



# **Medicines (Administration and Supply of Medicines in Approved Immunisation Programmes) Amendment Regulations 2025**

Cindy Kiro, Governor-General

## **Order in Council**

At Wellington this 15th day of December 2025

Present:

Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

These regulations are made under section 105 of the Medicines Act 1981—

- (a) on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council; and
- (b) on the advice of the Minister of Health given after complying with that section.

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## Regulations

### 1 Title

These regulations are the Medicines (Administration and Supply of Medicines in Approved Immunisation Programmes) Amendment Regulations 2025.

### 2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 19 December 2025.

### 3 Principal regulations

These regulations amend the Medicines Regulations 1984.

### 4 Regulation 44A amended (Administration of vaccines in approved immunisation programmes)

- (1) Replace the heading to regulation 44A with “**Administration and supply of vaccines and other medicines in approved immunisation programmes**”.
- (2) In regulation 44A(1), after “administer”, insert “or supply” in each place.
- (3) In regulation 44A(1), replace “that is a prescription medicine,” with “or other prescription medicine”.
- (4) After regulation 44A(1), insert:
  - (1A) Any medical practitioner or other person who is authorised by the Director-General or a Medical Officer of Health in accordance with this regulation to administer or supply a restricted or pharmacy-only medicine for the purposes of an approved immunisation programme may supply or administer that medicine for those purposes without complying with section 18(1) of the Act.
- (5) In regulation 44A(2), replace “to administer a vaccine for the purposes of an approved immunisation programme” with “for the purposes of subclause (1) or (1A)”.

### 5 Schedule 1AA amended

In Schedule 1AA,—

- (a) insert the Part set out in the Schedule of these regulations as the last Part;  
and
- (b) make all necessary consequential amendments.

## Schedule

### New Part 2 inserted into Schedule 1AA

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#### Part 2

### Provisions relating to Medicines (Administration and Supply of Medicines in Approved Immunisation Programmes) Amendment Regulations 2025

#### 3 Interpretation

In this Part,—

**commencement date** means the date on which the Medicines (Administration and Supply of Medicines in Approved Immunisation Programmes) Amendment Regulations 2025 come into force

**existing authorisation** means an authorisation given before the commencement date under regulation 44A to administer, for the purposes of an approved immunisation programme, a vaccine otherwise than pursuant to a prescription.

#### 4 Existing authorisations

A medical practitioner or other person who has an existing authorisation is treated as having been authorised to administer or supply, for the purposes of an approved immunisation programme,—

- (a) a vaccine or other prescription medicine otherwise than pursuant to a prescription; and
- (b) a restricted or pharmacy-only medicine without complying with section 18(1) of the Act.

Nicola Purvis,  
Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

### Explanatory note

*This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general effect.*

These regulations, which come into force on 19 December 2025, amend the Medicines Regulations 1984 (the **principal regulations**).

Regulation 44A of the principal regulations allows the Director-General of Health or a Medical Officer of Health to authorise a medical practitioner or other person to administer vaccines without a prescription for the purposes of an approved immunisation programme, subject to conditions.

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Explanatory note

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These regulations amend regulation 44A to allow a medical practitioner or other person to also be authorised to administer or supply a restricted, pharmacy-only, or prescription medicine (such as adrenaline). They may do so without a prescription and without meeting the requirements in section 18(1) of the Medicines Act 1981 for supply if required for the purposes of an approved immunisation programme.

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