



New South Wales

# Abortion Law Reform Amendment (Health Care Access) Bill 2025

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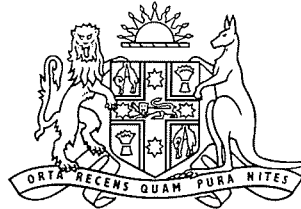
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*I certify that this PUBLIC BILL, which originated in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, has finally passed the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL and the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY of NEW SOUTH WALES.*

*Legislative Council*  
2025

*Clerk of the Parliaments*



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## **Abortion Law Reform Amendment (Health Care Access) Bill 2025**

Act No , 2025

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An Act to amend the *Abortion Law Reform Act 2019* to increase access to abortion health care, including by making further provision about health practitioners; and for related purposes.

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**The Legislature of New South Wales enacts—**

**1 Name of Act**

This Act is the *Abortion Law Reform Amendment (Health Care Access) Act 2025*.

**2 Commencement**

This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act.

## Schedule 1      **Amendment of Abortion Law Reform Act 2019 No 11**

**[1] Section 5, heading**

Omit “**medical practitioners**”.

Insert instead “**prescribed health practitioners**”.

**[2] Section 5(1) and (2)**

Omit “medical practitioner” wherever occurring.

Insert instead “prescribed health practitioner”.

**[3] Section 5(4)**

Insert after section 5(3)—

(4) In this section—

*endorsed midwife* means a midwife whose registration is endorsed under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (NSW)*, section 94.

*prescribed health practitioner* means the following—

- (a) a medical practitioner,
- (b) an endorsed midwife,
- (c) a nurse practitioner.

(5) Nothing in this section—

- (a) permits a prescribed health practitioner to act outside the practitioner’s scope of practice, or
- (b) affects a prescribed health practitioner’s obligation to practice consistently with the practitioner’s relevant professional standards, or
- (c) affects the operation of the *Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 1966*, the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 2022* or any other law governing a prescribed health practitioner’s practice.

**[4] Section 7 Requirement for information about counselling**

Omit “medical practitioner” wherever occurring in section 7(1) and (3). Insert instead “registered health practitioner”.

**[5] Section 7(1)(b)**

Omit “medical practitioner’s”. Insert instead “registered health practitioner’s”.

**[6] Section 8 Registered health practitioners who may assist**

Insert “or registered health practitioner” after “by a medical practitioner” in section 8(1).

**[7] Section 14 Guidelines about performance of terminations**

Omit “medical practitioner” from section 14(2)(b).

Insert instead “registered health practitioner”.

**[8] Section 15, heading**

Omit “**Medical practitioners**”.

Insert instead “**Registered health practitioners**”.

**[9] Section 15(1) and (3)**

Omit “medical practitioner” wherever occurring.

Insert instead “registered health practitioner”.

**[10] Section 15A**

Insert after section 15—

**15A Annual report to Parliament**

The Secretary of the Ministry of Health must, on or before 30 September in each year—

- (a) prepare a report setting out the following in relation to the previous year ending on 30 June—
  - (i) a description of abortion service availability by region,
  - (ii) detailed information about access to, and waiting times for, abortion services,
  - (iii) information about the clinical performance of abortion service delivery, including how safely and effectively abortion services were delivered,
  - (iv) information about any adverse events or clinical incidents reported in connection with terminations,
  - (v) information about the performance of terminations in the State, by reference to region and district, and
- (b) provide a copy of the report to the Presiding Officer of each House of Parliament for tabling in each House.

**[11] Dictionary**

Omit “medical practitioner” from the definition of *informed consent* wherever occurring.

Insert instead “registered health practitioner”.

**[12] Schedule 1 Dictionary**

Insert in alphabetical order—

*nurse practitioner* means a person registered under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law to practise in the nursing profession whose registration is endorsed as being qualified to practise as a nurse practitioner.

## **Schedule 2      Amendment of Crimes Act 1900 No 40**

**[1]    Section 82 Termination of pregnancy performed by unqualified person**

Omit section 82(5), definition of *medical practitioner*.

**[2]    Section 82(5)**

Insert in alphabetical order—

*prescribed health practitioner* has the same meaning as in the *Abortion Law Reform Act 2019*, section 5(4).

**[3]    Section 82(5), definition of “unqualified person”, paragraph (a)**

Omit “medical practitioner”. Insert instead “prescribed health practitioner who is authorised by the *Abortion Law Reform Act 2019* to perform the termination”.