

Australian Capital Territory

Health (Community Pharmacy Premises) Approved Standard Revocation 2012 (No 1)

Notifiable instrument NI2012–462

made under the

Health Act 1993, s 128B (Standard of premises)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 128B of the *Health Act 1993* (the Health Act) establishes the regulatory framework for standards of premises where a pharmacist operates a community pharmacy. The Minister is given the power to approve premises standards for community pharmacies.

However, the operation of a community pharmacy has been declared a licensable public health risk activity pursuant to section 18 of the *Public Health Act 1997* (PHA), effective 1 March 2013.

As a code of practice pertaining to community pharmacies has been established under the PHA, persons carrying on the licensable public health risk activity of operating a community pharmacy are required by section 20 of the PHA to comply with the code of practice.

The technical requirements of the code of practice are consistent with guidance provided by the Pharmacy Board of Australia for pharmacy owners and with the Health (Community Pharmacy Premises) Approved Standard 2010 (No 1); NI2010-349.

Retaining the Health (Community Pharmacy Premises) Approved Standard 2010 No 1) together with this code of practice is not necessary, and may risk confusion or even inconsistency. For this reason, this notifiable instrument will revoke the Health (Community Pharmacy Premises) Approved Standard 2010 No 1), NI2010-349 on commencement of this code of practice.