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### **1. Citation**

These regulations are the *Health (Notification of Acute Rheumatic Fever) Regulations 2007*.

### **2. Commencement**

These regulations come into operation as follows:

- (a) regulations 1 and 2 — on the day on which these regulations are published in the *Gazette*;
- (b) the rest of the regulations — on the day after that day.

### **3. Terms used in these regulations**

In these regulations —

***acute rheumatic fever*** means a delayed complication of an untreated group A *streptococcus* bacterial infection;

***Executive Director*** means the Executive Director, Public Health.

### **4. Acute rheumatic fever a prescribed condition of health**

Acute rheumatic fever is prescribed as a condition of health to which Part IXA of the Act applies.

**5. Notification by a medical practitioner**

- (1) A medical practitioner who diagnoses a person as suffering from an episode of acute rheumatic fever must notify the Executive Director within 14 days after that diagnosis is made.

Penalty: a fine of not more than \$1 000 and not less than —

- (a) for a first offence, \$100;
  - (b) for a second offence, \$200;
  - (c) for a third or subsequent offence, \$500.
- (2) A notification under subregulation (1) in respect of a person suffering from an episode of acute rheumatic fever —
- (a) must be in a form approved by the Executive Director; and
  - (b) must include the following information (to the extent that it is known by the medical practitioner) —
    - (i) the full name of the person;
    - (ii) the sex and date of birth of the person;
    - (iii) the address and contact telephone number of the person;
    - (iv) if the person is, or appears to be, under 18 years of age — the name, address and contact telephone number of a parent or guardian of the person;
    - (v) whether the person is of Aboriginal descent;
    - (vi) the onset date and clinical features of the episode.

**6. Provision of information by other persons**

- (1) If the Executive Director —
- (a) is notified of a diagnosis of an episode of acute rheumatic fever under regulation 5; and
  - (b) believes, on reasonable grounds, that a person has information that the Executive Director considers would assist in achieving the objects of Part IXA of the Act with respect to that diagnosis,
- the Executive Director may, in writing, request the person to provide the information.
- (2) A person who receives a request under subregulation (1) must provide the information to the Executive Director within 14 days after receiving the request.
- Penalty: a fine of not more than \$1 000 and not less than —
- (a) for a first offence, \$100;
  - (b) for a second offence, \$200;
  - (c) for a third or subsequent offence, \$500.
- (3) It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence under subregulation (2) if the person charged proves that the person did not have at the relevant time the information requested.

### **Notes**

- <sup>1</sup> This is a compilation of the *Health (Notification of Acute Rheumatic Fever) Regulations 2007*. The following table contains information about those regulations.

### **Compilation table**

<b>Citation</b>	<b>Gazettal</b>	<b>Commencement</b>
<i>Health (Notification of Acute Rheumatic Fever) Regulations 2007</i>	30 Oct 2007 p. 5878-80	r. 1 and 2: 30 Oct 2007 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 31 Oct 2007 (see r. 2(b))



**Defined terms**

*[This is a list of terms defined and the provisions where they are defined.  
The list is not part of the law.]*

Defined term	Provision(s)
acute rheumatic fever.....	3
Executive Director .....	3