	1.0 g
N-[1-(METHOXYCARBONYL)-2,2-DIMETHYLPROPYL]-1-(CYCLOHEXYLMETHYL)INDOLE-3-CARBOXAMIDE (common name MMB-CHMINACA)	-	10.0 kg	-	1.0 kg	-	3.0 g	-	1.0 g

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Drug	Quantity	Quantity of mixture of substance and drug of dependence	Quantity	Quantity of mixture of substance and drug of dependence	Quantity	Quantity of mixture of substance and drug of dependence	Quantity	Quantity
N-[1-(AMINOCARBONYL)-2-METHYLPROPYL]-1-[(4-FLUOROPHENYL)METHYL]-INDAZOLE-3-CARBOXAMIDE (common name AB-FUBINACA)	-	10.0 kg	-	1.0 kg	-	3.0 g	-	1.0 g
The following classes of SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3-BENZOYLINDOLES with any modification on the indole nitrogen, whether or not further modified on the indole or phenyl rings (other than a substance included elsewhere in this Part)	-	10.0 kg	-	1.0 kg	-	3.0 g	-	1.0 g
3-PHENYLACETYLINDOLES with any modification on the indole nitrogen, whether or not further modified on the indole or phenyl rings (other than a substance included elsewhere in this Part)	-	10.0 kg	-	1.0 kg	-	3.0 g	-	1.0 g
6,6-DIMETHYL-6H-DIBENZO[b,d]-PYRANS with any modification at the 3-position by alkyl or alkenyl, whether or not further modified on the cyclic rings, and whether or not the cyclic rings are partially or fully hydrogenated	-	10.0 kg	-	1.0 kg	-	3.0 g	-	1.0 g
2-(3-HYDROXYCYCLOHEXYL)-PHENOLS with any modification at the 5-position of the phenolic ring, whether or not further modified on the cyclohexyl ring (other than a substance included elsewhere in this Part)	-	10.0 kg	-	1.0 kg	-	3.0 g	-	1.0 g
3-(1-NAPHTHOYL)INDOLES with any modification on the indole nitrogen, whether or not further modified on the indole, naphthoyl or naphthyl rings (other than a substance included elsewhere in this Part)	-	10.0 kg	-	1.0 kg	-	3.0 g	-	1.0 g
3-(1-NAPHTHYLMETHANE)INDOLES with any modification on the indole nitrogen, whether or not further modified on the indole, naphthoyl or naphthyl rings	-	10.0 kg	-	1.0 kg	-	3.0 g	-	1.0 g

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Drug	Quantity	Quantity of mixture of substance and drug of dependence	Quantity	Quantity of mixture of substance and drug of dependence	Quantity	Quantity of mixture of substance and drug of dependence	Quantity	Quantity
3-(1-NAPHTHOYL)PYRROLES with any modification on the pyrrole nitrogen, whether or not further modified on the pyrrole or naphthoyl rings	-	10.0 kg	-	1.0 kg	-	3.0 g	-	1.0 g
1-(1-NAPHTHYLMETHYLENE)INDENES with any modification at the 3-position of the indene ring, whether or not further modified on the indene or naphthyl rings	-	10.0 kg	-	1.0 kg	-	3.0 g	-	1.0 g
(INDOL-3-YL)-(2,2,3,3-TETRAALKYLCYCLOPROPYL)METHANONES with any modification on the indole nitrogen, whether or not further modified on the indole ring	-	10.0 kg	-	1.0 kg	-	3.0 g	-	1.0 g
3-(1-ADAMANTOYL)-INDOLES with any modification on the indole nitrogen, whether or not further modified on the indole or adamantane ring	-	10.0 kg	-	1.0 kg	-	3.0 g	-	1.0 g
N-(1-ADAMANTYL)-INDAZOLE-3-CARBOXAMIDES with any modification on the indazole nitrogen, whether or not further modified on the indazole or adamantane ring	-	10.0 kg	-	1.0 kg	-	3.0 g	-	1.0 g
N-(1-FENCHYL)-INDOLE-3-CARBOXAMIDES with any modification on the indole nitrogen, whether or not further modified on the indole or fenchane ring	-	10.0 kg	-	1.0 kg	-	3.0 g	-	1.0 g
INDOLE-3-CARBOXYLIC ACID, QUINOLINYL ESTERS with any modification on the indole nitrogen, whether or not further modified on the indole or quinolinyl ring	-	10.0 kg	-	1.0 kg	-	3.0 g	-	1.0 g
AZAINDOLE-3-CARBOXAMIDES with any modification on the azaindole or amide nitrogens, whether or not further modified on the azaindole ring	-	10.0 kg	-	1.0 kg	-	3.0 g	-	1.0 g
INDAZOLE-3-	-	10.0 kg	-	1.0 kg	-	3.0 g	-	1.0 g

