Mental Health Act 2000

Resource Guide

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1. About the Mental Health Act 2000

The *Mental Health Act 2000* (the Act) was assented to on 8 June 2000 and commenced on 28 February 2002.

The Act was drafted to comply with a number of national and international protocols including:

- *National Standards for Mental Health Services*
- *United Nations Principles for the Protection of Rights of People with Mental Illness and for the Improvement of Mental Health Care*
- *National Model Mental Health Legislation* agreed by all states and territories.

A number of amendments have been made to the Act since commencement to reflect policy changes and improve its operation. As legislative review and amendment is an ongoing process, printed copies of the Act should be used with caution.

An up to date version of the Act can be accessed at: [https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/M/MentalHealthA00.pdf](https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/M/MentalHealthA00.pdf)

Information about the Act can also be obtained by contacting a Mental Health Act Liaison Officer on 1800 989 451.

2. About the Resource Guide and other Mental Health Act policies and resources

The *Mental Health Act 2000* Resource Guide is issued by the Director of Mental Health under sections 309A and 493A of the Act. It aims to assist understanding of the legislative provisions of the Act and sets out policy requirements to ensure the appropriate administration of the Act in the treatment and care of patients. A number of larger policies are located at the Appendices of the Resource Guide.

While the Resource Guide is intended as a primary source of information, it should be read in conjunction with other protocols and information resources issued by the Director under the Act. These resources are identified in the Resource Guide.
The Resource Guide can be accessed at

Other resources issued by the Director of Mental Health can be accessed at:

Information about policies and resources issued by the Director can also be obtained by contacting a Mental Health Act Liaison Officer on 1800 989 451.

3. Forms

*Mental Health Act 2000* forms appear in italics and are identified by an icon in the left margin. Forms are available at:

Public facility AMHS

Private facility AMHS via existing login credentials

Forms may also be obtained by contacting a Mental Health Act Liaison Officer on 1800 989 451, or the administrator at the local authorised mental health service. Contact details for administrator delegates are available at: http://qheps.health.qld.gov.au/mentalhealth/mha/mha-contacts.htm