



**REGISTRATION STANDARD FOR
ENDORSEMENT FOR SCHEDULED
MEDICINES FOR MIDWIVES**

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Summary

To be eligible for endorsement for scheduled medicines under section 94 of the National Law, applicants must be able to demonstrate they meet all the following requirements: being a currently registered midwife in Australia; being able to demonstrate the equivalent of three (3) years full time post initial registration experience as a midwife and evidence of current competence to provide pregnancy, labour, birth and post natal care, through professional practice review; and have an approved qualification to prescribe scheduled medicines required for practice across that continuum of midwifery care in accordance with relevant State and Territory legislation.

Wording to appear on the register

Endorsed as qualified to prescribe schedule 2, 3, 4 and 8 medicines required for midwifery practice across pregnancy, labour, birth and post natal care, in accordance with relevant State and Territory legislation.

Scope of endorsement

This endorsement applies to a class of midwives and not to all midwives.

An endorsement under section 94 indicates that the midwife is qualified to prescribe schedule 2, 3, 4 or 8 medicines appropriate for midwifery practice across pregnancy, labour, birth and post natal care within the meaning of the current poisons standard under section 52D the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989 (Cwth); and in compliance with relevant State and Territory legislation.

Qualifications

To be entitled to be endorsed for scheduled medicines, a midwife must be able to demonstrate, at a minimum, all the following:

- a) Current general registration as a midwife in Australia with no restrictions on practice;
- b) Midwifery experience that constitutes the equivalent of three (3) years full time post initial registration as a midwife;
- c) Current competence to provide pregnancy, labour, birth and post natal care to women and their infants;
- d) Successful completion of an approved professional practice review program for midwives working across the continuum of midwifery care;
- e) 20 additional hours per year of continuing professional development relating to the continuum of midwifery care;
- f) Successful completion of:
 - i. an accredited and approved program of study determined by the Board to develop midwives' knowledge and skills in prescribing, or
 - ii. a program that is substantially equivalent to such an approved program of study, as determined by the Board.

Review

Date of issue: 1 July 2010

Date of review: The Board will review this endorsement at least every three years of operation

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