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Drug	Quantity	Quantity of mixture of substance and drug of dependence	Quantity	Quantity of mixture of substance and drug of dependence	Quantity	Quantity of mixture of substance and drug of dependence	Quantity	Quantity
CARBOXAMIDES whether or not with any modification on the indazole or amide nitrogens, whether or not further modified on the indazole ring								
INDAZOLE-3-CARBOXYLATES with any modification on the indazole nitrogens or the carboxylate oxygen, whether or not further modified on the indazole ring	-	10-0 kg	-	1-0 kg	-	3-0 g	-	1-0 g
INDOLE-3-CARBOXAMIDES with any modification on the indole or amide nitrogens, whether or not further modified on the indole ring								
INDOLE-3-CARBOXYLATES with any modification on the indole nitrogen or the carboxylate oxygen, whether or not further modified on the indole ring	-	10-0 kg	-	1-0 kg	-	3-0 g	-	1-0 g
PYRAZOLE-3-CARBOXAMIDES with any modification on the pyrazole or amide nitrogens, whether or not further modified on the pyrazole ring								
PYRAZOLE-5-CARBOXAMIDES with any modification on the pyrazole or amide nitrogens, whether or not further modified on the pyrazole ring	-	10-0 kg	-	1-0 kg	-	3-0 g	-	1-0 g
The following SYNTHETIC SUBSTANCES								
4-BROMO-2,5-DIMETHOXYPHENETHYLAMINE (2C-B / NEXUS)	750-0 g	1-0 kg	100-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g	-	0-75 g
4-CHLORO-2,5-DIMETHOXYPHENETHYLAMINE (2C-C)	750-0 g	1-0 kg	100-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g	-	0-75 g
2,5-DIMETHOXY-4-IODOPHENETHYLAMINE (2C-I)	750-0 g	1-0 kg	100-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g	-	0-75 g
2,5-DIMETHOXY-4-FLUOROPHENETHYLAMINE (2C-F)	750-0 g	1-0 kg	100-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g	-	0-75 g
2,5-DIMETHOXYPHENETHYLAMINE (2C-H)	750-0 g	1-0 kg	100-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g	-	0-75 g

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Drug	Quantity	Quantity of mixture of substance and drug of dependence	Quantity	Quantity of mixture of substance and drug of dependence	Quantity	Quantity of mixture of substance and drug of dependence	Quantity	Quantity
METHOXETAMINE	750-0 g	1-0 kg	100-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g	-	0-75 g
alpha-PYRROLIDINOVALEROPHENONE (ALPHA-PVP)	750-0 g	1-0 kg	100-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g	-	0-75 g
5-AMINOPROPYLBENZOFURAN (5-APB)	750-0 g	1-0 kg	100-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g	-	0-75 g
6-AMINOPROPYLBENZOFURAN (6-APB)	750-0 g	1-0 kg	100-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g	-	0-75 g
METHYLHEXANAMINE (DMAA)	750-0 g	1-0 kg	100-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g	-	0-75 g
METHYLONE	750-0 g	1-0 kg	100-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g	-	0-75 g
PENTYLONE	750-0 g	1-0 kg	100-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g	-	0-75 g
ETHYLONE	750-0 g	1-0 kg	100-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g	-	0-75 g
BUTYLONE	750-0 g	1-0 kg	100-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g	-	0-75 g
PENTADRONE	750-0 g	1-0 kg	100-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g	-	0-75 g
DIMETHOCAINE	750-0 g	1-0 kg	250-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g	-	1-0 g
N-(2-METHOXYBENZYL)-2,5-DIMETHOXY-4- IODOPHENETHYLAMINE (25I-NBOMe)	750-0 g	1-0 kg	100-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g	-	0-75 g
N-(2-METHOXYBENZYL)-4-BROMO-2,5-DIMETHOXYPHENETHYLAMINE (25B-NBOMe)	750-0 g	1-0 kg	100-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g	-	0-75 g
N-(2-METHOXYBENZYL)-4-CHLORO-2,5-DIMETHOXYPHENETHYLAMINE (25C-NBOMe)	750-0 g	1-0 kg	100-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g	-	0-75 g
N-(2-METHOXYBENZYL)-2,5-DIMETHOXY-4- FLUOROPHENETHYLAMINE (25F-NBOMe)	750-0 g	1-0 kg	100-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g	-	0-75 g
N-(2-METHOXYBENZYL)-2,5-DIMETHOXYPHENETHYLAMINE (25H-NBOMe)	750-0 g	1-0 kg	100-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g	-	0-75 g
3,4-DICHLORO-N-((1-(DIMETHYLAMINO)CYCLOHEXYL)METHYL)BENZAMIDE (common name AH-7921)	750-0 g	1-0 kg	250-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g	-	1-0 g
N-[(1-AMINOCYCLOHEXYL)METHYL]BENZAMIDES, including those with any modification on the amino- or	750-0 g	1-0 kg	250-0 g	500-0 g	30-0 g	3-0 g	-	1-0 g

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amido-nitrogens, whether or not  
 further modified on the aromatic  
 or cyclohexyl rings

Note: kg = kilogram

g = gram

mg = milligram

## **Schedule Twelve—Statements of strength of preparations**

Section 121

- (a) In respect of a tablet, capsule, pastille, packaged single dose of powder, or similar discreet product unit, the quantity of each poison or controlled substance in the product unit.
- (b) In respect of a solid preparation intended for extemporaneous preparation of either a single dose or a single stated amount of a liquid for therapeutic use, the quantity of each poison or controlled substance in the immediate container.
- (c) In respect of a liquid for internal therapeutic use, the volume of the normal dose and the quantity of each poison or controlled substance in that volume.
- (d) In respect of any other preparation, the portion of each poison or controlled substance shall be expressed as follows:
  - (i) In respect of a liquid poison or controlled substance in a liquid preparation, the weight or volume of the poison or controlled substance per stated volume of the preparation;
  - (ii) In respect of a liquid poison or controlled substance in a solid or semi-solid preparation, the weight or volume of the poison or controlled substance per stated weight of the preparation;
  - (iii) In respect of a solid or semi-solid poison or controlled substance in a liquid preparation, the weight of the poison or controlled substance per stated volume of the preparation;
  - (iv) In respect of a solid or semi-solid poison or controlled substance in a solid or semi-solid preparation, the weight of the poison or controlled substance per stated weight of the preparation;

- (v) In respect of a gaseous poison or controlled substance in a liquid preparation, the weight of the poison or controlled substance per stated volume of the preparation;
  - (vi) In respect of a gaseous poison or controlled substance in a solid or semi-solid preparation, the weight of the poison or controlled substance per stated weight of the preparation;
  - (vii) In respect of a gaseous poison or controlled substance in a gaseous preparation, the weight of the poison or controlled substance per stated weight of the preparation.
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## Endnotes

### 1 General information

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The **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981** was assented to on 12 January 1982 and came into operation on 18 December 1983: Government Gazette 14 December 1983 page 3955.

