

# Transitional Provisions

## Information for General Practitioners

The Mental Health Act 2009 will be proclaimed on 1 July 2010. The changes take effect at midnight on 30 June 2010 when the new Act officially replaces the Mental Health Act 1993. Information about the transition of orders from the old to the new Act has been prepared for all those who need to be aware of the changes.

Copies of this bulletin, the new Act, a Plain Language Guide to the Act and other resources (including training materials) are available on the website of the [Office of the Chief Psychiatrist](#).

### When does the Mental Health Act 2009 (the new Act) commence?

The new Act will be proclaimed on 1 July 2010 and replaces the Mental Health Act 1993 (the old Act) from midnight on 30 June 2010.

### Will orders made under the old Act still be valid on 1 July 2010?

Yes, orders made under the old Act will remain valid for the number of days that the orders were made for.

### Will the names of orders change after midnight on 30 June 2010?

Yes, all orders will transition to corresponding orders under the new Act. However, the Forms do not need to be replaced (except when an order is confirmed or revoked).

### What happens if an order made before midnight on 30 June 2010 has to be confirmed or revoked after midnight?

After midnight, a psychiatrist or an Authorised Medical Practitioner who confirms or revokes an order must examine the person and then use one of the new Forms for the new Act.

### Can the Forms for the old Act be used after midnight to make any new orders?

No, the Forms for the old Act must not be used after midnight on 30 June 2010 as orders made using old Forms will be invalid. The new Forms must be used to make any new orders.

### Where can I find out more about the transition of orders?

General practitioners should access a copy of the bulletin: [Information for Service Providers](#) bulletin that consists of four pages of information about the transition of orders.

### What information should I provide to consumers who may be impacted?

General practitioners should ensure all consumers who are receiving involuntary community treatment or for whom an order for admission and detention is made in the days prior to or on 30 June 2010, receive a copy of the bulletin: [Information for Consumers, Carers and Families](#).

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