

Impact Analysis Statement

Summary Impact Analysis Statement

Details

Lead department	Queensland Health
Name of the proposal	Proclamation commencing the provisions of the <i>Pharmacy Business Ownership Act 2024</i> that are not in force
Submission type	Summary Impact Analysis Statement
Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument	<i>Pharmacy Business Ownership Act 2024</i>
Date of issue	October 2025

For proposals noted in table below

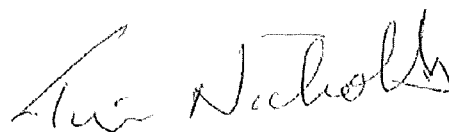
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Proposal type	Details
Minor and machinery in nature	On 28 March 2024, the <i>Pharmacy Business Ownership Act 2024</i> (Act) received Royal Assent. The Act establishes a new licensing scheme for Queensland pharmacy businesses. When the scheme commences, responsibility for regulating pharmacy business ownership will transition from Queensland Health to the Queensland Pharmacy Business Ownership Council (Council). Section 2 of the Act provides that the Act commences on a day to be fixed by Proclamation. To support the operational implementation of the Act, the commencement of provisions of the Act have been staggered. On 1 September 2024, the first Proclamation commenced the provisions of the Act that were necessary for the Council to start performing its non-licensing functions (SL No. 193 of 2024). At the same time, the <i>Pharmacy Business Ownership (Postponement) Regulation 2024</i> postponed the automatic commencement of the uncommenced provisions of the Act to the end of 28 March 2026. On 16 June 2025, the second Proclamation commenced the provisions of the Act relating to the Council's chief executive officer and Council staff (SL No. 29 of 2025). On 1 November 2025, it is proposed that this third and final Proclamation will commence the remaining provisions of the Act that are not in force. This includes the provisions in relation to ownership and material interests, licensing, investigation and enforcement, review of decisions, and transitional and miscellaneous provisions. It is proposed that the <i>Pharmacy Business Ownership Regulation 2025</i> will commence on the same day. Queensland Health has assessed the Proclamation as machinery in nature as it only has the effect of commencing provisions not yet in force. Queensland Health has identified that no further regulatory impact analysis is required under <i>The Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy</i>.



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