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[as amended by all amendments that commenced on or before 3 June 2005]

## 1 Short title

This regulation may be cited as the *Ambulance Service Regulation 2003*.

## 2 Commencement

This regulation commences on 1 July 2003.

## 3 Definitions

The dictionary in the schedule defines particular words used in this regulation.

## 4 Transport by ambulance

- (1) If a person is involved in an accident or emergency and is transported by ambulance, the person may be taken to—
  - (a) the nearest public hospital; or
  - (b) another public hospital that the chief executive of the department in which the *Health Services Act 1991* is administered has decided is appropriate for the treatment of the person; or
  - (c) if transport to a hospital mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) is not practicable—a private hospital; or
  - (d) if arrangements have been made with a doctor—the doctor’s surgery; or
  - (e) at the request of the person or the person’s parent or guardian—
    - (i) the accident and emergency department of a local private hospital; or

- (ii) if a local doctor's surgery or office has the facilities to receive and treat the person—the surgery or office.
- (2) If a person in need of ambulance transport has been seen by a doctor, the person may be transported to a place nominated by the doctor.
- (3) Ambulance transport of a person from a hospital or a doctor's surgery to another place of medical care or a private residence may be provided only on the written request of a doctor.
- (4) A doctor must not make a nomination under subsection (2) or a request under subsection (3) unless the doctor is satisfied that the person can not safely, or reasonably, travel by an alternative form of transport.
- (5) The commissioner may—
  - (a) divert an ambulance to the scene of an accident or emergency; or
  - (b) allow more than 1 person to be transported in an ambulance; or
  - (c) limit the amount of baggage and the number of persons accompanying a person being transported in an ambulance.
- (6) Despite subsections (1), (2) and (5)(a), an ambulance officer may transport a person to any place where medical treatment is provided if the officer believes the person needs urgent medical treatment.

## **5 Fees for ambulance services**

- (1) The fees payable by a non-exempt person to the Queensland Ambulance Service for ambulance services provided to the person are as follows—
  - (a) for emergency transport—\$800;
  - (b) for non-emergency transport—
    - (i) if the ambulance does not travel more than 50km—\$298; or

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- (ii) otherwise—\$298 plus \$1.28 for each kilometre or part of a kilometre over 50km travelled by the ambulance;
  - (c) for ambulance attendance if ambulance transport is refused or not required and an ambulance officer examines the person or provides the person with first aid or emergency treatment—the greater of—
    - (i) \$84; or
    - (ii) \$11.55 for each kilometre or part of a kilometre travelled by the ambulance, to a maximum of \$800;
  - (d) for the treatment of the person at an ambulance casualty centre—\$14.55;
  - (e) for transport by aerial ambulance, the greater of—
    - (i) \$5.85 for each kilometre or part of a kilometre of the flight from, and return to, the airport where the aerial ambulance is normally based; or
    - (ii) \$275.
- (2) If the Queensland Ambulance Service receives an amount from the Motor Accident Insurance Fund for providing an ambulance service to the person, a fee is not payable under this section by the person for the service.
- (3) For subsection (1)(b) and (c), the distance travelled by the ambulance is taken—
- (a) to begin at the ambulance station nearest the place of attendance on the person; and
  - (b) to finish at that station.
- (4) If more than 1 non-exempt person is transported in an ambulance at the one time, the prescribed fee is payable by each person.
- (5) Despite subsection (4), a fee is not payable by a non-exempt person who is merely accompanying a person being transported in an ambulance.
- (6) Despite subsection (1), for a person under a disability, the fee is payable by the person's parent or guardian, manager or legal representative, as the case may be.

- (7) This section does not apply to the special use of ambulance services and vehicles for which the chief executive has set fees under section 54(4) of the Act.

## **6 Repeal of Ambulance Service Regulation 1991**

The Ambulance Service Regulation 1991 is repealed.



## Schedule                      Dictionary

### section 3

***emergency transport*** means transport provided by the service in response to a request for urgent help.

***estate under management*** see the *Public Trustee Act 1978*, section 64.

***guardian*** means a person who is recognised in law as having all the duties, powers, responsibilities and authority that, by law, parents have in relation to their children.

***non-emergency transport*** means transport provided by the service other than emergency transport.

***non-exempt person*** means a person other than a person who, under section 53B(1)<sup>1</sup> of the Act, is not liable to pay a charge under the Act for the use of an ambulance service.

***person under a disability*** means a non-exempt person who is—

- (a) a dependent minor; or
- (b) a person whose estate is an estate under management; or
- (c) a person otherwise legally incapable of managing the person's estate.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 53B (Exemption from payment for ambulance service) of the Act

## Endnotes

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### 2 Date to which amendments incorporated

This is the reprint date mentioned in the Reprints Act 1992, section 5(c). Accordingly, this reprint includes all amendments that commenced operation on or before 3 June 2005. Future amendments of the Ambulance Service Regulation 2003 may be made in accordance with this reprint under the Reprints Act 1992, section 49.

### 3 Key

#### Key to abbreviations in list of legislation and annotations

Key	Explanation	Key	Explanation
AIA	= Acts Interpretation Act 1954	(prev)	= previously
amd	= amended	proc	= proclamation
amdt	= amendment	prov	= provision
ch	= chapter	pt	= part
def	= definition	pubd	= published
div	= division	R[X]	= Reprint No.[X]
exp	= expires/expired	RA	= Reprints Act 1992
gaz	= gazette	reloc	= relocated
hdg	= heading	renum	= renumbered
ins	= inserted	rep	= repealed
lap	= lapsed	(retro)	= retrospectively
notfd	= notified	rv	= revised edition
o in c	= order in council	s	= section
om	= omitted	sch	= schedule
orig	= original	sdiv	= subdivision
p	= page	SIA	= Statutory Instruments Act 1992
para	= paragraph	SIR	= Statutory Instruments Regulation 2002
prec	= preceding	SL	= subordinate legislation
pres	= present	sub	= substituted
prev	= previous	unnum	= unnumbered

## 4 Table of reprints

Reprints are issued for both future and past effective dates. For the most up-to-date table of reprints, see the reprint with the latest effective date.

If a reprint number includes a letter of the alphabet, the reprint was released in unauthorised, electronic form only.

Reprint No.	Amendments included	Effective	Notes
1	none	1 July 2003	
1A	2004 SL No. 105	1 July 2004	
1B	2005 SL No. 105	3 June 2005	

## 5 List of legislation

### **Ambulance Service Regulation 2003 SL No. 148**

made by the Governor in Council on 26 June 2003

notfd gaz 27 June 2003 pp 749–56

ss 1–2 commenced on date of notification

remaining provisions commenced 1 July 2003 (see s 2)

exp 1 September 2013 (see SIA s 54)

Note—The expiry date may have changed since this reprint was published. See the latest reprint of the SIR for any change.

amending legislation—

### **Ambulance Service Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2004 SL No. 105**

notfd gaz 25 June 2004 pp 573–81

ss 1–2 commenced on date of notification

remaining provisions commenced 1 July 2004 (see s 2)

### **Emergency Services Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2005 SL No. 105 pts 1–2**

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s 4(2)–(9) commences 1 July 2005 (see s 2)

remaining provisions commenced on date of notification

## 6 List of annotations

### **Fees for ambulance services**

**prov hdg** amd 2005 SL No. 105 s 4(1)

**s 5** amd 2004 SL No. 105 s 4