

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

PUBLIC HEALTH (MEDICAL AND DENTAL INSPECTION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN) REGULATIONS

As in force at 1 July 2011

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### Regulations under the *Public and Environmental Health Act*

#### 1 Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the *Public Health (Medical and Dental Inspection of School Children) Regulations*.

#### 2 Interpretation

In these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appear:

***authorized*** means authorized by the Chief Health Officer;

***dental therapist*** means a person registered under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law to practise the health profession of:

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

***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.

***nurse*** means a person registered under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law to practise in the nursing and midwifery profession as a nurse (other than as a student).

***school*** means any premises in or upon which children or other persons are assembled for the purpose of instruction.

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### **3 Medical examination**

- (1) An authorized medical practitioner may examine medically and physically a child attending a school, and the child shall submit to, and the parents or guardians of the child shall permit, any medical examination deemed necessary by the medical practitioner .
- (2) An authorized medical practitioner shall carry out the medical and physical examination of every child attending a school and record the results in accordance with Form 1 in the Schedule.

### **4 Dental examination**

- (1) An authorized dentist or authorized dental therapist may examine the teeth of a child attending a school and the child shall submit to, and the parent or guardian of the child shall permit, the examination.
- (2) An authorized dentist or authorized dental therapist shall carry on the dental examination of a child in conformity with a schedule, prescribed by the Chief Health Officer in accordance with Form 2 in the Schedule.
- (3) A record of the results of the dental examination shall be made in accordance with Form 2 in the Schedule.

### **5 Duty of head teacher**

The head teacher or person in charge of a school shall carry out such instructions as are given by an authorized medical practitioner, authorized dentist or authorized dental therapist, for the purpose of the examination of the children attending the school.

### **6 Vermin**

An authorized medical practitioner or authorized nurse who finds that a child attending a school is in an unclean or verminous condition may, by writing, notify the parent or guardian of the child of the fact and require the parent or guardian to remedy the unclean or verminous condition forthwith, and to keep the child clean or free from vermin.

### **7 Penalty**

A person who contravenes or fails to comply with a provision of these Regulations or with an instruction or notice given under these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable, upon conviction, to a penalty not exceeding \$50 and where the offence is a continuing offence, a penalty not exceeding \$4 for every day during which the offence continues.



7. Home Conditions: Address No.

Date	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Information from	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Type of dwelling	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of rooms	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of occupants	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sleeping{Room	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
arrange-{Bed	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ments	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cleanliness	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
P.C.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

8. Family (Important illnesses or defects in other members):  
 F.....  
 M.....  
 B. & S .....  
 Others.....  
 .....

9. Father's Occupation.....year(s)...  
 Change 1.....  
 Change 2.....  
 Change 3.....  
 Mother's Occupation .....  
 Approx. hours per day.....

10 Illnesses, Operations or Injuries:

11. Prophylaxis.....year(s).....  
 Smallpox.....  
 Diphtheria.....  
 Whooping cough.....  
 Other.....

	Year(s)	Notes on Severity
Whooping cough	.....	.....
Measles	.....	.....
Diphtheria	.....	.....
Scarlet fever	.....	.....
Mumps	.....	.....
Chicken pox	.....	.....
German measles	.....	.....

12. Bladder control .....  
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 Bowel control .....  
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SUMMARY OF DEFECTS OR DISEASES FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES

V = No defect; O = Defect requiring observation; T = Defect requiring treatment; R = Reference to specialist.

13. Defect:

Code No.	Date Type of (P = Periodic) Inspection (S = Special) Parent Present (Y = Yes) (N = No)				
1.	Cleanliness ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
2.	Infestation {Head .. {Body ..	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....
3.	Teeth ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
4.	Skin ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
5.	Eyes – (a) Vision (b) Squint (c) Other	..... ..... .....	..... ..... .....	..... ..... .....	..... ..... .....
6.	Ears – (a) Hearing (b) Otitis media{R {L (Other)	..... ..... ..... .....	..... ..... ..... .....	..... ..... ..... .....	..... ..... ..... .....
7.	Nose or Throat	.....	.....	.....	.....
8.	Speech ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
9.	Cervical glands ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
10.	Heart circulation ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
11.	Lungs ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
12.	Development – (a) Hernia (b) Other	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....
13.	Orthopaedic – (a) Posture (b) Flat foot (c) Other	..... ..... .....	..... ..... .....	..... ..... .....	..... ..... .....

