# Mental Health Act 2016

## Recommendation for Assessment

(Mental Health Act (MHA) 2016, Sections 10, 12-14, 39-47, 64)

- A recommendation for assessment may be made by a doctor or authorised mental health practitioner who has examined the person within the preceding 7 days.
- A recommendation for assessment is valid for 7 days after it is made.

## 1. Person's details

- Not required if label affixed in top right corner.

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- Male
- Female
- Intersex / Indeterminate
- Not stated / unknown

## 2. Reasons for making recommendation for assessment

- Provide reasons that you believe the treatment criteria may apply and why there appears to be no less restrictive way for the person to receive treatment and care.

The reasons you believe the person may have a mental illness:

The reasons you believe the person may not have capacity to consent to be treated for the illness:
The reasons you believe that not providing involuntary treatment for the illness may result in:
1. imminent serious harm to the person or others; or
2. the person suffering serious mental or physical deterioration

The reason you believe that there appears to be no less restrictive way for the person to receive treatment and care for the person’s mental illness:

3. Detention for purpose of making recommendation for assessment

- A person may, in specified circumstances, be detained at an authorised mental health service (AMHS) or public sector health service facility for up to one hour to allow a recommendation for assessment to be made.
- This section should only be completed if the doctor or authorised mental health practitioner decided to detain the person to allow this recommendation for assessment to be made.

Details of when detention (to allow recommendation for assessment to be made) was commenced

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Reasons for detention:
4. Location of person when recommendation for assessment is made

- The person is not currently at AMHS or public sector health service facility
- The person is currently at an AMHS or public sector health service facility, namely:

5. Declaration

I have examined the person within 7 days preceding this recommendation for assessment and I am satisfied that the treatment criteria may apply to the person and there appears to be no less restrictive way for the person to receive treatment for mental illness.

Name: ____________________________
Signature: _________________________
Designation: _______________________
Address: __________________________
Contact number: ___________________
Date: _____________________________
Time made (24hr): __________________
Town / Suburb: _____________________
Postcode: __________________________

TO: AMHS Administrator

6. Start of assessment period

- A person may be detained at an AMHS or public sector health service facility for up to 24 hours from when the assessment period starts.
- If the person is at an AMHS or health service facility when the recommendation for assessment is made (see section 4 above), the assessment period starts when the recommendation is made (i.e. at the date and time recorded in section 5 above).
- If the person is received at an AMHS or public sector health service facility after the recommendation for assessment is made, the assessment period starts when the person first attends the AMHS or health service facility for the assessment. A health service employee must record the date and time the person attends below.

Name of AMHS or public sector health service facility: _____________________________
Date received: ______________________
Time received (24hr): ________________
Name: _____________________________
Designation: _______________________
Signature: _________________________
Date: _____________________________

7. Extension of assessment period

- An authorised doctor may extend the assessment period for not more than 72 hours after the start time if necessary to complete the assessment.

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8. Treatment authority not made by authorised doctor

Reasons why treatment authority was not made:
- One or more of the treatment criteria do not apply (provide reasons)
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URN:
Family name:
Given name(s):
Address:
Date of birth:
Sex: □ M □ F □ I

☐ There is a less restrictive way for the person to receive treatment and care (provide reasons)

Name of AMHS or public sector health service facility:

Name:  |  Designation:  |  Signature:  |  Date:  |  Time:

TO: AMHS Administrator