

# Understanding the Illegality of Self-Prescribing in Victoria



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In Victoria it is illegal for a registered medical practitioner to self-prescribe any S4 or S8 medication. If you are prosecuted and found guilty, not only can you (currently) be fined up to \$15,857, you may now also have a criminal conviction recorded against your name.

Whilst MIPS strongly maintains a stance that it is never acceptable to self-prescribe (and notes the old saying that if you do, you have a fool for a patient) it is essential for those practising in Victoria to understand and comply with this change.

On the [health.vic](https://www.health.vic) website, it states that "self-administration and prescribing for personal use is prohibited" in respect of medical practitioners.

Those seeking further clarification, please refer to ss17, 88 and 105 of the [Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Regulation 2017 \(Vic\)](#)

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