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##### Style changes

Section 54A of the ILA authorises the making of the style changes set out in Schedule 1 to that Act.

##### References to ILA s. 39B

Sidenotes which cite ILA s. 39B refer to section 39B of the ILA which provides that where an undivided section or clause of a Schedule is amended by the insertion of one or more subsections or subclauses, the original section or clause becomes subsection or subclause (1) and is amended by the insertion of the expression "(1)" at the beginning of the original section or clause.

##### Interpretation

As from 1 January 2001, amendments to section 36 of the ILA have the following effects:

- **Headings**

All headings included in an Act which is passed on or after 1 January 2001 form part of that Act. Any heading inserted in an Act which was passed before 1 January 2001, by an Act passed on or after 1 January 2001, forms part of that Act. This includes headings to Parts, Divisions or Subdivisions in a Schedule; sections; clauses; items; tables; columns; examples; diagrams; notes or forms. See section 36(1A)(2A).

- **Examples, diagrams or notes**

All examples, diagrams or notes included in an Act which is passed on or after 1 January 2001 form part of that Act. Any examples, diagrams or notes inserted in an Act which was passed before 1 January 2001, by an Act passed on or after 1 January 2001, form part of that Act. See section 36(3A).

- **Punctuation**

All punctuation included in an Act which is passed on or after 1 January 2001 forms part of that Act. Any punctuation inserted in an Act which was passed before 1 January 2001, by an Act passed on or after 1 January 2001, forms part of that Act. See section 36(3B).

- **Provision numbers**

All provision numbers included in an Act form part of that Act, whether inserted in the Act before, on or after 1 January 2001. Provision numbers include section numbers, subsection numbers, paragraphs and subparagraphs. See section 36(3C).

- **Location of "legislative items"**

A "legislative item" is a penalty, an example or a note. As from 13 October 2004, a legislative item relating to a provision of an Act is taken to be at the foot of that provision even if it is preceded or followed by another legislative item that relates to that provision. For example, if a penalty at the foot of a provision is followed by a note, both of these legislative items will be regarded as being at the foot of that provision. See section 36B.

- **Other material**

Any explanatory memorandum, table of provisions, endnotes, index and other material printed after the Endnotes does not form part of an Act. See section 36(3)(3D)(3E).

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## 2 Table of Amendments

This publication incorporates amendments made to the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981** by Acts and subordinate instruments.

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### **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981, No. 9719/1981**

*Assent Date:* 12.1.82  
*Commencement Date:* S. 146(5) inserted on 1.7.18 by No. 50/2017 s. 18: Special Gazette (No. 190) 24.4.18 p. 1  
*Note:* S. 146(5) repealed s. 146 on 1.7.20  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

### **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Amendment) Act 1983, No. 10002/1983** (as amended by Act Nos 10087, 25/1990)

*Assent Date:* 13.12.83  
*Commencement Date:* 18.12.83: Government Gazette 14.12.83 p. 3954  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

### **Statute Law Revision Act 1984, No. 10087/1984**

*Assent Date:* 22.5.84  
*Commencement Date:* 22.5.84: s. 3(2)  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

### **Health (Amendment) Act 1985, No. 10262/1985**

*Assent Date:* 10.12.85  
*Commencement Date:* S. 4(Sch.) on 1.3.86: Government Gazette 26.2.86 p. 451  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

### **Courts Amendment Act 1986, No. 16/1986**

*Assent Date:* 22.4.86  
*Commencement Date:* S. 30(Sch.) on 1.7.86: Government Gazette 25.6.86 p. 2180  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

### **Public Contracts (Repeal) Act 1986, No. 21/1986**

*Assent Date:* 22.4.86  
*Commencement Date:* 22.4.86  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

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**Crimes (Confiscation of Profits) Act 1986, No. 101/1986**

*Assent Date:* 16.12.86  
*Commencement Date:* 1.8.87: Government Gazette 22.7.87 p. 1924  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Supreme Court Act 1986, No. 110/1986**

*Assent Date:* 16.12.86  
*Commencement Date:* 1.1.87: s. 2  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Animal Preparations Act 1987, No. 12/1987**

*Assent Date:* 5.5.87  
*Commencement Date:* S. 37 on 5.5.87: s. 2(1); rest of Act on 29.6.88:  
Government Gazette 29.6.88 p. 1893  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Amendment) Act 1987, No. 20/1987**

*Assent Date:* 12.5.87  
*Commencement Date:* 12.5.87  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987, No. 41/1987**

*Assent Date:* 19.5.87  
*Commencement Date:* S. 103(Sch. 4 item 12.1) on 1.7.87: Government  
Gazette 24.6.87 p. 1694  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled  
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**Liquor Control Act 1987, No. 97/1987**

*Assent Date:* 1.12.87  
*Commencement Date:* S. 181(2) on 3.5.88: Government Gazette 27.4.88  
p. 1044  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled  
Substances Act 1981**

**Magistrates' Court Act 1989, No. 51/1989**

*Assent Date:* 14.6.89  
*Commencement Date:* S. 149(1) on 1.9.90: Government Gazette 25.7.90  
p. 2216  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled  
Substances Act 1981**

