

# **NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA**

## **HEALTH PRACTITIONER REGULATION (NATIONAL UNIFORM LEGISLATION) ACT 2010**

As in force at 2 July 2010

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This reprint shows the Act as in force at 2 July 2010. Any amendments that commence after that date are not included.

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## HEALTH PRACTITIONER REGULATION (NATIONAL UNIFORM LEGISLATION) ACT 2010

An Act to apply as a law of the Territory a national law relating to health practitioner regulation, and for related purposes

### Part 1 Preliminary matters

#### 1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Health Practitioner Regulation (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2010*.

#### 2 Commencement

This Act commences on 1 July 2010.

#### 3 Interpretation

(1) In this Act:

***Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (NT)*** means the provisions applying in this jurisdiction because of section 4.

(2) Terms used in this Act and also in the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law set out in the Schedule to the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009* (Qld) have the same meanings in this Act as they have in that Law.

### Part 2 Adoption of Health Practitioner Regulation National Law

#### 4 Adoption of Health Practitioner Regulation National Law

The Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force from time to time, set out in the Schedule to the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009* (Qld):

(a) applies as a law of this jurisdiction; and

(b) as so applying may be referred to as the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (NT)*; and

(c) so applies as if it were a part of this Act.

## **5 Meaning of generic terms in Health Practitioner Regulation National Law for purposes of this jurisdiction**

(1) In the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (NT)*:

***court of summary jurisdiction***, in relation to the Territory, means the Court of Summary Jurisdiction established by section 41A of the *Justices Act*.

***criminal history law***, in relation to the Territory, means:

(a) the *Criminal Records (Spent Convictions) Act*; or

(b) the *Anti-Discrimination Act*.

***health complaints entity***, in relation to the Territory, means the Health and Community Services Complaints Commission established by the *Health and Community Services Complaints Act*.

***magistrate***, in relation to the Territory, means the Chief Magistrate, a Deputy Magistrate, a Stipendiary Magistrate, a Special Magistrate or a Relieving Magistrate appointed under the *Magistrates Act*.

***Parliament of this jurisdiction*** means the Legislative Assembly of the Territory.

***this jurisdiction*** means the Territory.

(2) A reference in the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (NT)* to the State includes a reference to the Territory.

*Example for section 5(2)*

*See sections 23(3) and 31(3) of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (NT).*

## **6 Responsible tribunal for Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (NT)**

(1) The Health Professional Review Tribunal (the ***Tribunal***) established by section 63(1) of the *Health Practitioners Act* is declared to be a responsible tribunal for the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (NT)*.

- (2) For each matter for which the Tribunal has functions under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (NT)* in relation to a person (including, for example, a matter referred to it about a registered health practitioner, or an appeal of a decision not to register a person), the Tribunal consists of:
- (a) the 2 permanent members of the Tribunal; and
  - (b) 3 persons (the **special members**) who are:
    - (i) registered health practitioners under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (NT)* in the health profession to which the matter relates; and
    - (ii) appointed by the President of the Tribunal.

*Example for subsection (2)*

*For a matter referred to the Tribunal as a responsible tribunal under section 193 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (NT) about a registered health practitioner in a health profession, each special member must be a registered health practitioner in that health profession.*

- (3) The President of the Tribunal may appoint a person to be a special member only if the person:
- (a) has skills, knowledge or experience relevant to the matter; and
  - (b) has not been involved in a previous decision relating to the matter.
- (4) In this section:

**permanent member**, of the Tribunal, see section 63(2) of the *Health Practitioners Act*.

**President**, of the Tribunal, see section 63(3) of the *Health Practitioners Act*.

## **7 Exclusion of legislation of this jurisdiction**

The following Acts of this jurisdiction do not apply to the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (NT)* or to the instruments made under that Law:

- (a) section 9 and Parts 3 to 8 of the *Information Act*;
- (b) the *Interpretation Act*;
- (c) the *Ombudsman Act*;
- (d) the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act*.

## **Part 3                      Miscellaneous matters**

### **8                      Regulations**

The Administrator may make regulations under this Act.

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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

#### ***Health Practitioner Regulation (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2010 (Act No. 2, 2010)***

Assent date	17 March 2010
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### 3 LIST OF AMENDMENTS

pt 4 hdg	exp No. 2, 2010, s 12
ss 9 – 12	exp No. 2, 2010, s 12