



Medicines (Assisted Dying Medications) Amendment Regulations 2021

Patsy Reddy, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 20th day of September 2021

Present:

The Right Hon Jacinda Ardern presiding in Council

These regulations are made under section 105(1)(i) 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 in accordance with that section.

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Regulations

- 1 Title**
These regulations are the Medicines (Assisted Dying Medications) Amendment Regulations 2021.

2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 7 November 2021.

3 Principal regulations

These regulations amend the Medicines Regulations 1984.

4 New regulation 58E inserted (Medications used for assisted dying are medicines)

After regulation 58D, insert:

58E Medications used for assisted dying are medicines

Medications, when used for assisted dying under the End of Life Choice Act 2019, are medicines for the purposes of the Act.

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 7 November 2021, amend the Medicines Regulations 1984. The amendment inserts *new regulation 58E*, which provides that medications, when used for assisted dying under the End of Life Choice Act 2019, are medicines for the purposes of the Medicines Act 1981. Medications used for assisted dying under the End of Life Choice Act 2019 are specified as medicines because they affect a physiological process by pharmacological, immunological, or metabolic means.

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2012.

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These regulations are administered by the Ministry of Health.