**Children and Young Persons Act 1989, No. 56/1989**

*Assent Date:* 14.6.89  
*Commencement Date:* S. 286(Sch. 2 item 9) on 23.9.91: Government Gazette  
28.8.91 p. 2368  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
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**Magistrates' Court (Consequential Amendments) Act 1989, No. 57/1989**

*Assent Date:* 14.6.89  
*Commencement Date:* S. 4(1)(a)–(e)(2) on 1.9.89: Government Gazette 30.8.89 p. 2210; rest of Act on 1.9.90: Government Gazette 25.7.90 p. 2217  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Water (Consequential Amendments) Act 1989, No. 81/1989**

*Assent Date:* 5.12.89  
*Commencement Date:* 1.11.90: Government Gazette 15.8.90 p. 2473  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Amendment) Act 1990, No. 25/1990**

*Assent Date:* 5.6.90  
*Commencement Date:* S. 4(2) on 13.12.83: s. 2(1); rest of Act on 5.6.90: s. 2(2)  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Sentencing Act 1991, No. 49/1991**

*Assent Date:* 25.6.91  
*Commencement Date:* 22.4.92: Government Gazette 15.4.92 p. 898  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Royal Botanic Gardens Act 1991, No. 87/1991**

*Assent Date:* 10.12.91  
*Commencement Date:* 1.7.92: Government Gazette 1.7.92 p. 1629  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Crimes (Confiscation of Profits) (Amendment) Act 1991, No. 90/1991**

*Assent Date:* 10.12.91  
*Commencement Date:* S. 36 on 1.9.92: Government Gazette 12.8.92 p. 2179  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Vermin and Noxious Weeds (Poison Baits) Act 1992, No. 4/1992**

*Assent Date:* 5.5.92  
*Commencement Date:* S. 6 never came into operation and was repealed by s. 97 of Act No. 52/1994 on 16.12.94  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 1992, No. 46/1992 (as amended by No. 73/1994)**

*Assent Date:* 23.6.92  
*Commencement Date:* S. 78(2)(a) on 15.3.95: Government Gazette 9.3.95 p. 502; s. 78(1)(2)(b) on 1.8.96: Special Gazette (No. 89) 1.8.96 p. 2  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

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**Health and Community Services (General Amendment) Act 1993, No. 42/1993**

*Assent Date:* 1.6.93  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 33, 34, 36, 38, 50, 56, 60 on 21.8.94; ss 35, 37, 39–49, 51–55, 57–59, 61 on 10.9.94: Government Gazette 18.8.94 p. 2240  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Amendment) Act 1994, No. 12/1994**

*Assent Date:* 3.5.94  
*Commencement Date:* Pts 1, 2(ss 1–7) on 3.5.94: s. 2(1); ss 8, 11, 18 on 10.9.94; rest of Act on 11.9.94: Government Gazette 18.8.94 p. 2240  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Medical Practice Act 1994, No. 23/1994**

*Assent Date:* 17.5.94  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 1, 2 on 17.5.94: s. 2(1); rest of Act on 1.7.94: Government Gazette 23.6.94 p. 1672  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Financial Management (Consequential Amendments) Act 1994, No. 31/1994**

*Assent Date:* 31.5.94  
*Commencement Date:* S. 3(Sch. 1 item 18) on 7.7.94: Government Gazette 7.7.94 p. 1878—see **Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984**  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994, No. 52/1994**

*Assent Date:* 15.6.94  
*Commencement Date:* S. 97(Sch. 3 item 7) on 16.12.94: s. 2(3)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Amendment) Act 1995, No. 66/1995**

*Assent Date:* 17.10.95  
*Commencement Date:* 17.10.95: s. 2(1)  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Optometrists Registration Act 1996, No. 56/1996**

*Assent Date:* 10.12.96  
*Commencement Date:* S. 100 on 1.7.98: s. 2(4)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

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**Health Acts (Further Amendment) Act 1996, No. 68/1996**

*Assent Date:* 17.12.96  
*Commencement Date:* Pt 3(ss 8–15) on 17.12.96: s. 2(1)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Sentencing and Other Acts (Amendment) Act 1997, No. 48/1997**

*Assent Date:* 11.6.97  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 35–42, 44–47 on 1.9.97: s. 2(2); s. 43 on 11.6.98: Government Gazette 11.6.98 p. 1314  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Amendment) Act 1997, No. 54/1997**  
(as amended by No. 52/1998)

*Assent Date:* 21.10.97  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 1–4 on 21.10.97: s. 2(1); ss 5, 6 on 1.10.98: Government Gazette 13.8.98 p. 2182  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Veterinary Practice Act 1997, No. 58/1997**

*Assent Date:* 28.10.97  
*Commencement Date:* S. 96(Sch. item 3) on 17.3.98: Government Gazette 12.3.98 p. 520  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Confiscation Act 1997, No. 108/1997**

*Assent Date:* 23.12.97  
*Commencement Date:* S. 152 on 1.7.98: Government Gazette 25.6.98 p. 1561  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Amendment) Act 1998, No. 9/1998**

*Assent Date:* 28.4.98  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 1, 2 on 28.4.98: s. 2(1); rest of Act on 31.12.98: Government Gazette 10.12.98 p. 2998  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Public Sector Reform (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1998, No. 46/1998**

*Assent Date:* 26.5.98  
*Commencement Date:* S. 7(Sch. 1) on 1.7.98: s. 2(2)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

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**Conservation, Forests and Lands (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1998,  
No. 76/1998**

*Assent Date:* 10.11.98  
*Commencement Date:* S. 7 on 15.12.98: s. 2(5)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled  
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**Public Sector Reform (Further Amendments) Act 1999, No. 12/1999**

