

POISONS CONTROL INFORMATION SHEET

WHOLESALE LICENCE

No. 317

Entitlements

Nominated persons are only entitled to hold drugs and poisons or class of drugs and poisons specified in the certificate of registration.

Your licence must be displayed in or on the premises specified on the licence.

Supply of drugs and poisons

The nominated person, or a person acting on his/her behalf, may supply a drug or poison specified in the certificate of registration to a person who is also authorised under this Act to supply or administer that drug or poison to another person.

Authorised persons include:

- Medical Practitioners registered to practise in Australia
- Dentists registered to practise in the NT
- Veterinary Surgeons registered to practise in the NT
- Pharmacists registered to practise in the NT
- Retailers who are licensed under the Act to sell Schedule 2, 6 and 7 poisons and
- Holders of Medical Kit Authorisations issued under section 42 of the Act.

Poisons may be supplied to authorised persons only after you have sighted their authorisation or are satisfied that they are authorised to supply or administer that drug or poison. To obtain supplies, the authorised person should supply you with a **signed written order**.

Supply to Medical Practitioners etc

You may supply a scheduled drug or poison listed on your certificate to a medical practitioner registered in Australia, or to a dentist, veterinary surgeon or pharmacist registered to practise in the Northern Territory.

You may not supply any scheduled drug to a person on the prescription of a doctor, dentist or veterinary surgeon.

Supply to Retailers

You may supply a scheduled poison only to a retailer who holds a Licence to Sell Poisons, and only those poisons that are specified on the **retailer's** Licence. For example, these may be Schedule 6 poisons for domestic or horticultural use, Schedule 7 pesticides and/or Schedule 2 drugs for medicinal use.

A retailer is not required to hold a licence to sell Schedule 5 substances.

Retailer licences are valid for a period of one year and are renewed annually. It is your responsibility to ensure that the Retailer holds a current licence prior to supply.

Supply to Medical Kit Holders

You may supply a scheduled poison to the holder of a medical kit who is **authorised in writing** under section 42 of the *Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Act* to supply or administer drugs to another person.

Medical Kit authorisations are issued by the NT Chief Health Officer or delegate. You may supply only those drugs which are specified in the authorisation. Medical Kit authorisations are valid for a maximum of two years. You may not supply any other scheduled drug.

Records

Section 45 of the Act requires that you keep records of:

- a) the date of receipt and the quantity, and the name and address of the supplier, of each shipment of a scheduled drug or poison received into the registered premises.
- b) the details of each supply of a scheduled drug or poison from the premises, including the date; the name of the drug or poison; the quantity supplied; and the name and address of the person to whom the supply was made.
- c) such other matters as the Chief Health Officer requires to be recorded.
- d) all such records must be retained by you for 2 years after the date of the last entry in the record in which it is recorded.

Storage of Poisons

Schedule 3, 4 and 7 poisons must be stored in an area to which unauthorised persons do not have access.

Schedule 8 drugs must be stored in a locked cabinet or safe of a type approved by the Chief Health Officer.

Validity of Certificate of Registration

The certificate is valid for one year. The expiry date should be noted, and an application for renewal should be made before the expiry date.

For further details please contact:

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