**Public Health Act (PHA) 2005, Sections 157A–157F**

A police officer or ambulance officer may transport a person to a public sector health service facility for the making of an emergency examination authority (EEA) if the relevant criteria apply. If the person is being transported to a public sector health service facility that is not an inpatient hospital, the approval of the person in charge of the facility is required prior to transporting the person.

- A person may be detained at a public sector health service facility while this EEA is being made.
- The person may be detained for up to six (6) hours after this EEA has been made. This period may be extended by a further 6 hours if necessary to complete the examination.
- This form may also be used by an interstate officer under section 371 of the **Mental Health Act (MHA) 2016**.

**PART A** of this form must be completed by a police officer or ambulance officer. The officer may retain a copy of parts A and B of this EEA once the parts are completed.

**PART B** of this form must be completed by a health service employee.

**PART C** of this form must be completed by a doctor or health practitioner.

The police officer or ambulance officer must explain to the person that the person is being detained and transported to a public sector health service facility for an examination or treatment and care.

### 1. Person’s details

- **Surname:**
- **Given name(s):**
- **Residential address:**
- **Town / Suburb:**
- **State:**
- **Postcode:**
- **Date of birth:**
- **Age:**
- **Sex:**

### 2. Criteria for being transported

**All sections must be completed.**

Describe the person’s behaviour:

Describe the reasons you believe the person’s behaviour, including, for example, the way in which the person is communicating, indicates the person is at immediate risk of serious harm:
Describe the reasons you believe the risk appears to be the result of a major disturbance in the person’s mental capacity, whether caused by illness, disability, injury, intoxication or another reason:

Describe the reasons you believe the person appears to require urgent examination, or treatment and care, for the disturbance:

- A police officer or ambulance officer MUST contact the public sector health service facility in advance to advise the facility or service of significant risks in managing the person, for example:
  - the person is, or has been, violent or aggressive towards others;
  - the person has attempted, or has threatened, to commit suicide.

3. Contact persons

- **Witness** or **other person** who can provide collateral information about the person.
  - The witness or other person must agree to be contacted to assist in the treatment and care of the person.

Name:  
Relationship to patient:  
Contact number:  

- **Support person**.
  - The support person must agree to be contacted to assist in the treatment and care of the person.

Name:  
Relationship to patient:  
Contact number:  

4. Declaration

☐ Police officer  ☐ Ambulance officer

I declare the matters contained in this emergency examination authority are correct to the best of my knowledge.

Name:  
Rank:  
Station:  
Contact number:  
Signature:  
Date:  

Time (24 hour) that the EEA is made and given to a health service employee (note: this is the time the examination period commences):

TO: Health Service Employee

PART B

5. Acknowledgement

- To be completed by the health service employee.

Name of public sector health service facility:

Name:  
Designation:  
Contact number:  
Signature:  
Date:  
Public Health Act 2005
Emergency Examination Authority

URN:
Family name:
Given name(s):
Address:
Date of birth: Sex: M F I

PART C

6. Transfer to another place
• A transfer does not extend the examination period.
• This form must be sent to the other facility or service.

Does the person need to be transferred to another public sector health service facility? Yes No
If yes, provide details:

7. Person absconds
• If the person absconds, the examination period re-commences when the person is returned to a public sector health service facility.
• The date and time recorded in this section is the date the examination period recommences.

Name: Designation:
Contact number: Signature: Date: Time (24hr):

8. Decision to extend examination period
• Total period MUST NOT exceed 12 hours.
• To be completed by doctor or health practitioner.

Extended to (24hr):
Name: Designation:
Contact number: Signature: Date:

Extended to (24hr):
Name: Designation:
Contact number: Signature: Date:

9. Examination of person
• A doctor or health practitioner must record the outcome of the examination.
• Detention under EEA ends after the person is examined.

Admitted as inpatient
Examination, treatment or care provided and person discharged
Recommendation for assessment made under the MHA 2016 (Only a doctor or authorised mental health practitioner can make a Recommendation for assessment. The Recommendation for assessment and a copy of the EEA must be provided to the Administrator.)
Person was not examined within examination period (provide reasons)

Name: Designation:
Contact number: Signature: Date:

On discharge, the person must be offered assistance to be returned to a place in the community reasonably requested by the person (e.g. the person’s home).