*Assent Date:* 11.5.99  
*Commencement Date:* S. 4(Sch. 2 item 4) on 11.5.99: s. 2(1)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
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**Dental Practice Act 1999, No. 26/1999**

*Assent Date:* 1.6.99  
*Commencement Date:* S. 107(Sch. item 2) on 1.7.00: s. 2(3)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled  
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**Chinese Medicine Registration Act 2000, No. 18/2000**

*Assent Date:* 16.5.00  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 96–107 on 1.1.02: Government Gazette 4.10.01  
p. 2511  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
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**Statute Law Revision Act 2000, No. 74/2000**

*Assent Date:* 21.11.00  
*Commencement Date:* S. 3(Sch. 1 item 38) on 22.11.00: s. 2(1)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled  
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**Nurses (Amendment) Act 2000, No. 94/2000**

*Assent Date:* 5.12.00  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 48–52 on 1.11.01: s. 2(3)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled  
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**Health (Amendment) Act 2001, No. 33/2001**

*Assent Date:* 19.6.01  
*Commencement Date:* S. 21 on 20.6.01: s. 2(1)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
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**Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Amendment) Act 2001, No. 61/2001**

*Assent Date:* 23.10.01  
*Commencement Date:* 1.1.02: s. 2(2)  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Statute Law (Further Revision) Act 2002, No. 11/2002**

*Assent Date:* 23.4.02  
*Commencement Date:* S. 3(Sch. 1 item 16.1) on 1.1.02: s. 2(2)(b); s. 3(Sch. 1 item 16.2) on 24.4.02: s. 2(1)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Volatile Substances) Act 2003, No. 55/2003**

*Assent Date:* 16.6.03  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 3, 4 on 1.7.04: s. 2(2)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Fisheries (Amendment) Act 2003, No. 56/2003**

*Assent Date:* 16.6.03  
*Commencement Date:* S. 11(Sch. item 7) on 17.6.03: s. 2  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Confiscation (Amendment) Act 2003, No. 63/2003**

*Assent Date:* 30.9.03  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 45–49 on 1.12.03: s. 2(2)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Health Legislation (Amendment) Act 2003, No. 67/2003**

*Assent Date:* 14.10.03  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 3, 13(1) on 15.10.03: s. 2(1)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Crimes (Controlled Operations) Act 2004, No. 16/2004**

*Assent Date:* 18.5.04  
*Commencement Date:* S. 53 on 2.11.08: Government Gazette 30.10.08 p. 2530  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

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**Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances and Therapeutic Goods (Victoria) Acts (Amendment) Act 2004, No. 74/2004**

*Assent Date:* 9.11.04  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 3–19 on 10.11.04: s. 2  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Pharmacy Practice Act 2004, No. 80/2004**

*Assent Date:* 16.11.04  
*Commencement Date:* S. 150(Sch. 2 item 2) on 1.7.05: s. 2(3)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Major Crime Legislation (Seizure of Assets) Act 2004, No. 87/2004**

*Assent Date:* 23.11.04  
*Commencement Date:* S. 25 on 1.1.05: s. 2(2)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Public Administration Act 2004, No. 108/2004**

*Assent Date:* 21.12.04  
*Commencement Date:* S. 117(1)(Sch. 3 item 60) on 5.4.05: Government Gazette 31.3.05 p. 602  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Road Safety and Other Acts (Vehicle Impoundment and Other Amendments) Act 2005, No. 93/2005**

*Assent Date:* 29.11.05  
*Commencement Date:* S. 14 on 30.11.05: s. 2(1)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Health Professions Registration Act 2005, No. 97/2005** (as amended by Nos 29/2006, 25/2007)

*Assent Date:* 7.12.05  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 178–180, 182(Sch. 4 item 16) on 1.7.07: s. 2(3)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Aged Care Services) Act 2006, No. 17/2006**

*Assent Date:* 9.5.06  
*Commencement Date:* 30.5.06: s. 2  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

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**Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Prohibition of Display and Sale of Cocaine Kits) Act 2006, No. 18/2006**

*Assent Date:* 9.5.06  
*Commencement Date:* 10.5.06: s. 2  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Children, Youth and Families (Consequential and Other Amendments) Act 2006, No. 48/2006**

*Assent Date:* 15.8.06  
*Commencement Date:* S. 42(Sch. item 11) on 23.4.07: s. 2(3)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Amendment) Act 2006, No. 52/2006**  
(as amended by Nos 79/2006, 10/2007)

*Assent Date:* 15.8.06  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 7, 9(1), 11 on 19.2.07: Government Gazette 15.2.07 p. 261; ss 4–6, 8, 10, 13, 14, 16–20 on 1.5.07: s. 2(3); ss 9(2), 12, 15 on 1.8.07: Government Gazette 26.7.07 p. 1705  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Public Sector Acts (Further Workplace Protection and Other Matters) Act 2006, No. 80/2006**

*Assent Date:* 10.10.06  
*Commencement Date:* S. 26(Sch. item 29) on 11.10.06: s. 2(1)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Repeal of Part X) Act 2007, No. 10/2007**

*Assent Date:* 8.5.07  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 3, 4 on 1.7.07: s. 2(2)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Health Professions Registration Amendment Act 2007, No. 25/2007**

*Assent Date:* 26.6.07  
*Commencement Date:* S. 33 on 1.7.07: s. 2(2)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

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**Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment Act 2008, No. 17/2008**

*Assent Date:* 13.5.08  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 4, 5 on 14.5.08: s. 2(1); ss 6–13 on 1.3.09: s. 2(3)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Police Integrity Act 2008, No. 34/2008**

*Assent Date:* 1.7.08  
*Commencement Date:* S. 143(Sch. 2 item 6) on 5.12.08: Special Gazette (No. 340) 4.12.08 p. 1  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008, No. 46/2008**

