



*Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2021*

# **Voluntary Assisted Dying Regulation 2022**

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## Part 1 Preliminary

### 1 Short title

This regulation may be cited as the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Regulation 2022*.

### 2 Commencement

This regulation commences on 1 January 2023.

## Part 2 Prescribing, supplying and disposing of voluntary assisted dying substance

### 3 Other requirements for prescribing—Act, s 67

- (1) This section prescribes other requirements for section 67 of the Act.
- (2) The coordinating practitioner must state the following information on the prescription for the voluntary assisted dying substance—
  - (a) the coordinating practitioner's name;
  - (b) the place where the coordinating practitioner usually practices;
  - (c) the coordinating practitioner's phone number;
  - (d) the date the prescription is issued;
  - (e) the address of the person who is accessing voluntary assisted dying.
- (3) The coordinating practitioner must sign the prescription.

#### **4 Labelling requirements for voluntary assisted dying substance—Act, s 71**

- (1) This section prescribes labelling requirements for section 71 of the Act.
- (2) The authorised supplier must attach a label to the outside of the container or package of the voluntary assisted dying substance stating the following information—
  - (a) the name, address and telephone number of the place where the authorised supplier supplied the substance;
  - (b) the approved name or brand name of the substance;
  - (c) the form and strength of the substance;
  - (d) the total quantity of the substance in the container or package;
  - (e) the words ‘keep out of reach of children’ in red capital letters on a white background;
  - (f) the name of the person who is accessing voluntary assisted dying;
  - (g) the unique identifying number given to the prescription for the supply of the substance by the authorised supplier;
  - (h) the date the substance is supplied;
  - (i) the date on which the substance is due to expire.
- (3) Also, the authorised supplier must attach another label to the outside of the container or package of the voluntary assisted dying substance stating the following information—
  - (a) that the purpose of the dose of the substance is to cause death;
  - (b) that the substance must be stored in accordance with the Act;
  - (c) that any unused or remaining substance must be disposed of in accordance with the Act.
- (4) A word required under subsection (2) or (3) to be written on a label must—

- (a) be written in the English language; and
  - (b) be written in letters that are at least 1.5mm in height; and
  - (c) for a word other than a word mentioned in subsection (2)(e)—be written in a colour that provides a distinct contrast to the background colour.
- (5) In this section—  
*approved name* see the Poisons Standard, part 1.

## **5 Other requirements for supplying—Act, s 73**

- (1) This section prescribes other requirements for section 73 of the Act.
- (2) The authorised supplier must not supply the voluntary assisted dying substance if the prescription for the substance was issued more than 6 months before the day the substance is to be supplied.
- (3) The authorised supplier must keep the prescription for the voluntary assisted dying substance for at least 2 years after the day the substance was supplied.

## **6 Storage of voluntary assisted dying substance—Act, s 74**

- (1) This section prescribes requirements for section 74 of the Act.
- (2) The person must store the voluntary assisted dying substance in a box—
  - (a) that is not easily penetrable; and
  - (b) that is lockable with a lock of sturdy construction.
- (3) The person must immediately lock the box and keep the box locked unless the voluntary assisted dying substance is being prepared, administered or disposed of.

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**7 Other requirement for disposal—Act, s 79**

(1) For section 79 of the Act, the authorised disposer or administering practitioner must personally destroy the voluntary assisted dying substance or any unused or remaining substance.

(2) In this section—

*destroy*, a voluntary assisted dying substance or unused or remaining substance, means dispose of the substance in a way that renders it unusable and unidentifiable by any person.

**Part 3 Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board**

**8 Function of board to record and keep information—Act, s 117**

For section 117(1)(d) of the Act, the following information is prescribed—

- (a) the number of people assessed, whether as eligible or ineligible, for access to voluntary assisted dying in a first assessment;
- (b) the number of people assessed, whether as eligible or ineligible, for access to voluntary assisted dying in a consulting assessment;
- (c) for each person assessed in a first assessment—
  - (i) the sex of the person; and
  - (ii) the age of the person; and
  - (iii) the region where the person lives;
- (d) for each person assessed as eligible to access voluntary assisted dying in a first assessment and consulting assessment—the disease, illness or medical condition with which the person has been diagnosed;



- (e) the number of completed requests for voluntary assisted dying, as defined under section 117(2) of the Act;
- (f) for each completed request for voluntary assisted dying—
  - (i) whether the person has died, and if so, whether the person died—
    - (A) following self-administration of a voluntary assisted dying substance; or
    - (B) following the administration of a voluntary assisted dying substance by an administering practitioner; or
    - (C) without the administration of a voluntary assisted dying substance; or
  - (ii) whether the request was discontinued;
- (g) for each person who has made a final request—the period between the first request and the final request;
- (h) the number of medical practitioners who have been involved in requests for, or the provision of, voluntary assisted dying;
- (i) the number of nurse practitioners who have been involved in the provision of voluntary assisted dying;
- (j) the number of nurses who have been involved in the provision of voluntary assisted dying.