



Summary IAS

Details

Lead department	Queensland Health
Name of the proposal	Assisted Reproductive Technology (Postponement) Regulation 2025
Submission type (Summary IAS / Consultation IAS / Decision IAS)	Summary IAS
Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument	<i>Assisted Reproductive Technology Act 2024</i>
Date of issue	August 2025

For proposals noted in table below

Complete and delete rows where applicable. No further analysis is required.

Proposal type	Details
Minor and machinery in nature	<p>On 19 September 2024, the <i>Assisted Reproductive Technology Act 2024</i> (Act) received Royal Assent. The Act establishes a state-based regulatory framework for assisted reproductive technology providers. It also establishes a donor conception information register (Register) in Queensland for people to access information about donors and donor-conceived people. Some parts of the Act commenced on assent, with section 2 of the Act stating that a range of provisions will commence on a day to be fixed by proclamation.</p> <p>Under section 15DA(2) of the <i>Acts Interpretation Act 1954</i>, if the commencement of a provision has been postponed to commence by proclamation, rather than assent, and has not commenced within one year of assent, it automatically commences on the next day. However, section 15DA(3) of the <i>Acts Interpretation Act</i> provides that within one year of the day of assent, a regulation may extend the period before automatic commencement to not more than two years of the day of assent.</p> <p>Pursuant to section 15DA of the <i>Acts Interpretation Act</i>, the Assisted Reproductive Technology (Postponement) Regulation 2025 (Regulation) will postpone commencement of the remaining provisions of the Act to the end of 19 September 2026. This will ensure the provisions do not automatically commence one year from assent in September 2025.</p> <p>Following the postponement, the uncommenced provisions relating to the regulation of assisted reproductive technology services are intended to be commenced by proclamation on 1 March 2026. Provisions relating to the Register are intended to be commenced in two stages in 2026. This will allow time for implementation activities associated with establishing the regulatory framework and the Register.</p> <p>Given the Regulation only postpones the commencement of provisions, Queensland Health has assessed the Regulation as machinery in nature. The Regulation does not result in a substantive change to regulatory policy or create new impacts on business, government or the community.</p>



	Queensland Health has identified that no further regulatory impact analysis is required under the <i>Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy</i> .
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*Refer to [The Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy](#) for regulatory proposals not requiring regulatory impact analysis (for example, public sector management, changes to existing criminal laws, taxation).

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Dr David Rosengren
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Date: 29/07/2025

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Timothy Nicholls MP
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Date: 15/08/2025