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**POISONS (INTERIM AUTHORISATION) ORDER  
2023**

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**POISONS (INTERIM AUTHORISATION) ORDER  
2023**

I make the following order under section 25D(1) of the *Poisons Act 1971*.

Dated 24 November 2023.

GUY BARNETT  
Minister for Health

**1. Short title**

This order may be cited as the *Poisons (Interim Authorisation) Order 2023*.

**2. Commencement**

This order takes effect on the day on which its making is notified in the *Gazette*.

**3. Interpretation**

In this order –

*Act* means the *Poisons Act 1971*.

**4. Declaration of authorised health professionals and authorised body**

- (1) For the purposes of the Act, pharmacists are declared to be a class of health professionals that are authorised health professionals.
- (2) The department responsible for the administration of the Act is declared to be the authorised body in respect of authorised health professionals that are pharmacists.

**5. Authorisation in relation to pharmacists**

A pharmacist, in the lawful practice of the pharmacist's profession, is authorised to possess, sell, supply or prescribe a scheduled substance, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) that the possession, sale, supply or prescribing of the scheduled substance is in accordance with section 25C(2) of the Act;
- (b) that the scheduled substance is only prescribed in accordance with –
  - (i) a treatment plan, in respect of a specific patient, that is produced by a medical practitioner; or
  - (ii) a protocol, in relation to the prescribing of that substance by a pharmacist, published by the department responsible for the administration of the Act.

**6. Expiry of order**

In accordance with section 25D(2) of the Act, this order is revoked at the end of the period of 6 months commencing on the day on which it takes effect.

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Notified in the *Gazette* on 6 December 2023.

This order is administered in the Department of Health.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the order)*

This order –

- (a) declares pharmacists to be authorised health professionals for the purposes of the *Poisons Act 1971*; and
- (b) declares the Department of Health to be the authorised body for pharmacists; and
- (c) authorises pharmacists to possess, sell, supply and prescribe certain scheduled substances in certain circumstances; and
- (d) is in effect for 6 months.