Healthcare Services (Nuclear Medicine Assay Service and Nuclear Medicine Imaging Service) Regulations 2021

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HEALTHCARE SERVICES ACT 2020 (ACT 3 OF 2020)

HEALTHCARE SERVICES (NUCLEAR MEDICINE ASSAY SERVICE AND NUCLEAR MEDICINE IMAGING SERVICE) REGULATIONS 2021

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 57 of the Healthcare Services Act 2020, the Minister for Health makes the following Regulations:

PART 1

PRELIMINARY

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the Healthcare Services (Nuclear Medicine Assay Service and Nuclear Medicine Imaging Service) Regulations 2021 and come into operation on 3 January 2022.

Definitions

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

- "applicable service" means a nuclear medicine assay service or nuclear medicine imaging service;
- "Clinical Governance Officer" means a Clinical Governance Officer appointed by a licensee under section 24(2) of the Act;
- "collaborative prescribing practitioner" has the meaning given by regulation 56C(6) of the Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics Regulations (Rg 1);
- "diagnostic radiographer" means a duly qualified allied health professional who is registered under the Allied Health Professions Act 2011 to practise radiography;
- "duly qualified allied health professional" has the meaning given by section 3 of the Allied Health Professions Act 2011;
- "examination" means a radiological examination of an individual conducted by a nuclear medicine imaging licensee at the licensed premises of or in the licensed conveyance used by the licensee in connection with the provision of a nuclear medicine imaging service;
- "General Regulations" means the Healthcare Services (General) Regulations 2021 (G.N. No. S 1035/2021);
- "image", in relation to a nuclear medicine imaging service, means an image produced in the course of the provision of that service;
- "irradiating apparatus", "radioactive material" and "radioactive substance" have the meanings given by section 2(1) of the Radiation Protection Act 2007;
- "licensee" means a nuclear medicine assay licensee or a nuclear medicine imaging licensee;
- "medical laboratory technologist" means an individual who holds at least a diploma or degree in biomedical science, biological science or medical technology;
- "nuclear medicine assay licensee" means a person who holds a licence to provide a nuclear medicine assay service;
- "nuclear medicine imaging licensee" means a person who holds a licence to provide a nuclear medicine imaging service;
- "nuclear medicine technologist" means an individual who holds at least a diploma or degree in nuclear medicine technology;