

## Certificate supporting an application for assessment

To: *Location*  
The Director of Area  
Mental Health Services, at:

Name of proposed patient: *Full name*

Proposed patient's  
date of birth: *Date of birth*

Of: *Address*

Date of examination:

Method of examination:  In person  Audio-Visual Link (AVL)

Rationale for AVL (if  
applicable):

I consider there are reasonable grounds for believing the proposed patient may be mentally  
disordered and my reasons for that opinion in relation to the statutory definition of mental disorder<sup>1</sup>  
(see reverse) are:

*Note: continue on a separate  
sheet if necessary*

*Full particulars of the reasons for opinion on proposed patient's condition*


I am the mental health  
practitioner<sup>2</sup> (see reverse)  
who examined the  
proposed patient:

*Full name of mental health practitioner*

of:

*Business address and telephone number of mental health practitioner*

I declare that I am not related to the proposed patient nor to the applicant and have examined the  
proposed patient within the last 3 days.

*Signature of mental health practitioner*

*Date*

This certificate is to accompany an application for assessment either completed by a mental health  
practitioner or by a person, usually a relative or someone associated with the proposed patient and who  
has seen the proposed patient within the last 3 days.

**Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 1992**

**Section 2 INTERPRETATION**

"Mental disorder", in relation to any person, means an abnormal state of mind (whether of a continuous or an intermittent nature), characterised by delusions, or by disorders of mood or perception or volition or cognition, of such a degree that it—

- (a) Poses a serious danger to the health or safety of that person or of others; or
- (b) Seriously diminishes the capacity of that person to take care of himself or herself;

**Section 4 GENERAL RULES RELATING TO LIABILITY TO ASSESSMENT OR TREATMENT**

The procedures prescribed by Parts 1 and 2 of this Act shall not be invoked in respect of any person by reason only of—

- (a) That person's political, religious, or cultural beliefs; or
- (b) That person's sexual preferences; or
- (c) That person's criminal or delinquent behaviour; or
- (d) Substance abuse; or
- (e) Intellectual disability

**Section 7A PRACTITIONER OR RESPONSIBLE CLINICIAN TO CONSULT**

- (1) In this section, "practitioner" means—
  - (a) A mental health practitioner conducting an assessment examination of a proposed patient under section 9; and
  - (b) A responsible clinician providing an assessment of, or treatment to, a patient
- (2) A practitioner must consult the family or whanau of the proposed patient or patient. This subsection is subject to subsection (3).
- (3) Subsection (2) does not apply if the practitioner has reasonable grounds for deciding that consultation—
  - (a) Is not reasonably practicable; or
  - (b) Is not in the best interests of the proposed patient or patient.
- (4) In deciding whether or not consultation with the family or whanau is in the best interests of a proposed patient or patient the practitioner must consult the proposed patient or patient.