

# Medicines and Poisons Act 2019

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## Major events

### Major Events Act 2014

The *Major Events Act 2014* (MEA) provides for, among other things:

- the holding of major events in Queensland;
- the safety of visitors and spectators at major events; and
- to allow visiting health practitioners to be exempted from having to register under Queensland law when practising a health profession for a visitor.

A major event is an event prescribed by regulation to be a major event, and any activity directly associated with the major event. Examples of major events include the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games, V8 Supercars motor racing events, and other major events Queensland may decide to host in the future.

The purpose of the provisions concerning 'visiting health practitioner exemptions for exempt events' is to allow visiting health practitioners to be exempted from having to register under State law when practising a health profession for a visitor for an exempt event during the exemption period.

The MEA provides that the Health Minister may publish a registration exemption notice in the gazette for an exempt event, which may:

- authorise a visiting health practitioner to issue prescriptions for certain medicines in the course of practising a health profession under the MEA for a period; or
- authorise a dispenser to supply a specific medicine under those prescriptions; or
- authorise a visiting health practitioner to be supplied with a medicine by wholesale for the practitioner to practise a health profession under the MEA; or
- authorise a wholesaler to supply a medicine by wholesale to an authorised visiting health practitioner; or
- impose conditions on any authorisation in the notice, such as the way a visiting health practitioner is to practise a health profession under the MEA.

There are other relevant provisions in the MEA which cover storage of medicines, exemptions relating to offences, forwarding copies of prescriptions, monitoring prescription and supply of certain substances and complaints.

## How does the MEA interface with the *Medicines and Poisons Act 2019*?

As and when events are declared as 'major events' by regulation under the MEA, Queensland Health will provide specific and targeted guidance to affected stakeholders, including health practitioners (e.g. pharmacists), wholesalers, manufacturers.

### Associated guidance documents

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### Further information

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