



Queensland

Hospital and Health Boards Amendment Regulation (No. ..) 2016

Subordinate Legislation 2016 No. ...

made under the
Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011

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1 Short title

This regulation may be cited as the *Hospital and Health Boards Amendment Regulation (No. ...) 2016*.

2 Regulation amended

This regulation amends the *Hospital and Health Boards Regulation 2012*.

3 Insertion of new pt 6A

After part 6—

insert—

**Part 6A Nurse-to-patient and
midwife-to-patient
ratios**

30A References to shifts

- (1) In this part—
 - (a) the *morning shift* for a ward is the shift ordinarily worked by nurses or midwives in the ward that mostly falls between 7a.m. and 3p.m.; and
 - (b) the *afternoon shift* for a ward is the shift ordinarily worked by nurses or midwives in the ward that mostly falls between 3p.m. and 11p.m.; and
 - (c) the *night shift* for a ward is the shift ordinarily worked by nurses or midwives in the ward that mostly falls between 11p.m. and 7a.m.
- (2) However—
 - (a) if a shift falls equally across the periods mentioned in subsection (1)(a) and (b), it is taken to be an afternoon shift; and

Example—

A shift from 11a.m. to 7p.m. is an afternoon shift.

- (b) if a shift falls equally across the periods mentioned in subsection (1)(b) and (c), it is taken to be a night shift; and
- (c) if a shift falls equally across the periods mentioned in subsection (1)(a) and (c), it is taken to be a morning shift.

30B Nurse-to-patient and midwife-to-patient ratios applying to particular acute wards—Act, s 138B

- (1) This section applies in relation to the following acute wards in the following public sector health service facilities—
 - (a) Atherton Hospital—each medical ward and surgical ward;
 - (b) Bundaberg Hospital—each medical ward and surgical ward;
 - (c) Caboolture Hospital—each medical ward and surgical ward;
 - (d) Cairns Hospital—each medical ward and surgical ward;
 - (e) Caloundra Hospital—each medical ward;
 - (f) Gladstone Hospital—each medical ward and surgical ward;
 - (g) Gold Coast University Hospital—each medical ward and surgical ward;
 - (h) Gympie Hospital—each medical ward;
 - (i) Hervey Bay Hospital—each medical ward and surgical ward;
 - (j) Innisfail Hospital—each medical ward;

- (k) Ipswich Hospital—each medical ward and surgical ward;
- (l) Logan Hospital—each medical ward and surgical ward;
- (m) Mackay Hospital—each medical ward and surgical ward;
- (n) Mareeba Hospital—each medical ward;
- (o) Maryborough Hospital—each medical ward and surgical ward;
- (p) Mount Isa Hospital—each medical ward and surgical ward;
- (q) Nambour Hospital—each medical ward and surgical ward;
- (r) Princess Alexandra Hospital—each medical ward, surgical ward and mental health ward;
- (s) Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Hospital—each medical ward and surgical ward;
- (t) Redcliffe Hospital—each medical ward and surgical ward;
- (u) Redland Hospital—each medical ward and surgical ward;
- (v) Robina Hospital—each medical ward and surgical ward;
- (w) Rockhampton Hospital—each medical ward and surgical ward;
- (x) Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital—each medical ward, surgical ward and mental health ward;
- (y) Prince Charles Hospital—each medical ward and surgical ward;
- (z) Toowoomba Hospital—each medical ward and surgical ward;

- (za) Townsville Hospital—each medical ward and surgical ward;
- (zb) Warwick Hospital—each medical ward and surgical ward.
- (2) The minimum number of nurses or midwives who must be engaged in delivering health services to patients in the ward is—
 - (a) for the morning shift—the number of patients divided by 4; or
 - (b) for the afternoon shift—the number of patients divided by 4; or
 - (c) for the night shift—the number of patients divided by 7.
- (3) If the number worked out under subsection (2) is less than 1, the number is taken to be 1.
- (4) Otherwise, if the number worked out under subsection (2) is not a whole number, the number must be rounded to the nearest whole number (rounding one-half downwards).

Example—

For the morning shift in a ward with 7 patients, the number worked out under subsection (2)(a) is 1.75, so the minimum number of nurses or midwives required is 2.

4 Amendment of sch 6 (Dictionary)

Schedule 6—

insert—

afternoon shift, for part 6A, see section 30A(1)(b).

morning shift, for part 6A, see section 30A(1)(a).

night shift, for part 6A, see section 30A(1)(c).

ENDNOTES

- 1 Made by the Governor in Council on . . .
- 2 Notified on the Queensland legislation website on . . .
- 3 The administering agency is Queensland Health.