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No. 21 of 2020

An Act to amend the *Mandatory Testing (Infectious Diseases) Act 2014* in response to the COVID‑19 pandemic.

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The Parliament of Western Australia enacts as follows:

##### 1. Short title

 This is the *Mandatory Testing (Infectious Diseases) Amendment (COVID‑19 Response) Act 2020*.

##### 2. Commencement

 This Act comes into operation as follows —

 (a) sections 1 and 2 — on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent;

 (b) the rest of the Act — on the day after that day.

##### 3. Act amended

 This Act amends the *Mandatory Testing (Infectious Diseases) Act 2014*.

##### 4. Section 3 amended

 In section 3 delete “blood” (each occurrence).

##### 5. Section 4 amended

 (1) In section 4 delete the definition of ***qualified person***.

 (2) In section 4 insert in alphabetical order:

 qualified person means —

 (a) the holder of —

 (i) a Certificate III in Pathology Collection from a college as defined in the *Vocational Education and Training Act 1996* section 5(1); or

 (ii) an equivalent qualification from an institution based in another State or Territory or overseas;

 or

 (b) in relation to the taking of a sample of a particular type — a person, or class of persons, prescribed for the taking of that type of sample;

 sample means a sample of blood, saliva, mucus, respiratory secretions or other material taken from a person;

##### 6. Section 7 amended

 In section 7(1) in the definition of ***disease test approval*** delete “blood”.

##### 7. Section 10 amended

 In section 10(2):

 (a) in paragraph (b) delete “of the suspected transferor’s blood;” and insert:

 from the suspected transferor;

 (b) in paragraphs (d) and (e) delete “blood”.

##### 8. Section 12 amended

 In section 12 delete “blood” (each occurrence).

##### 9. Section 15 amended

 In section 15 in the definition of ***disease test order*** delete “blood”.

##### 10. Section 19 amended

 (1) In section 19(1)(b) delete “blood”.

 (2) In section 19(2):

 (a) in paragraph (b) delete “of the suspected transferor’s blood;” and insert:

 from the suspected transferor;

 (b) in paragraphs (d) and (e) delete “blood”.

##### 11. Section 22 amended

 (1) In section 22(2):

 (a) in paragraph (a) delete “blood”;

 (b) in paragraph (b) delete “that blood” and insert:

 the

 (2) In section 22(3) delete “blood”.

##### 12. Section 26 amended

 (1) In section 26(1), (2) and (3) delete “blood”.

 (2) In section 26(4) delete “a blood” and insert:

 the

 (3) In section 26(5) delete “blood”.

 Note: The heading to amended section 26 is to read:

 Taking samples under disease test authorisation

##### 13. Section 27 amended

 (1) In section 27(1) delete “blood”.

 (2) In section 27(2) delete “a blood” and insert:

 the

 Note: The heading to amended section 27 is to read:

 Analysis of samples

##### 14. Section 28 amended

 In section 28 delete “a blood sample under a” and insert:

 the sample under the

##### 15. Section 29 amended

 In section 29(2) delete “blood”.

##### 16. Section 30 amended

 In section 30 delete “blood”.

 Note: The heading to amended section 30 is to read:

 Prohibition on use of samples for other purposes

##### 17. Section 31 amended

 In section 31(2)(c) delete “blood”.

##### 18. Section 32 amended

 In section 32(2) delete “blood”.

 Note: The heading to section 16 is to read:

 Application for order for testing of suspected transferor



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