

Australian Capital Territory

HEALTH AMENDMENT REGULATION 2015 (No 1)
SL2015-41

Explanatory Statement

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Authority

This Regulation is authorised by section 195 of the *Health Act 1993*.

Outline

The proposed amendments to the *Health Regulation 2004* are for the purpose of implementing a more streamlined legislative process for nurse practitioners.

Revenue/Cost Implications

There is no additional cost involved in this Regulation.

Formal Clauses

Clause 1 – Name of Regulation – states the title of the Regulation, which is the *Health Amendment Regulation 2015 (No 1)*.

Clause 2 – Commencement – states when the Regulation commences. The provisions commence on the day after notification.

Clause 3 – Legislation amended – provides that this Regulation amends the *Health Regulation 2004*.

Clause 4 – Section 5 (2) and note – substitutes a new subsection providing that a determination of the criteria for the approval of nurse practitioner positions is a notifiable instrument.

Clause 5 – Section 8 (2) and note – omits subsection (2) and note which removes the requirement for the approval of nurse practitioner positions to be a notifiable instrument. The removal of the need to notify these positions will help to streamline the approval process and will allow these positions to be established in a more timely manner. Any need to notify the general public regarding these positions can effectively be done by notification on the AHPRA website rather than by way of a notifiable instrument.

Clause 6 – Section 11 (2) and note – omits subsection (2) and note which removes the requirement for the approval of their scope of practice of nurse practitioner to be a notifiable instrument. The removal of the need to notify the scope of their practice will help to streamline the approval process and will allow the scope of their practice to be established in a more timely manner. Any need to notify the general public regarding the scope of their practice can effectively be done by notification on the AHPRA website rather than by way of a notifiable instrument