14.	Nervous system – .....(a) Epilepsy .....(b) Other	.....	.....	.....	.....
15.	Psychological – (a) Develop- ment (b) Stability	.....	.....	.....	.....
16.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
17.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
18.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
14. General Condition – (A = Good; B = Fair; C = Poor)					
15. Initials of Medical practitioner					

16. Special Educational Treatment – (State category and recommendation) –  
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MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS AND NOTES

17	VISION (acuity tests):	18.	Colour Vision				
	Date .....						
	Without glasses {R .....						
	{L .....						
	With Glasses {R .....						
	{L .....						
	.....						
	Near vision {Without glasses						
	{With glasses						

19. HEARING (specify date, test and result):  
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20. SPECIAL TESTS (specify date, test and result):  
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FORM 2

regulation 4(2)

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DENTAL EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT RECORD

Name:..... Surname Christian names	School attending:	1. .... ..... 2..... .. 3..... .. 4..... ..	No. .... ..... ..... ..... ..... .....
Address: 1..... 2..... 3.....			
Note:..... Occlusion:.....	Mal		

Item	First Exam.	Second Exam.	Third Exam.	Fourth Exam.	Fifth Exam.	Sixth Exam
1. Name of Examiner .. ..						
2. Date of Examination ..						
3. Grade in School						
4. Age in Years and Months						
5. Number of Decayed Deciduous Teeth Requiring Filling (d)						
6. Number of Decayed Deciduous Teeth Requiring Extraction (e)						
7. Number of Previously Filled Deciduous Teeth (f)						
8. Total Number of Decayed or Filled Deciduous Teeth (d + e + f)						
9. Number of Permanent Teeth with Pit or Fissure (PF)						

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10. Number of Decayed Permanent Teeth Requiring Filling (D)						
11. Number of Permanent Teeth (M) (p.) Previously Extracted (r.) Requiring Extraction Now						
12. Number of Previously Filled Permanent Teeth now in Sound Condition (F)						
13. Total Number of Decayed, Missing or Filled Permanent Teeth (D + M + F)						

TOOTH CHART

Right Side of Patient

Left Side of Patient

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
E D C B A | A B C D E

Exam	Upper																	Lower
	Lower																	Lower
First Exam	Upper																	Upper
	Lower																	Lower
Second Exam	Upper																	Upper
	Lower																	Lower
Third Exam	Upper																	Upper
	Lower																	Lower
Fourth Exam	Upper																	Upper
	Lower																	Lower
Fifth Exam	Upper																	Upper
	Lower																	Lower
Sixth Exam	Upper																	Upper
	Lower																	Lower

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Date	Treatment and Remarks	Initials of Examiner	Date	Treatment and Remarks	Initials of Examiner
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**ENDNOTES**
**1 KEY**

Key to abbreviations

amd = amended	od = order
app = appendix	om = omitted
bl = by-law	pt = Part
ch = Chapter	r = regulation/rule
cl = clause	rem = remainder
div = Division	renum = renumbered
exp = expires/expired	rep = repealed
f = forms	s = section
<i>Gaz</i> = <i>Gazette</i>	sch = Schedule
hdg = heading	sdiv = Subdivision
ins = inserted	SL = Subordinate Legislation
lt = long title	sub = substituted
nc = not commenced	

**2 LIST OF LEGISLATION*****Public Health (Medical and Dental Inspection of School Children) Regulations (SL No. 11, 1960)***

Notified	14 December 1960
Commenced	31 December 1960 (Cth <i>Gaz</i> , 31 December 1960)

***Amendments of the Public Health (Medical and Dental Inspection of School Children) Regulations (SL No. 19, 1973)***

Notified	18 October 1973
Commenced	18 October 1973

***Ordinances Revision Ordinance 1973 (Act No. 87, 1973)***

Assent date	11 December 1973
Commenced	11 December 1973

***Amendments of Public Health (Medical and Dental Inspection of School Children) Regulations (SL No. 55, 1991)***

Notified	6 November 1991
Commenced	6 November 1991

***Medical (Consequential Amendments) Act 1995 (Act No. 8, 1995)***

Assent date	10 April 1995
Commenced	1 June 1995 (s 2, s 2 <i>Medical Act 1995</i> (Act No. 7, 1995) and <i>Gaz</i> S21, 1 June 1995)

***Statute Law Revision Act 1997 (Act No. 17, 1997)***

Assent date	11 April 1997
Commenced	s 16: 10 December 1997; rem: 1 May 1997 ( <i>Gaz</i> G17, 30 April 1997, p 2)

***Statute Law Revision Act 2005 (Act No. 44, 2005)***

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Commenced	14 December 2005

