Prescriptions written by Victorian prescribers for methadone or buprenorphine for Opioid Replacement Therapy cannot be dispensed in the Northern Territory and Tasmania. These states or territories have legislated to prevent prescriptions for methadone or buprenorphine for ORT being valid unless the prescriber is practising in that state or territory. To transfer an ORT patient to these states or territories, refer to the following details for further information.

Please be advised that interstate regulatory groups generally require at least two to three weeks’ notice for interstate transfers.

**Northern Territory:**

**For patients to be based in Darwin:**
Tobacco, Alcohol and Other Drugs (TADS)
Phone: (08) 8922 8399

**Source:** Poisons Control (NT) (August 2010)

**For patients to be based in Alice Springs:**
Alcohol and Other Drugs Central Australia (ADSCA)
Phone: (08) 8951 7580

**Tasmania:**

Pharmaceutical Services Branch (PSB) (Tasmania) and the Nurse Unit Manager at Alcohol and Drug Services (ADS)

Phone: (03) 6166 0400
Fax: (03) 6233 3904

**Note:**
Tasmanian prescribers must comply with Tasmanian ORT guidelines. Prescribers cannot prescribe doses above methadone 120mg/day, and cannot provide split dosing. No takeaway doses can be prescribed for if a patient transfers to the care of a Tasmanian prescriber for less than three months.

**Source:** Pharmaceutical Services Branch (Tas) (August 2010)