

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 2016 (WA)

**INSTRUMENT OF AUTHORISATION
AUTHORISATION TO SUPPLY OR ADMINISTER A POISON
[SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19) VACCINE – COVID-19 VACCINATORS –
CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH SERVICE]
(No. 8) 2021**

1. The World Health Organisation declared COVID-19 a pandemic on 11 March 2020. On 23 March 2020, the Minister for Health declared a public health state of emergency with effect from 1.30 pm on 23 March 2020 in respect of COVID-19 pursuant to section 167 of the *Public Health Act 2016* (Act). On 22 September 2021, the Minister for Health declared a further public health state of emergency with effect from 4.25 pm on 22 September 2021 in respect of COVID-19 pursuant to section 167 of the Act. The public health state of emergency applies to the State of Western Australia.
2. I, Dr Andrew Robertson, Chief Health Officer (WA), acting pursuant to sections 197 and 198 of the Act that gives power, for the purposes of emergency management during a public health state of emergency, to authorise a person to supply or administer a poison, hereby authorise the person(s) occupying the class of position in Column 1 of the attached Schedule to perform the statutory functions in Column 2 of the attached Schedule, subject to the conditions, limitations or restrictions (if any) set out in Column 3 of the attached Schedule.
3. The Schedule is attached as Annexure A.
4. This instrument of authorisation takes effect immediately upon signing and shall remain in force until the public health state of emergency is no longer in force or until otherwise amended or revoked.
5. This instrument of authorisation is additional to the following:
 - *Instrument of Authorisation - Authorisation To Supply Or Administer A Poison [SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19) VACCINE] (No. 6) 2021;*
 - *Instrument of Authorisation - Authorisation To Supply Or Administer A Poison [SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19) VACCINE – Australian Defence Force] (No. 7) 2021;*
and
 - *Instrument of Authorisation - To Supply Or Administer A Poison [SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19) VACCINE – COVID VACCINATORS – WA COUNTRY HEALTH SERVICE] (No. 9) 2021*

DATED this *22nd* day of *September* 2021 at *21:26* hours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Robertson', written in a cursive style.

Dr Andrew Robertson
CHIEF HEALTH OFFICER

SCHEDULE

Column 1 Authorised Officers	Column 2 Functions	Column 3 Conditions, Limitations or Restrictions
1. COVID Vaccinators*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive, possess and supply the SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19) VACCINE to Premises.[^] • Administer the SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19) VACCINE, to individuals at the Premises to which the vaccines have been supplied, in accordance with the Department of Health's MP 0153/21 COVID-19 Vaccination Program Policy (as amended from time to time). 	<p>An authorised officer(s) exercising a function listed under Column 2 of the Schedule must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that each administration event occurs under the direction of an appropriate registered health practitioner.^{^^} • Ensure that each administration event is recorded on the Australian Immunisation Register. • Ensure that any adverse events, following immunisation, is recorded on the Western Australian Vaccine Safety Surveillance. • Carry out the functions in line with the requirements for supply and administration of Schedule 4 medicines in the <i>Medicines and Poisons Act 2014</i> (WA) and the <i>Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016</i> (WA) to the extent that they are consistent with the authorisation.
2. COVID-19 Vaccinators**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive, possess and supply the SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19) VACCINE to Premises.[^] • Administer the SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19) VACCINE, to individuals 	<p>An authorised officer(s) exercising a function listed under Column 2 of the Schedule must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that each administration event occurs under the direction of an appropriate registered health practitioner.^{^^}

	<p>at the Premises to which the vaccines have been supplied, in accordance with the Department of Health's MP 0153/21 COVID-19 Vaccination Program Policy (as amended from time to time).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that each administration event is recorded on the Australian Immunisation Register. • Ensure that any adverse events, following immunisation, is recorded on the Western Australian Vaccine Safety Surveillance. • Carry out the functions in line with the requirements for supply and administration of Schedule 4 medicines in the <i>Medicines and Poisons Act 2014</i> (WA) and the <i>Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016</i> (WA) to the extent that they are consistent with the authorisation.
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* *COVID Vaccinators* means persons employed by the Child and Adolescent Health Service under a specific Job Description Form of Assistant in Nursing – COVID vaccinator, as amended from time to time.

** *COVID-19 Vaccinators* means persons employed by the Child and Adolescent Health Service under a specific Job Description Form of COVID-19 vaccinator, as amended from time to time.

^ *Premises* means hospitals, clinics and other facilities in Western Australian operated by a Health Service Provider (as defined under the *Health Services Act 2016* (WA)).

^^ *Appropriate registered health practitioner* means a health practitioner with current registration pursuant to the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Western Australia)* who is also authorised to prescribe or administer the SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19) VACCINE.