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## 1. Scope

Section 18(1d)(a)(iii) of the *Controlled Substances Act 1984* (the Act) authorises a registered health practitioner to administer a prescription drug (not being a drug of dependence), hereafter referred to as an S4 drug, to a person if the practitioner is acting in the ordinary course of the practitioner's profession and the practitioner is authorised to administer the drug by the regulations. For the purposes of section 18(1d)(a)(iii) of the Act, regulation 18(3) of the *Controlled Substances (Poisons) Regulations 2011* (the Regulations) authorises a registered health practitioner of a class determined by the Minister, to administer an S4 drug if the administration is in accordance with the requirements of the Vaccine Administration Code (the Code) published by the South Australian Department for Health and Wellbeing, and provided that all the other requirements of regulation 18(3) are met.

The Code is published under the authority of the Chief Executive of the Department for Health and Wellbeing and is to be read in conjunction with the relevant provisions of the Act and the Regulations.

## 2. Interpretation

In this Code unless the contrary intention appears—

**midwife** means a person registered under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law*—

(a) to practise in the nursing and midwifery profession as a midwife (other than as a student); and

(b) in the register of midwives kept for that profession;

**pharmacist** means a person registered under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law* to practise in the pharmacy profession (other than as a student);

**registered health practitioner** means an individual who is registered under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law* to practise a health profession, other than as a student;

**registered nurse** means a person registered under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law*—

(a) to practise in the nursing and midwifery profession as a nurse (other than as a student); and

(b) in the registered nurses division of that profession;

**S4 drug** means a prescription drug (not being a drug of dependence).

### 3. Application

This Code applies to the administration of an S4 drug by a registered health practitioner of a class determined by the Minister, for the purposes of regulation 18(3) of the Regulations.

A registered health practitioner of a class determined by the Minister includes registered nurses, midwives and pharmacists.

### 4. Administration of S4 drugs under the Code

4.1 The registered health practitioner may only administer the S4 drugs listed in Appendix 1 to the Code following the successful completion of an approved immunisation training program and subject to conditions listed in Appendix 2 to the Code, or an S4 drug that may be approved by the Minister and published on the SA Health website at [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisationprovider](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisationprovider).

### 5. Specified Immunisation Programs

5.1 The S4 drug must be administered as part of a specified immunisation program as published on the SA Health website at [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisationprovider](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisationprovider) and administered in accordance with the recommendations in the Australian Immunisation Handbook published by the Commonwealth Department of Health as in force from time to time.

### 6. Approved training programs

6.1 The training programs approved by the Minister for the purposes of regulation 18(3)(a) are published on the SA Health website at [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisationprovider](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisationprovider).

### 7. Approved organisations

7.1 The organisations approved by the Minister for the purposes of regulation 18(3)(c)(i)(ii) are published on the SA Health website at [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisationprovider](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisationprovider).

Class of registered health practitioner	S4 drugs that may be administered	Conditions
Registered nurses who have successfully completed an approved training program listed in Table 1 of <i>Approved immunisation training programs in South Australia</i> , as published on the SA Health website <a href="http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisation-provider">www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisation-provider</a>	Either singly or in combination, the S4 drugs listed in Appendix 2 to the Code or an S4 drug approved by the Minister	
Registered nurses who have successfully completed an approved training program listed in Table 2 of <i>Approved immunisation training programs in South Australia</i> , as published on the SA Health website <a href="http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisation-provider">www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisation-provider</a>	Either singly or in combination, the S4 drugs listed in Appendix 2 to the Code or an S4 drug approved by the Minister	The S4 drug must not be administered to a person under the age of 16 years
Registered nurses who have successfully completed an approved training program listed in Table 1 or Table 2 <i>Approved immunisation training programs in South Australia</i> , <b>and</b> have successfully completed an approved COVID-19 immunisation education program as published on the SA Health website <a href="http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisation-provider">www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisation-provider</a>	Singly, the following S4 drugs— COVID-19 vaccine	
Midwives who have successfully completed an approved training program listed in Table 3 of <i>Approved immunisation training programs in South Australia</i> , as published on the SA Health website <a href="http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisation-provider">www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisation-provider</a>	The S4 drugs—  Either singly or in combination, the following S4 drugs— Hepatitis B vaccine Influenza vaccine Measles vaccine Mumps vaccine Rubella vaccine  Only in combination, the adult formulation of the following S4 drugs— Diphtheria vaccine Pertussis vaccine	The child formulation of Hepatitis B vaccine may only be administered up to the 7 <sup>th</sup> day from birth.  The Hepatitis B, Measles, Mumps or Rubella vaccine may only be administered pre or post pregnancy following appropriate screening, but not during pregnancy.  An adult formulation S4 drug must not be