*Assent Date:* 2.9.08  
*Commencement Date:* S. 275 on 1.1.10: s. 2(2)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Justice Legislation Amendment Act 2009, No. 25/2009**

*Assent Date:* 17.6.09  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 6, 7 on 3.9.09: Government Gazette 3.9.09 p. 2331  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Justice Legislation Further Amendment Act 2009, No. 55/2009**

*Assent Date:* 22.9.09  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 7–9 on 31.5.10: s. 2(4)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Criminal Procedure Amendment (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Act 2009, No. 68/2009**

*Assent Date:* 24.11.09  
*Commencement Date:* S. 97(Sch. item 47) on 1.1.10: Government Gazette 10.12.09 p. 3215  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Statute Law Amendment (National Health Practitioner Regulation) Act 2010, No. 13/2010**

*Assent Date:* 30.3.10  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 35–48 on 1.7.10: s. 2(2)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

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**Pharmacy Regulation Act 2010, No. 39/2010**

*Assent Date:* 30.6.10  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 119, 120 on 24.8.10: Government Gazette 12.8.10 p. 1759  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Severe Substance Dependence Treatment Act 2010, No. 43/2010**

*Assent Date:* 10.8.10  
*Commencement Date:* S. 45 on 1.3.11: s. 2(2)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Justice Legislation Further Amendment Act 2010, No. 64/2010**

*Assent Date:* 28.9.10  
*Commencement Date:* S. 11 on 1.1.11: Government Gazette 28.10.10 p. 2584  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Statute Law Revision Act 2011, No. 29/2011**

*Assent Date:* 21.6.11  
*Commencement Date:* S. 3(Sch. 1 item 30) on 22.6.11: s. 2(1)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Drugs of Dependence) Act 2011, No. 41/2011**

*Assent Date:* 6.9.11  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 4, 5 on 7.9.11: s. 2  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Justice Legislation Amendment (Protective Services Officers) Act 2011, No. 43/2011**

*Assent Date:* 6.9.11  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 18–20 on 28.11.11: Special Gazette (No. 379) 22.11.11 p. 1  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Prohibition of Display and Sale of Cannabis Water Pipes) Act 2011, No. 51/2011**

*Assent Date:* 18.10.11  
*Commencement Date:* 1.1.12: s. 2  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

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**Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Supply by Midwives) Act 2012, No. 14/2012**

*Assent Date:* 3.4.12  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 4–9 on 30.11.12: s. 2(2)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Health Professions Registration (Repeal) Act 2012, No. 27/2012**

*Assent Date:* 29.5.12  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 9–16 on 1.7.12: s. 2  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Criminal Procedure Amendment Act 2012, No. 48/2012**

*Assent Date:* 4.9.12  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 41, 42 on 5.9.12: s. 2(1)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment Act 2012, No. 57/2012**

*Assent Date:* 16.10.12  
*Commencement Date:* S. 7 on 8.11.12: s. 2(1); ss 4–6 on 13.12.12: Special Gazette (No. 429) 11.12.12 p. 1  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Integrity and Accountability Legislation Amendment Act 2012, No. 82/2012**

*Assent Date:* 18.12.12  
*Commencement Date:* S. 161 on 10.2.13: Special Gazette (No. 32) 6.2.13 p. 2  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Statute Law Revision Act 2013, No. 70/2013**

*Assent Date:* 19.11.13  
*Commencement Date:* S. 4(Sch. 2 item 12) on 1.12.13: s. 2(1)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment Act 2014, No. 9/2014**

*Assent Date:* 25.2.14  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 3–17 on 21.5.14: Special Gazette (No. 155) 20.5.14 p. 1  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

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**Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Poppy Cultivation and Processing) Amendment Act 2014, No. 13/2014**

*Assent Date:* 18.3.14  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 4–7 on 16.4.14: Special Gazette (No. 122) 15.4.14 p. 1  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Victoria Police Amendment (Consequential and Other Matters) Act 2014, No. 37/2014**

*Assent Date:* 3.6.14  
*Commencement Date:* S. 10(Sch. item 47) on 1.7.14: Special Gazette (No. 200) 24.6.14 p. 2  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Fines Reform Act 2014, No. 47/2014**

*Assent Date:* 1.7.14  
*Commencement Date:* S. 260 on 31.12.17: Special Gazette (No. 443) 19.12.17 p. 1  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Sentencing Amendment (Baseline Sentences) Act 2014, No. 52/2014**

*Assent Date:* 12.8.14  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 17, 18 on 2.11.14: Special Gazette (No. 350) 7.10.14 p. 1  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Criminal Organisations Control and Other Acts Amendment Act 2014, No. 55/2014**

*Assent Date:* 26.8.14  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 50–53 on 1.10.14: Special Gazette (No. 330) 23.9.14 p. 1  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Crimes Amendment (Abolition of Defensive Homicide) Act 2014, No. 63/2014**

*Assent Date:* 9.9.14  
*Commencement Date:* S. 7(8)–(11) on 1.11.14: Special Gazette (No. 350) 7.10.14 p. 1  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

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**Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Further Amendment Act 2014,  
No. 75/2014**

*Assent Date:* 21.10.14  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 4–24 on 30.10.14: Special Gazette (No. 400)  
29.10.14 p. 1  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled  
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**Justice Legislation Amendment (Confiscation and Other Matters) Act 2014,  
No. 79/2014**

*Assent Date:* 21.10.14  
*Commencement Date:* S. 62 on 1.11.14: s. 2(4)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled  
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**Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment Act 2016, No. 2/2016**

