

SUMMARY ONLY

Links to the *Poisons Act 1971* (the 'Act') and *Poisons Regulations 2008* can be found at
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	SCHEDULE 4 – Restricted Substances		SCHEDULE 8 – Narcotic Substances	
	S4 General	S4D Specified Psychotropic Substances and Declared Restricted Substances	S8 Opioids, flunitrazepam and alprazolam	Psychostimulants Dexamfetamine, methylphenidate, and lisdexamfetamine
Medical Practitioner (Defined in Section 3 of the Act)	Any medical practitioner registered with AHPRA	The Medical Practitioner must be present and practising in Tasmania. For a repeat, the interval must be endorsed ¹ R.41(4)(a)(vi) (NB: see Repeat Intervals ¹ overleaf)	The Medical Practitioner must be present and practising in Tasmania. Repeats allowed R.15(7)(a)(iv) Interval must be endorsed R.23(5)-(7)¹ Repeats to be retained where first dispensed ² R.23(2) Authority required from DHHS before supply of items listed under R.19(1)	The Medical Practitioner must be present and practising in Tasmania. Repeats allowed R.15(7)(a)(iv) Interval must be endorsed R.23(5)-(7)¹ Repeats to be retained where first dispensed ² R.23(2) Authority required from DHHS before supply of all psychostimulants R.19(1)
Nurse Practitioner (Defined in S3 of the Act)	Must be Authorised under S25B of the Act to prescribe certain substances or classes of substances	The Nurse Practitioner must be present and practising in Tasmania. Must be Authorised under S25B of the Act to prescribe S4Ds For a repeat, the interval must be endorsed ¹ R.41(4)(a)(vi) (NB: see Repeat Intervals ¹ overleaf)	The Nurse Practitioner must be present and practising in Tasmania. Must be Authorised under S25B of the Act to prescribe certain S8 substances Repeats allowed R.15(7)(a)(iv) Interval must be endorsed R.23(5)-(7)¹ Repeats to be retained where first dispensed ² R.23(2) Authority required from DHHS before supply of items listed under R.19(1)	The Nurse Practitioner must be present and practising in Tasmania. Must be Authorised under S25B of the Act to prescribe psychostimulants
Veterinary Surgeon Prescription to be endorsed: "For animal treatment only"	Must be registered in Tasmania or hold full registration in another Australian State or Territory	Veterinary Surgeon must be present and practicing in Tasmania For repeat, interval must be endorsed R.41(4)(a)(vi)	Veterinary Surgeon must be present and practicing in Tasmania No repeat allowed R.23(12) Cannot prescribe drugs listed under regulation 19(1)	Prescribing prohibited unless State authority issued for methylphenidate R.15(12)
Dentist Only for dental treatment only	Any dentist registered with AHPRA	Dental Practitioner must be present and practicing in Tasmania. For repeat, interval must be endorsed. R.41(4)(vi)	Dental Practitioner must be present and practicing in Tasmania No repeat allowed R.15(9) Cannot prescribe drugs listed under regulation 19(1)	Prescribing prohibited R.15(14)
Optometrists (Endorsed) Authorised by AHPRA to prescribe	Only Class I drugs approved under S38 (1) of the Act	No R.11(2)	No R.11(2)	No R.11(2)

Prescription validity from date of writing	12 months R.46(17)(a)	6 months R.46(17)(b)	6 months R.23(17)	6 months R.23(17)
Prescribe for self	No restriction under the Act		Self-prescribing prohibited R.15(4)	
Number of items per prescription	No restriction under the Act		One preparation only R.15(7)(ab)(b)	
Emergency supply (no prescription)	3 days' supply only R.48(a),(b)(i), or unit pack R.48(b)(ii) also see ³	No supply without prescriber's authority R.18	No supply without prescriber's authority R.18	
Notes				
¹ Repeat Intervals R.23(5)-(7) & R.46(3)-(5)	<p>Where the prescription is for a narcotic substance and the dispensing of the prescription is authorised to be repeated, the minimum intervals at which it may be dispensed must be handwritten on the prescription by the prescriber. Where the prescription is for a declared restricted substance and the dispensing of the prescription is authorised to be repeated, the minimum intervals at which it may be dispensed must be indicated on the prescription by the prescriber. If this has not occurred, the pharmacist may do one of the following –</p> <p>(1) dispense original supply only, then cancel script;</p> <p>(2) contact prescriber for further instructions;</p> <p>(3) if the script has specific dose directions, calculate when new supply required and allow up to 4 days before that date. In the case of (2) and (3), the pharmacist is to write on script how minimum interval was ascertained, and sign and date the script.</p> <p>In the case of (3) where a pharmacist is dispensing a repeat, the due date for dispensing should be calculated using the date of first supply (not the date of the dispensing of the previous repeat).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NB All directions, including the repeat interval for S8 and S4D substances MUST be handwritten by the prescriber</p>			
² Retaining S8 repeats R.23(2)	All repeats must be retained by pharmacy where they were first dispensed. If a patient requests a transfer to another pharmacy the pharmacist must seek verbal or written authorisation from dhhs.tas.gov.au/psbtas			
³ Supply without prescription	<p>The following Regulations also apply:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R.43 Emergency prescribing and dispensing of restricted substances R.43A Continued dispensing without prescriptions in specified circumstances R.49 Supply of restricted substance in a medical institution</p>			
Verifying S8 R.24(1)	R24 (2). Authenticate validity. If unable to authenticate the validity of the prescription a pharmacist may provide 2 days' supply only until validity can be confirmed			
Recording all prescriptions R.46(8)(c)	All prescriptions must be recorded (including those containing unscheduled substances) in an appropriate recording system and the record retained for 2 years			
Marking prescriptions R.46(8)(a)(d) and R46(12)(a)(b)	<p style="text-align: center;">NB for PBS scripts, mark the duplicate. The prescription must be labelled with the following:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Date and signature of the pharmacist at each supply Address of dispensary and name of seller Identification code (numbers, letters) to match each label and prescription record At last supply, mark 'CANCELLED' and retain for 2 years</p>			
Repeats and quantity	The Regulations do not specify any limits on number of repeats or quantity of drug			
Schedule 3 substances	Pharmacy must be identified on Schedule 3 items. R.53(4)			
Narcotic Storage R.25	All narcotic storage must comply with R.25 . A "day safe" is allowed during the hours a pharmacy is open. The 'day safe' must be capable of being securely locked when not in use. The key must be retained by the pharmacist so no other person has access. The contents of the 'day safe' must be stored in the approved safe when a pharmacist is not onsite.			

