

Summary IAS

Details

Lead department	Queensland Health
Name of the proposal	Proclamation - <i>Pharmacy Business Ownership Act 2024</i>
Submission type	Summary IAS
Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument	<i>Pharmacy Business Ownership Act 2024</i>
Date of issue	June 2025

For proposals noted in table below

Complete and delete rows where applicable. No further analysis is required.

Proposal type	Details
Minor and machinery in nature	<p>On 28 March 2024, the <i>Pharmacy Business Ownership Act 2024</i> (Act) received Royal Assent.</p> <p>The Act establishes a new licensing scheme for Queensland pharmacy businesses. When the scheme commences, responsibility for regulating pharmacy business ownership will transition from Queensland Health to the Queensland Pharmacy Business Ownership Council (Council). To ensure that adequate time is allowed to implement the scheme, section 2 of the Act provides that the Act commences on a day to be fixed by proclamation.</p> <p>On 1 September 2024, a Proclamation (SL No. 193 of 2024) commenced the provisions of the Act that were necessary to establish the Council. At the same time, the <i>Pharmacy Business Ownership (Postponement) Regulation 2024</i> postponed commencement of the uncommenced provisions of the Act to the end of 28 March 2026.</p> <p>This second Proclamation will commence the provisions of the Act that are needed to enable the appointment of the CEO and the Council staff to support the Council. Queensland Health has assessed the Proclamation as machinery in nature as it only has the effect of commencing provisions not yet in force. Queensland Health has identified that no further regulatory impact analysis is required under the <i>Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy</i>.</p>

[Signed by Nick Steele]

[Signed by the Honourable Tim Nicholls MP]

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Date: 30 April 2025

Date: 1 May 2025