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for  
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# NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

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Act No. [ ] of 2007

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[Assented to [ ] 2007]  
[Second reading [ ] 2007]

**The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:**

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Health Practitioners Amendment (Nurse Practitioners) Act 2007*.

**2. Commencement**

This Act commences on the date fixed by the Administrator by *Gazette* notice.

**3. Act amended**

This Act amends the *Health Practitioners Act*.

**4. Amendment of section 4 (Definitions)**

*insert (in alphabetical order)*

"registered nurse practitioner" means a health practitioner registered in the category of registration of registered nurse practitioner;

**5. Amendment of section 19 (Categories of registration and enrolment)**

Section 19(1)(f)

*omit, substitute*

- (f) in the category of health care practice of nursing:
  - (i) registered nurse; and
  - (ii) registered nurse practitioner;

**6. Amendment of Schedule 1**

(1) Clause 5(2)(a)

*omit, substitute*

- (a) 4 must be persons who are registered nurse practitioners, registered nurses or enrolled nurses who hold current practising certificates (of whom at least 2 must be registered nurses and, if practicable, at least one must be a registered nurse practitioner) and who demonstrate an ability to assist the Board in performing its functions; and
- (2) Clause 5(2)(c), after "not"

*insert*

registered nurse practitioners,

**7. Amendment of Schedule 3**

Clause 2(1)(c)

*omit, substitute*

- (c) for the Nursing and Midwifery Board – 4 members of whom:
  - (i) if one or more members of the Board are nurse practitioners – one must be a nurse practitioner and 2 must be registered nurses; or
  - (ii) if no member of the Board is a nurse practitioner – 3 must be registered nurses;