

**NSW MINISTRY OF HEALTH**  
**POISONS AND THERAPEUTIC GOODS ACT 1966**  
**Authorisation to Supply Poisons and Restricted Substances**

Under the provisions of clauses 170 and 171 of the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2008, I, Judith Mackson, Chief Pharmacist, a duly appointed delegate of the Director-General of NSW Health, do hereby issue AUTHORITY to registered nurses and midwives, hereby specified as a class of persons, to supply those poisons and restricted substances listed in the Schedule hereunder either singly or in combination, pursuant to clauses 17 and 53 of the Regulation, subject to the following conditions:


- (1) The registered nurse/midwife is employed in connection with a vaccination program, and
- (2) The registered nurse/midwife administers a vaccine only in connection with that vaccination program, and
- (3) The registered nurse/midwife has successfully completed;
  - a) The Department of Health Immunisation Accreditation Program for Registered Nurses, or
  - b) The immunisation education program administered by the Australian College of Nursing or its predecessors, or
  - c) An interstate or overseas immunisation education program that conforms to the National Guidelines for Immunisation Education for Registered Nurses, as approved by the Australian College of Nursing.
- (4) The secure storage, pre and post-vaccination assessment and administration of each vaccine is undertaken in accordance with the procedures specified in the current edition of the National Health and Medical Research Council's *The Australian Immunisation Handbook*, and
- (5) The poisons and restricted substances are stored at the temperature stated on the respective manufacturer's pack, and
- (6) During each vaccination clinic the registered nurse/midwife carries adrenaline for use in the treatment of anaphylaxis, and
- (7) The registered nurse/midwife ensures that procedures for the administration of adrenaline comply with the procedures specified in the current edition of *The Australian Immunisation Handbook*, and
- (8) The registered nurse/midwife reports each adverse event following immunisation to the local Public Health Unit, and
- (9) The registered nurse/midwife ensures that a medical officer is contactable for medical advice during the vaccination clinic, and
- (10) To maintain authority to immunise, the registered nurse/midwife annually reviews best practice policy for immunisation. This may be, but is not limited to, attendance at seminars on current practices. An annual statement of proficiency in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation must also be obtained, and
- (11) The administration of tuberculin purified protein derivative for tuberculosis skin testing or tuberculosis vaccine may only be administered by a registered nurse who has completed additional education in the use of these substances and if the registered nurse's record of education states that this additional education has been completed.

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## SCHEDULE

adrenaline	pertussis vaccine
diphtheria toxoid	pneumococcal vaccine
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> (type b) vaccine	poliomyelitis vaccine
hepatitis A vaccine	rotavirus vaccine
hepatitis B vaccine	rubella vaccine
human papillomavirus vaccine	tetanus toxoid
influenza vaccine	tuberculin (purified protein derivative)
measles vaccine	tuberculosis vaccine
meningococcal vaccine	varicella vaccine
mumps vaccine	

Previous authorisations to supply restricted substances dated 15 July 2005, 29 May 2007, 6 May 2008 and 4 June 2008 published in the New South Wales Government Gazette Nos. 94, 76, 50 and 66 respectively are hereby revoked.

  
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Delegate of the Director-General

Ministry of Health, New South Wales  
Sydney, 29 January 2014