*Assent Date:* 16.2.16  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 4–16 on 20.10.16: s. 2(2)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled  
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**Access to Medicinal Cannabis Act 2016, No. 20/2016**

*Assent Date:* 19.4.16  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 123, 126, 129–131, 133, 135 on 8.6.16: Special  
Gazette (No. 177) 7.6.16 p. 1; ss 101–120, 125, 134,  
136–142 on 14.9.16: Special Gazette (No. 284)  
13.9.16 p. 1; ss 121, 122, 124, 127, 128, 132 on  
21.10.16: Special Gazette (No. 284) 13.9.16 p. 1  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled  
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**Sentencing (Community Correction Order) and Other Acts Amendment  
Act 2016, No. 65/2016**

*Assent Date:* 15.11.16  
*Commencement Date:* S. 21 on 20.3.17: Special Gazette (No. 17) 31.1.17 p. 1  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled  
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**Sentencing Amendment (Sentencing Standards) Act 2017, No. 34/2017**

*Assent Date:* 15.8.17  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 15, 16 on 29.11.17: Special Gazette (No. 406)  
28.11.17 p. 1; ss 36, 37 on 1.2.18: Special Gazette  
(No. 28) 30.1.18 p. 1  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
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**Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Miscellaneous Amendment Act 2017, No. 40/2017**

*Assent Date:* 12.9.17  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 6, 7, 19, 21–23 on 21.10.17: Special Gazette (No. 340) 10.10.17 p. 1; ss 4, 5, 8–18, 20 on 1.11.17: s. 2(2)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Justice Legislation Amendment (Protective Services Officers and Other Matters) Act 2017, No. 45/2017**

*Assent Date:* 26.9.17  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 16–18 on 1.4.18: Special Gazette (No. 136) 27.3.18 p. 3  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Real-time Prescription Monitoring) Act 2017, No. 50/2017**

*Assent Date:* 24.10.17  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 4–18 on 1.7.18: Special Gazette (No. 190) 24.4.18 p. 1  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017, No. 61/2017**

*Assent Date:* 5.12.17  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 122–138 on 19.6.19: s. 2(2)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Medically Supervised Injecting Centre) Act 2017, No. 66/2017**

*Assent Date:* 19.12.17  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 4–11 on 28.2.18: Special Gazette (No. 71) 27.2.18 p. 1  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

**Oaths and Affirmations Act 2018, No. 6/2018**

*Assent Date:* 27.2.18  
*Commencement Date:* S. 68(Sch. 2 item 42) on 1.3.19: s. 2(2)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**

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**Justice Legislation Amendment (Family Violence Protection and Other Matters) Act 2018, No. 33/2018**

*Assent Date:* 14.8.18  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 90, 91 on 31.7.19: Special Gazette (No. 306)  
30.7.19 p. 1  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
amending the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled  
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**Justice Legislation Amendment (Police and Other Matters) Act 2019, No. 3/2019**

*Assent Date:* 13.3.19  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 9–18 on 5.6.19: Special Gazette (No. 215) 4.6.19  
p. 1  
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**Health Legislation Amendment and Repeal Act 2019, No. 34/2019**

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Substances Act 1981**

**Primary Industries Legislation Amendment Act 2019, No. 40/2019**

*Assent Date:* 6.11.19  
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p. 2; ss 7, 9 on 1.2.20: s. 2(2)  
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**Justice Legislation Amendment (Serious Offenders and Other Matters) Act 2019,  
No. 45/2019**

*Assent Date:* 19.11.19  
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*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
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Substances Act 1981**

**Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment Act 2021, No. 17/2021**

*Assent Date:* 18.5.21  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 4, 5 on 4.8.21: s. 2(2)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
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Proclamation, S.R. No. 43/1984

*Date of Making:* 14.2.84  
*Date of Commencement:* 14.2.84

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<i>Date of Making:</i>	29.9.87
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<i>Date of Making:</i>	8.10.91
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<i>Date of Making:</i>	8.9.92
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<i>Date of Making:</i>	17.11.92
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Proclamation, S.R. No. 69/1993

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Proclamation, S.R. No. 86/1993

*Date of Making:* 8.6.93

*Date of Commencement:* 8.6.93

Proclamation, S.R. No. 136/1993

*Date of Making:* 20.7.93

*Date of Commencement:* 20.7.93

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Drugs of Dependence) Regulations 1999,  
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*Date of Commencement:* 17.8.99

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Drugs of Dependence) Regulations 2000,  
S.R. No. 85/2000

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*Date of Commencement:* 29.8.00

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**3 Amendments Not in Operation**

This version does not contain amendments that are not yet in operation.

#### 4 Explanatory details

<sup>1</sup> Schs 1–9 (*Repealed*):

Sch. 1 substituted by S.R. Nos 268/1985, 250/1990 para. (3), amended by S.R. No. 230/1992 para. (3), substituted by S.R. No. 67/1993 para. (3), amended by S.R. No. 86/1993 para. (3), repealed by No. 42/1993 s. 59.

Sch. 2 amended by No. 10002 s. 15(a)(i)(ii), S.R. Nos 77/1985, para. (1), 93/1985 regs 1, 2, 94/1985 para. (a)(i)–(xiv), 165/1985 para. (a), 208/1985 regs 1(a)(b), 2(a)(b), substituted by S.R. No. 268/1985, amended by S.R. Nos 92/1986 reg. 1, 82/1987 reg. 3(a), 254/1987 reg. 3(a), substituted by S.R. No. 250/1990 para. (4), amended by S.R. Nos 194/1991 para. (3), 230/1992 paras (4)(5), 263/1992 para. (3), 289/1992 para. (3), 305/1992 para. (3), 350/1992 para. (4), substituted by S.R. No. 67/1993 para. (4), amended by S.R. Nos 86/1993 para. (4)(a)(b), 136/1993 para. (3), repealed by No. 42/1993 s. 59.

