



Private Health Insurance (Council) Rules 2007

I, ANTHONY JOHN ABBOTT, Minister for Health and Ageing, make these Rules under item 12 of the table in section 333-20 of the *Private Health Insurance Act 2007*.

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Part 1 Preliminary

1. Name of Rules

These Rules are the *Private Health Insurance (Council) Rules 2007*.

2. Commencement

These Rules commence:

- (a) if the Rules are registered before the Act commences—at the same time as the Act commences; or
 - (b) if the Rules are registered on or after the day on which the Act commences—on the date on which the Rules are registered,
- whichever occurs first.

3. Definitions

Note: Terms used in these Rules have the same meaning as in the Act—see section 13 of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*. These terms include:

Commissioner
Council
Deputy Commissioner
member
private health insurer

In these Rules:

Act means the *Private Health Insurance Act 2007*.

Remuneration Tribunal means the tribunal established under section 4 of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*.

Part 2 The Council

4. **Public information functions**

- (1) For paragraph 264-10 (5) (a) of the Act, the Council may make available to the public statistics and other benefit information provided to it in returns lodged by private health insurers under section 310-1 of the Act.
- (2) Information that is made available under subrule (1) must be in aggregate form, so as not to identify individual private health insurers.
- (3) In this rule, ***make available to the public*** means to publish, provide to a person upon request or to publicise in any way.

5. **Periods of appointment for Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and members**

For paragraph 270-1 (b) of the Act:

- (a) the Commissioner; and
 - (b) members of the Council, including the Deputy Commissioner,
- are to be appointed for terms not exceeding three years, but are eligible for reappointment.

Note

1. All legislative instruments and compilations are registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments kept under the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*. See www.frli.gov.au