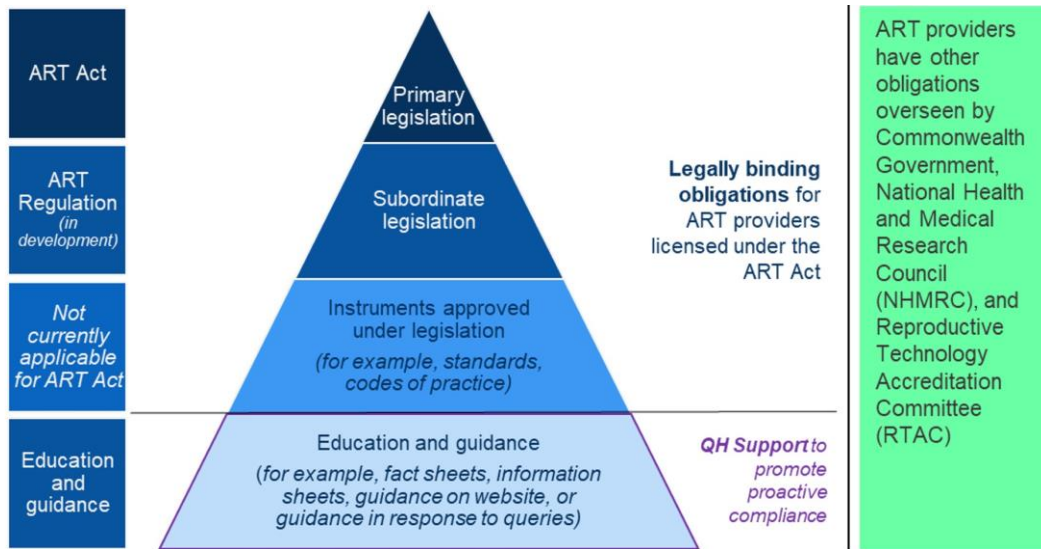


Compliance and enforcement under Assisted Reproductive Technology Act

Assisted Reproductive Technology Act 2024

In 2024, the Assisted Reproductive Technology Act 2024 (ART Act) started. It creates new laws governing assisted reproductive technology (ART) providers (fertility clinics) across Queensland. Queensland Health is the independent regulator under the ART Act.

Regulatory framework in Queensland



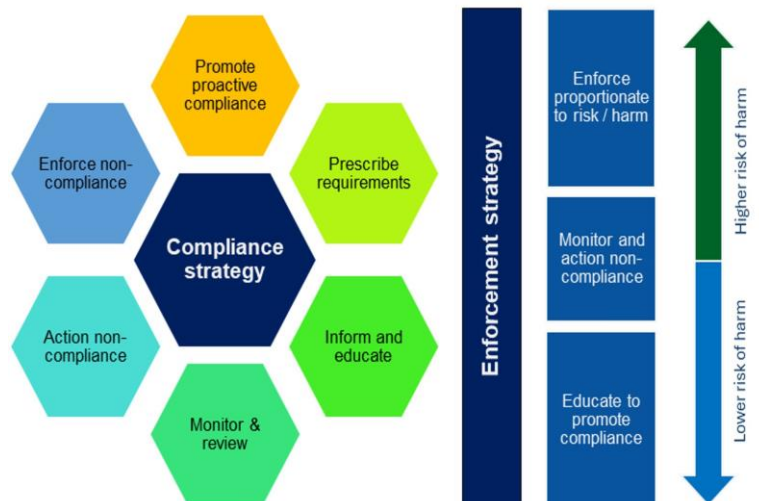
Regulatory approach

The compliance and enforcement framework represents Queensland Health’s sliding scale of licensing, compliance monitoring, and enforcement powers available under the ART Act.

In exercising these powers, Queensland Health will take an education-first approach, seeking to improve ART providers’ understanding of and compliance with the ART Act.

There may be instances of possible non-compliance that require a stronger response to protect the safety and wellbeing of persons using ART services or those born as a result.

Compliance and enforcement framework



Guiding principles

All action taken by Queensland Health in exercising its regulatory functions will be driven by the following principles:

- **Authoritative advice:** Outcomes-focussed, seeking to deliver policy objectives of the ART Act. Specifically, the welfare and interests of people born because of ART are of paramount importance.
- **Person-centric:** Person-focussed and trauma-informed approach in undertaking compliance and enforcement activities with ART providers, consumers, and people who are born as a result of ART.
- **Responsive:** Resources will be used efficiently and in a timely manner to deliver public value, including receiving and responding to feedback from stakeholders on how to continuously improve the compliance and regulatory framework.
- **Collaborative:** Working with industry to promote proactive compliance with the ART Act and support capability uplift through education and guidance.
- **Intelligence-led:** There will be an evidence-base before undertaking any compliance and enforcement activities, including routine activities.
- **Proportionate response:** Compliance and enforcement activities will be proportionate to the level of risk and potential harm, ensuring they advance the rights of persons who use ART or who are born as a result.
- **Transparent:** Reasons for action taken and decisions made will always be clear and communicated to relevant parties. Proactive information will also be made available to support the community's understanding of the ART industry e.g. Public Register.

More information

Key contacts

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