



## **Medicines (COVID-19 Vaccinators) Amendment Regulations 2021**

Patsy Reddy, Governor-General

### **Order in Council**

At Wellington this 24th day of May 2021

Present:

The Right Hon Jacinda Ardern presiding in Council

These regulations are made under section 105 of the Medicines Act 1981—

- (a) on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council ; and
- (b) on the advice of the Minister of Health given after consultation with the organisations and bodies that appeared to the Minister to be representative of persons likely to be substantially affected.

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## Regulations

### 1 Title

These regulations are the Medicines (COVID-19 Vaccinators) Amendment Regulations 2021.

### 2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 28 May 2021.

### 3 Principal regulations

These regulations amend the Medicines Regulations 1984.

### 4 Revocation

These regulations are revoked on 1 June 2023.

### 5 New regulation 44AB inserted (Authorisation of vaccinators)

After regulation 44A, insert:

#### **44AB Authorisation of vaccinators**

- (1) The Director-General or a Medical Officer of Health may authorise a person who meets the requirements of this regulation to be a COVID-19 vaccinator—
  - (a) to prepare the COVID-19 vaccine;
  - (b) to administer the COVID-19 vaccine without a prescription.
- (2) In applying for authorisation as a COVID-19 vaccinator, a person must provide evidence to satisfy the Director-General or Medical Officer of Health, as the case may be,—
  - (a) that the person has successfully completed training as approved by the Director-General for either or both of the following:
    - (i) the preparation of the COVID-19 vaccine for administration;
    - (ii) the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine; and
  - (b) that the person also has the following competencies:
    - (i) the person can carry out basic emergency techniques, including resuscitation and the treatment of anaphylaxis; and
    - (ii) the person has knowledge of the safe and effective handling of immunisation products and equipment.
- (3) A person authorised as a COVID-19 vaccinator must, at all times while performing the tasks authorised under these regulations, work under the clinical supervision and direction of a suitably qualified health practitioner.

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 come into force on 28 May 2021 and are revoked on 1 June 2023. These regulations amend the Medicines Regulations 1984. *Regulation 5* inserts *new regulation 44AB* into the principal regulations. The effect of the amendment is to provide for the authorisation of personnel not otherwise authorised as COVID-19 vaccinators upon satisfactory completion of certain training. A person authorised under these regulations must, while performing tasks under these regulations, work under the clinical supervision and direction of a suitably qualified health practitioner.

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These regulations are administered by the Ministry of Health.