



MENTAL HEALTH ACT 2007 - SECT 51

Community treatment orders

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(1) A [community treatment order](#) authorising the compulsory treatment in the community of a person may be made by the [Tribunal](#).

Note : [Section 56](#) sets out the matters to be included in [community treatment orders](#).

(2) The following persons may apply for a [community treatment order](#) for the treatment of a person--

(a) the [authorised medical officer](#) of a [mental health facility](#) in which the affected person is detained or is a [patient](#) under this Act,

(b) a medical practitioner who is familiar with the clinical history of the affected person,

(c) any other person prescribed by the regulations.

(3) An application may be made about a person who is detained in or a [patient](#) in a [mental health facility](#) or a person who is not in a [mental health facility](#).

(4) An application may be made about a person who is subject to a current [community treatment order](#).

(5) A [community treatment order](#) may be made in the following circumstances and may replace an existing order--

(a) following a [mental health inquiry](#),

(b) on a review of a [patient](#) by the [Tribunal](#),

(c) on an application otherwise being made to the [Tribunal](#).

(6) Without limiting subsection (5) (c), an application for a [community treatment order](#) may be made, and determined by the [Tribunal](#), in the same proceedings as an appeal under [section 44](#).