



New South Wales

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

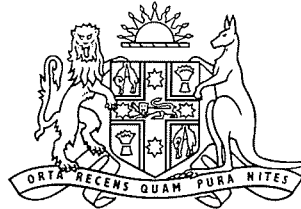
## Contents

		Page
	1 Name of Act	2
	2 Commencement	2
Schedule 1	Amendment of Abortion Law Reform Act 2019 No 11	3
Schedule 2	Amendment of Crimes Act 1900 No 40	5

*This PUBLIC BILL, originated in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY for its concurrence.*

*Legislative Council*

*Clerk of the Parliaments*



New South Wales

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

No , 2025

---

### **A Bill for**

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.

---

*The LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY has this day agreed to this Bill with/without amendment.*

*Legislative Assembly*

*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly*

---

<b>The Legislature of New South Wales enacts—</b>	1
<b>1 Name of Act</b>	2
This Act is the <i>Abortion Law Reform Amendment (Health Care Access) Act 2025</i> .	3
<b>2 Commencement</b>	4
This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act.	5

## 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 15A

Insert after section 15—

<b>15A</b>	<b>Annual report to Parliament</b>	1
	The Secretary of the Ministry of Health must, on or before 30 September in each year—	2
	(a) prepare a report setting out the following in relation to the previous year ending on 30 June—	3
	(i) a description of abortion service availability by region,	4
	(ii) detailed information about access to, and waiting times for, abortion services,	5
	(iii) information about the clinical performance of abortion service delivery, including how safely and effectively abortion services were delivered,	6
	(iv) information about any adverse events or clinical incidents reported in connection with terminations,	7
	(v) information about the performance of terminations in the State, by reference to region and district, and	8
	(b) provide a copy of the report to the Presiding Officer of each House of Parliament for tabling in each House.	9
		10
		11
		12
		13
		14
		15
		16
		17
<b>[9]</b>	<b>Dictionary</b>	18
	Omit “medical practitioner” from the definition of <i>informed consent</i> wherever occurring.	19
	Insert instead “registered health practitioner”.	20
<b>[10]</b>	<b>Schedule 1 Dictionary</b>	21
	Insert in alphabetical order—	22
	<i>nurse practitioner</i> 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.	23
		24
		25

<b>Schedule 2</b>	<b>Amendment of Crimes Act 1900 No 40</b>	1
<b>[1] Section 82 Termination of pregnancy performed by unqualified person</b>		2
Omit section 82(5), definition of <i>medical practitioner</i> .		3
<b>[2] Section 82(5)</b>		4
Insert in alphabetical order—		5
<i>prescribed health practitioner</i> has the same meaning as in the <i>Abortion Law Reform Act 2019</i> , section 5(4).		6
		7
<b>[3] Section 82(5), definition of “unqualified person”, paragraph (a)</b>		8
Omit “medical practitioner”. Insert instead “prescribed health practitioner who is authorised by the <i>Abortion Law Reform Act 2019</i> to perform the termination”.		9
		10