

Changes to scheduled medicine authorities – Endorsed podiatrists

The authority in the *Health (Drugs and Poisons) Regulation 1996* (HDPR) for podiatrists with a national scheduled medicine endorsement is provided by listing individual medicines and conditions in Appendix 2B.

Regulation changes

On 8 November 2018, the HDPR was amended to provide new authorities for certain health practitioners in relation to the use of scheduled drugs and poisons. This included changes to the way in which authorities for podiatrists with a national endorsement are provided. **The changes remove the list of individual medicines from the Appendix.**

Who do these changes apply to?

These changes apply to endorsed podiatrists working in Queensland. An endorsed podiatrist means a **podiatrist or a surgical podiatrist** whose registration is endorsed under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, section 94, as being qualified to administer, obtain, possess, prescribe, sell, supply or use a scheduled medicine required for podiatry practice.

New authorities for endorsed podiatrists

The changes authorise endorsed podiatrists to the extent necessary to practise podiatry to:

- obtain, possess, prescribe, administer or supply a drug or poison listed in attachment A of the 'Registration Standard: endorsement for scheduled medicine' published by the Podiatry Board of Australia
- give someone who is authorised to administer or supply a drug or poison listed in attachment A of the 'Registration Standard: endorsement for scheduled medicine' published by the Podiatry Board of Australia a written instruction to supply the drug or poison.

These authorities are in addition to an endorsed podiatrist's authority as a podiatrist under the HDPR.

If the endorsed podiatrist is also a surgical podiatrist, the endorsed podiatrist's authority under this section is in addition to the endorsed podiatrist's authority as a surgical podiatrist under the HDPR.

Operationalising these changes

Endorsed podiatrists should:

- ensure that they understand the scope of the changes and how this will impact on their clinical practice



- note that there have been no changes to authorisations for podiatrist or surgical podiatrists without a scheduled medicines endorsement. The individual medicines for surgical podiatrists continue to be listed in Appendix 2B.

For more information

Review the [legislation](#)

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