

Fact sheet two

ART Provider Registration Scheme in South Australia

What is the ART provider registration scheme?

Under the *Assisted Reproductive Treatment Act 1988*, in order to provide assisted reproductive treatment (ART), a person¹ must be registered by the Minister for Health and Wellbeing to do so.

The Registration provisions in the Act and the Regulations set out:

- > eligibility for registration (see below)
- > mandatory conditions for registered ART providers
- > suspension or cancellation of registration
- > removal from the Register
- > reinstatement on the Register
- > appeal process.

The registration scheme for ART providers ensures accountability and transparency for those receiving assisted reproductive treatment services in South Australia.

Who is eligible to be registered to provide assisted reproductive treatment?

To be eligible for registration to provide ART in South Australia, a person must meet specific requirements under the Act and the Regulations. An applicant (including directors and key personnel²) must demonstrate to the Minister that they are:

- > a fit and proper person
- > Reproductive Technology Accreditation Committee (RTAC) accredited and licensed

- > qualified in accordance with the RTAC Code of Practice requirements.

The applicant is required to complete an Application for ART Registration form and submit the necessary supporting evidence to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing.

How is an application for registration to provide ART made?

The Application for ART Registration can be downloaded from the fertility services link in the SA Health website. The form needs to be completed and signed by the applicant/s, including company directors/authorised officers and key personnel. Once completed, the application form, together with all supporting documentation, should be sent to:

The Minister for Health and Wellbeing
Attention: Policy and Legislation
Assisted Reproductive Treatment
Level 10, PO Box 287
Rundle Mall
ADELAIDE SA 5000

What requirements do registered ART providers have to meet?

Registered ART providers must:

- > comply with the Act, the regulations and any conditions imposed on their registration
- > be and maintain their RTAC accreditation and National Association of Testing Authorities accreditation
- > comply with the National Health and Medical Research Council's *Ethical Guidelines on the use of ART in clinical practice and research*
- > comply with any policies or guidelines issued from time to time
- > submit reports to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing on request.

¹ A person in this context means an incorporated or unincorporated entity (in accordance with s57A of the *Corporations Act 2001*). To be eligible for registration, accreditation from the Reproductive Technology Accreditation Committee (RTAC) is required.

² Key personnel under the RTAC accreditation requirements are the Medical Director, Scientific Director, Nursing Manager and Senior Counsellor.



How can I find registered ART providers in South Australia?

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The Register of ART Providers in South Australia can be downloaded from our *Provider Register* webpage.

The Register includes the following details:

- > registered providers'³ full name and address
- > details of any conditions of registration
- > address of each site where the Registered ART provider is providing treatment
- > web site address.

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For more information

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³ The Registered ART Provider is the ART Organisation. All sites providing treatment under the auspices of the ART Organisation are not required to be registered but must be RTAC accredited and licensed.