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# DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT ACT - FORM 2

Request an Accredited Medical Practitioner assess a person for detention and treatment under section 9 (1) LOCATION / WARD

COMPLETE ALL DETAILS OR AFFIX PATIENT LABEL HERE

Before you start, please review the fact sheet at the link, or QR code at right.

https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/aod/programs/Pages/idat-referral-info-sheet.aspx to:

- Find out more about the Involuntary Drug and Alcohol Treatment Program (IDAT)
- Understand if IDAT is an appropriate service for your patient
- See examples of how criteria under the Drug and Alcohol Treatment Act 2007 (the Act) should be addressed in Form 3 to provide evidence that the patient meets the high threshold for eligibility under the Act



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#### Instructions

### Form 2

is used to request that an Accredited Medical Practitioner (AMP) assess the patient for detention and treatment under section 9 of the Act. The form must be signed by a medical practitioner, preferably one that has an ongoing therapeutic relationship with the patient.

#### Form 3

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- provides information to be used in the assessment, management and triage of the patient (Pages 2-8)
- describes how the person appears to meet the statutory threshold for eligibility (Pages 9-10)

Referring medical practitioners and Involuntary Treatment Liaison Officers (ITLOs) must work in partnership to ensure all required forms are adequately completed, and plans are in place for transport and continued treatment upon discharge from IDAT. Contact your LHD Intake Line to connect with an ITLO in your area.

Send completed forms and relevant documentation, including results of investigations (e.g EEG, CT scans, bloods, abdominal ultrasound, UDT's and MRI results) to moh-idat-intake@health.nsw.gov.au

### **Definitions**

Accredited Medical Practitioner (AMP) A medical practitioner, appointed under the Act by the Secretary NSW, or their delegate. After assessing the person, the AMP may issue a dependency certificate stating that the person may be detained for treatment under the Act for the period stated in the certificate. Other powers and responsibilities of the AMP are described in the Act.

Involuntary Treatment Liaison Officer (ITLO) An ITLO is a qualified professional nominated by Local Health Districts and Local Health Networks with significant experience (as judged by their supervisor) of providing direct drug and alcohol patient care. ITLOs must have completed the IDAT training delivered by Health Education and Training Institute (HETI), including an online module and virtual workshop.

Please contact MOH-CAOD@health.nsw.gov.au if you are interested in undertaking the ITLO training

Drug & Alcohol Specialist Advisory Service DASAS is a free 24/7 telephone service that provides general advice to health professionals who require assistance with the clinical diagnosis and management of patients with alcohol and other drug related concerns.

(02) 8382-1006 (Metropolitan Sydney) or 1800 023 687 (Regional, Rural & Remote NSW)

Scan for AOD contact info

Other contact information, support and treatment services including LHD intake lines can be found on the NSW Health website at the link or QR code here. www.health.nsw.gov.au/aod/Pages/contact-service.aspx

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request that an Accredited Medical Practitioner assess the patient whose details are listed at the top of this form, with a view to determine if the patient meets the criteria for detention and treatment under the Drug and Alcohol Treatment Act. I understand that if the Accredited Medical Practioner is satisfied that the patient meets criteria under Section 9(3) of the Act that a dependency certificate may be issued in relation to the patient, and the patient may be detained in accordance with the certificate for treatment under the Act.				
Signed this	day of		20	
Signature	Phone		Fax	

## Section 9 of the Drug and Alcohol Treatment Act 2007 states:

## Assessing persons for detention and treatment

- 1. A medical practitioner may request an accredited medical practitioner to assess a person for detention and treatment under this Act.
- 2. After assessing the person, the accredited medical practitioner may issue a certificate (**a dependency certificate**), in the form shown in Schedule 2, stating the person may be detained for treatment under this Act for the period stated in the certificate.
- 3. A dependency certificate may be issued in relation to the person only if the accredited medical practitioner is satisfied:
  - (a) the person has a severe substance dependence, and
  - (b) care, treatment or control of the person is necessary to protect the person from serious harm, and
  - (c) the person is likely to benefit from treatment for his or her substance dependence but has refused treatment, and
  - (d) no other appropriate and less restrictive means for dealing with the person are reasonably available.
- 4. The accredited medical practitioner may have regard to any serious harm that may occur to:
  - (a) children in the care of the person, or
  - (b) dependants of the person.
- 5. If a dependency certificate is issued in relation to the person assessed under this section, the person may be detained in accordance with the certificate for treatment under this Act.



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