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OUR REF: ADD/10/59528

YOUR REF:

Nurse Immuniser  
As addressed

Dear Colleague

## **Extension of 'Interim Approval' to practice as a nurse immuniser**

I am writing to advise you of an extension to the nurse immuniser 'Interim Approval under regulation 5(3) Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Regulations 2006'. Please note on the reverse side the nurse immuniser 'Approval' is now extended to 30 June 2011. This updated 'Approval' replaces the 'Approval' signed by the Delegate of the Secretary, Department of Health, 29 June 2010.

Please note the following applies for a nurse immuniser to practice in Victoria:

A nurse who from 1 July 2010 is registered in Division 1 of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia register and who:

- on 30 June 2010 was registered in division 1 of the register of nurses endorsed under section 27A of the Health Professions Registration Act 2005 by the Nurses Board of Victoria in the approved area of practice – Immunisation

or

- has since that time satisfactorily completed the assessment by La Trobe University Nurse Immuniser Program in the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011, may possess and administer the Schedule 4 poisons:

The Royal College of Nursing Australia will now be the new accrediting body for nurse immuniser course/s of study in Victoria.

If you require further information with regard to this matter, please call the Immunisation Section on 1300 882 008.

Yours sincerely

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Manager, Immunisation Section



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## Approval under regulation 5(3) Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Regulations 2006

REF: ADF/08/14654

### Interim approval from 1 July 2010 until 30 June 2011

A nurse who is registered in Division 1 of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia register and who:

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or

- has satisfactorily completed the assessment by La Trobe University Nurse Immuniser Program in the period from 1 July 2010 until 30 June 2011,

may possess and administer the Schedule 4 poisons:

1. vaccines listed in Appendix 1, and
2. such other Schedule 4 poisons as are necessary for the treatment of anaphylactic reactions to the vaccines listed in Appendix 1,

under the following circumstances:

- (a) the nurse is employed or contracted by:
  - (i) a medical practitioner
  - (ii) a municipal council which employs, contracts or ensures access to a medical practitioner
 or
  - (iii) a health services permit holder who employs, contracts or ensures access to a medical practitioner.
- (b) the medical practitioner referred to in paragraph (a) is available to provide advice to the nurse on the use of the Schedule 4 poisons when needed,
- (c) the nurse possesses and administers only the Schedule 4 poisons obtained by the medical practitioner, municipal council or health services permit holder by whom he or she is employed or contracted, and
- (d) the nurse administers the Schedule 4 poisons in:
  - (i) the performance of his or her duties with the medical practitioner, municipal council or health services permit holder (as the case requires),
  - (ii) accordance with the edition of the Australian Immunisation Handbook that is current at the time of the administration, and
  - (iii) accordance with any guidelines issued by the Department of Health.

#### Appendix 1

Diphtheria	Human papillomavirus	Mumps	Rubella
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b	Influenza	Pertussis	<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>
Hepatitis A	Measles	Polio	Tetanus
Hepatitis B	Meningococcus	Rotavirus	Varicella

This approval supersedes the approval of 29 June 2010.

Approved:

Date:

20/12/2010

Chief Officer, Drugs and Poisons Regulation, Delegate of the Secretary, Department of Health

