

Opioid Prescribing Laws by State in Australia



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In Australia, opioid medicines must be prescribed, dispensed, documented, and destroyed in specific ways that are compliant with State and Territory's specific drug regulations. This complexity is a common source of confusion among prescribers, as a legal prescription in one State may not be legal in another.

This webinar will equip you with a comprehensive update on S8 medicines prescription laws and provide you with easy-to-reference support materials to minimise the ambiguity around these requirements, therefore reducing the time you may spend correcting non-compliant prescriptions and therefore minimising your risk. The session will focus on Victorian, NSW and Queensland requirements but resources will be made available for each State and Territory.

Learning outcomes

At the end of this webinar, participants will be able to:

1. Identify the current State-specific requirements for obtaining authority to prescribe Schedule 8 (S8) medicines.
2. Describe the current State-specific legal requirements for prescribing Schedule 8 (S8) medicines.
3. Identify effective strategies to avoid potential conflicts with differing state regulations on opioid prescribing.

Presenters

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Andrew Smith from Ball & Partners has extensive experience assisting and defending members in relation to claims, complaints and investigations relating to prescribing.

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