Sch. 3 amended by No. 10002 s. 15(b)(i)–(iv), S.R. Nos 94/1985 para. (b)(i)–(ix), 165/1985 para. (b), 187/1985, 208/1985 reg. 3(a)(b), substituted by S.R. No. 268/1985, amended by S.R. Nos 254/1987 reg. 3(b)(i)–(iii), 23/1990 para. (3)(a), substituted by S.R. No. 250/1990 para. (5), amended by S.R. Nos 194/1991 para. (4), 230/1992 paras (4)(6), 263/1992 para. (4), 289/1992 para. (4), substituted by S.R. No. 67/1993 para. (5), amended by S.R. Nos 86/1993 para. (5)(a)–(c), 136/1993 para. (4), repealed by No. 42/1993 s. 59.

Sch. 4 amended by No. 10002 s. 15(c)(i)–(xxix) (as amended by No. 25/1990 s. 4(2)(a)(i)), GG 29.12.83 p. 4187, S.R. Nos 43/1984 regs 1, 2, 277/1984 para. (a)(i)–(vi), 2/1985 para. (a)(i)–(iv), 77/1985 para. (2), 90/1985 para. (a), 94/1985 para. (c)(i)–(xxi), 165/1985 para. (c)(i)–(iv), 208/1985 regs 4(a)–(i), 5(a)–(l), substituted by S.R. No. 268/1985, amended by S.R. Nos 92/1986 reg. 2, 82/1987 reg. 3(b), 254/1987 reg. 3(c)(i)(ii), 23/1990 para. (3)(b), substituted by S.R. No. 250/1990 para. (6), amended by S.R. Nos 194/1991 para. (5), 230/1992 paras (4)(7), 263/1992 para. (5), 289/1992 para. (5), 305/1992 para. (4), 350/1992 para. (5), substituted by S.R. No. 67/1993 para. (6), amended by S.R. Nos 86/1993 para. (6)(a)–(zm), 136/1993 para. (5)(a)–(p), repealed by No. 42/1993 s. 59.

Sch. 5 amended by No. 10002 s. 15(d)(i)–(ix) (as amended by No. 25/1990 s. 4(2)(a)(ii)), S.R. Nos 94/1985 para. (d)(i)–(iv), 165/1985 para. (d), 208/1985 reg. 6, substituted by S.R. Nos 268/1985, 250/1990 para. (7), amended by S.R. Nos 194/1991 para. (6), 230/1992 paras (4)(8), 263/1992 para. (6), 289/1992 para. (6), 305/1992 para. (5), 350/1992 para. (6), substituted by S.R. No. 67/1993 para. (7), amended by S.R. Nos 86/1993 para. (7)(a)–(d), 136/1993 para. (6)(a)–(h), repealed by No. 42/1993 s. 59.

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Sch. 6 amended by No. 10002 s. 15(e)(i)–(xiii), GGs 29.12.83 pp 4187, 4188, 22.2.84 p. 575, S.R. Nos 43/1984 reg. 3, 2/1985 para. (b)(i)(ii), 90/1985 para. (b), 94/1985 para. (e)(i)–(vi), 165/1985 para. (e)(i)–(iv), 208/1985 regs 7(a)–(h), 8(a)–(h), substituted by S.R. No. 268/1985, amended by No. 12/1987 s. 36(5)(b)(i)(ii)(A)(B), S.R. Nos 254/1987 reg. 3(d)(i)–(iii), 366/1987 reg. 3, substituted by S.R. No. 250/1990 para. (8), amended by S.R. Nos 194/1991 para. (7), 230/1992 paras (4)(9), 263/1992 para. (7), 289/1992 para. (7), 305/1992 para. (6), substituted by S.R. No. 67/1993 para. (8), amended by S.R. Nos 86/1993 para. (8)(a)–(k), 136/1993 para. (7)(a)–(g), repealed by No. 42/1993 s. 59.

Sch. 7 amended by No. 10002 s. 15(f)(i)–(xii), GG 22.2.84 p. 575, S.R. Nos 277/1984 para. (b)(i)–(vi), 2/1985 para. (c)(i), 77/1985 para. (3), 94/1985 paras (f)(i)(g)(i)–(vii), 165/1985 para. (f), 208/1985 regs 9(a)–(c), 10(a)–(e), substituted by S.R. No. 268/1985, amended by S.R. Nos 92/1986 reg. 3, 82/1987 reg. 3(c), 23/1990 para. (3)(c), substituted by S.R. No. 250/1990 para. (9), amended by S.R. Nos 194/1991 paras (8)(9), 230/1992 paras (4)(10)(11), 263/1992 paras (8)(9), 289/1992 paras (8)(9), 305/1992 paras (7)(8), 350/1992 para. (7), substituted by S.R. No. 67/1993 para. (9), amended by S.R. Nos 86/1993 para. (9)(a)–(c), 136/1993 paras (8)(a)–(m), (9)(a)–(v), repealed by No. 42/1993 s. 59.

Sch. 8 amended by S.R. No. 208/1985 reg. 11, substituted by S.R. No. 268/1985, amended by S.R. No. 179/1986 reg. 2, substituted by S.R. No. 250/1990 para. (10), amended by S.R. Nos 194/1991 para. (10), 230/1992 para. (10), 305/1992 para. (9), substituted by S.R. No. 67/1993 para. (10), amended by S.R. Nos 86/1993 para. (10), 136/1993 para. (10)(a)(b), repealed by No. 42/1993 s. 59.

Sch. 9 repealed by No. 42/1993 s. 59.