	Tetanus vaccine.	administered to a person under the age of 16 years.
Midwives who have successfully completed an approved training program listed in Table 3 of <i>Approved immunisation education programs in South Australia</i> , <b>and</b> have successfully completed an approved COVID-19 immunisation education program as published on the SA Health website <a href="http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisation-provider">www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisation-provider</a>	Singly, the following S4 drugs— COVID-19 vaccine	
Pharmacists who have successfully completed an approved training program listed in Table 4 of <i>Approved immunisation training programs in South Australia</i> , as published on the SA Health website <a href="http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisation-provider">www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisation-provider</a>	Singly, the following S4 drugs— Influenza vaccine	The S4 drug must not be administered to a person under the age of 10 years.
Pharmacists who have successfully completed an approved training program listed in Table 4 of <i>Approved immunisation training programs in South Australia</i> , as published on the SA Health website <a href="http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisation-provider">www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisation-provider</a>	The S4 drugs—  Only in combination, the following S4 drugs— Measles vaccine Mumps vaccine Rubella vaccine  Only in combination, the adult formulation of the following S4 drugs— Diphtheria vaccine Pertussis vaccine Tetanus vaccine  Only in combination the adult formulation of the following S4 drugs— Diphtheria vaccine Pertussis vaccine Poliomyelitis vaccine Tetanus vaccine	The S4 drug must not be administered to a person under the age of 16 years.

<p>Pharmacists who have successfully completed an approved training program listed in Table 4 of <i>Approved immunisation education programs in South Australia</i>, <b>and</b> have successfully completed an approved COVID-19 immunisation education program as published on the SA Health website <a href="http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisation-provider">www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisation-provider</a></p>	<p>Singly, the following S4 drugs— COVID-19 vaccine</p>	
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<b>S4 drugs</b>
COVID-19 vaccine
Diphtheria vaccine, child or adult formulation
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b vaccine
Hepatitis A vaccine, child or adult formulation
Hepatitis B vaccine, child or adult formulation
Human papillomavirus vaccine
Influenza vaccine, child or adult formulation
Measles vaccine
Meningococcal B recombinant vaccine
Meningococcal C conjugate vaccine
Meningococcal ACWY conjugate vaccine
Mumps vaccine
Pertussis vaccine, child or adult formulation
Pneumococcal conjugate 13 valent vaccine
Pneumococcal polysaccharide 23 valent vaccine
Poliomyelitis vaccine
Rotavirus vaccine
Rubella vaccine
Tetanus vaccine, child or adult formulation
Varicella zoster virus vaccine
Other S4 drugs as approved by the Minister to take account of a particular outbreak or situation. The other S4 drugs approved by the Minister are listed on the SA Health website at <a href="http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisationprovider">www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisationprovider</a> .



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**Application of Part 4 of Act (general offences)—Part 3**

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(3) For the purposes of section 18(1d)(a)(iii) of the Act, a registered health practitioner of a class determined by the Minister may administer a prescription drug (not being a drug of dependence) to a person if—

(a) the registered health practitioner has successfully completed a training program approved by the Minister from time to time for the purposes of this subregulation; and

(b) the drug is listed in the Vaccine Administration Code or is a drug approved by the Minister from time to time for the purposes of this subregulation; and

(c) the drug is administered as part of—

(i) an immunisation program delivered by—

(A) an incorporated hospital; or

(B) SAAS; or

(C) a council or council subsidiary; or

(ii) an immunisation program delivered by an organisation approved by the Minister for the purposes of this subregulation; and

(d) the drug is administered in accordance with—

(i) the Vaccine Administration Code; and

(ii) —

(A) in the case of a drug administered as part of the *National Immunisation Program*—the *National Immunisation Program Schedule* and the *Australian Immunisation Handbook*;

or (B) in any other case—requirements specified by the Minister.

(4) In this regulation—

***Australian Immunisation Handbook*** means *The Australian Immunisation Handbook* published by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing, as in force from time to time;

***National Immunisation Program Schedule*** means the *National Immunisation Program Schedule* published by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing, as in force from time to time.