



# Misuse of Drugs (Medicinal Cannabis) Amendment Regulations 2021

Patsy Reddy, Governor-General

## Order in Council

At Wellington this 15th day of March 2021

Present:

Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

These regulations are made under sections 37 and 37A of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975—

- (a) on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council; and
- (b) on the recommendation of the Minister of Health given in accordance with section 37A of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975.

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## Regulations

### 1 Title

These regulations are the Misuse of Drugs (Medicinal Cannabis) Amendment Regulations 2021.

**2 Commencement**

These regulations come into force on 30 March 2021.

**3 Principal regulations**

These regulations amend the Misuse of Drugs (Medicinal Cannabis) Regulations 2019 (the **principal regulations**).

**4 Schedule 1 amended**

In Schedule 1, clause 1(2), replace “1 April 2021” with “1 October 2021”.

Michael Webster,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

**Explanatory note**

*This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.*

These regulations, which come into force on 30 March 2021, amend the Misuse of Drugs (Medicinal Cannabis) Regulations 2019.

The amendment provides a 6-month extension to the transitional period during which there is an exemption to the minimum quality standard that applies to certain medicinal cannabis products of a licence holder. That transitional period now ends on 30 September 2021, and the minimum quality standard will apply on and after 1 October 2021.

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2012.

Date of notification in *Gazette*: 18 March 2021.

These regulations are administered by the Ministry of Health.