



Legislation (Deferral of Sunsetting—Health Insurance Regulations) Certificate 2017

I, George Brandis QC, Attorney-General, make the following certificate.

Dated 5 September 2017

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Attorney-General

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Legislation (Deferral of Sunsetting—Health Insurance Regulations) Certificate 2017*.

2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this instrument	The day after this instrument is registered.	12 September 2017

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under paragraph 51(1)(c) of the *Legislation Act 2003*.

4 Definitions

In this instrument:

Act means the *Legislation Act 2003*.

Regulations means the *Health Insurance Regulations 1975*.

5 Statement of reasons for issue of certificate

For the purposes of paragraph 51(2)(a) of the Act, this section sets out the statement of the reasons for the issue of this certificate.

Statement of reasons

I am satisfied that the Regulations would, apart from the operation of Part 4 of Chapter 3 of the Act, be likely to cease to be in force within 12 months after the sunsetting day for the Regulations.

The *Health Insurance Act 1973* and the Regulations are part of the legislative framework that sets out the administrative requirements of Medicare. These include requirements relating to the recognition of medical specialists, the kind of information to be included in patient claims and patient referrals.

Section 6

The Regulations are currently being reviewed to ensure that they remain fit for purpose, are operating efficiently and effectively and are drafted consistently with modern drafting practices. It is intended that, as a result of the review, the Regulations will be repealed and remade by the middle of 2018.

The Regulations are due to sunset on 1 October 2017. A 12 month deferral of the sunset day for the Regulations will avoid the need to remake them in their current form for the short period before the new regulations are made.

6 Deferral of sunset of the Regulations

The Regulations, for which the sunset day is 1 October 2017, are taken to cease to be in force under section 51 of the Act on 1 October 2018.

7 Repeal of this instrument

This instrument is repealed on 2 October 2018.