



# **National Health Amendment (COVID-19) Act 2021**

**No. 108, 2021**

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for related purposes**

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[Assented to 13 September 2021]

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

## **1 Short title**

This Act is the *National Health Amendment (COVID-19) Act 2021*.

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## 2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

<b>Commencement information</b>		
<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>
<b>Provisions</b>	<b>Commencement</b>	<b>Date/Details</b>
1. The whole of this Act	The day this Act receives the Royal Assent.	13 September 2021

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this Act as originally enacted. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this Act.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this Act. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this Act.

## 3 Schedules

Legislation that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.

## **Schedule 1—Amendments**

### *National Health Act 1953*

#### **1 After Part VIIIA**

Insert:

### **Part VIIIB—COVID-19 vaccines and treatments**

#### **132G Provision of COVID-19 vaccines and treatments**

- (1) The Minister may provide or arrange for the provision of:
  - (a) COVID-19 vaccines (including boosters); and
  - (b) treatments for COVID-19; and
  - (c) consumables related to the use of such vaccines and treatments.
- (2) To avoid doubt:
  - (a) subsection (1) covers payments for vaccines, treatments or consumables even if arrangements to purchase those vaccines, treatments or consumables were made before this Part commenced; and
  - (b) this Part does not limit the provision of vaccines, treatments or consumables for COVID-19 or any other disease or ailment under another provision of this Act or any other law.
- (3) This Part has no effect after 30 June 2022.

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*[Minister's second reading speech made in—  
House of Representatives on 26 August 2021  
Senate on 1 September 2021]*

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