

**APPLICATION (TO A REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONER)
BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC FOR A
RECOMMENDATION FOR INVOLUNTARY ADMISSION
OF AN ADULT (TO AN APPROVED CENTRE)**

FORM 4

MENTAL HEALTH
ACT 2001
(as amended)
SECTION 9

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BLOCK CAPITALS (Before completing this form please read the notes overleaf)

**1. Full Name and Home
Address of PERSON
to be admitted to an
Approved Centre**

**2. Date of Birth OR Age
(if Date of Birth not known)**

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 Age: _____
 Gender M F

**3. APPLICANT'S Full Name
and Address**

First Name:	Surname:

4. Telephone number

**5. Name and Address of
Approved Centre**

I hereby apply for a recommendation for the involuntary admission of the above named PERSON to

STATE:

**6. Reason for making
an application**

**7. Any connection of applicant
with person**

**8. Circumstances in which the
application is made**

I am applying for a recommendation for the involuntary admission of the above named person because

A person shall not make an application unless he or she has observed the person who is the subject of the application not more than 48 hours before the date of the making of the application.

I last observed the person on

9. Date: / /
 Time: :

(24 hour clock e.g. 2.41p.m. is written as 14.41)

If any previous application was refused, state if known

**10. Name of doctor who
refused application**

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11. Date of refusal

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**12. Circumstances pertaining
to the refusal**

- It is an offence not to disclose all information that you are aware of that relates to any previous applications for involuntary admission and their refusal.
- To the best of my knowledge and belief I am not disqualified from making this application for reasons set out in *Section 9(2)* of the Mental Health Act 2001 (as amended). (*Section 9(2)* is replicated in the notes overleaf).

Signed:

Date: / /
 Time: :

(24 hour clock e.g. 2.41p.m. is written as 14.41)

The notes are for guidance only and do not constitute an exact statement of the provisions of the Mental Health Act 2001 (as amended).

The Mental Health Act 2001 (as amended) does not define "Adult". "Child" means a person under the age of 18 years other than a person who is or has been married. Adult means any person who is not included in the definition of a "Child" in the Act.

The Health Act 2004 dissolves Health Boards. References to Health Boards in the Mental Health Act 2001 (as amended) are to be read as references to the Health Service Executive.

SECTIONS OF THE MENTAL HEALTH ACT 2001

3. - (1) In this Act "mental disorder" means mental illness, severe dementia or significant intellectual disability where -
- (a) because of the illness, disability or dementia, there is a serious likelihood of the person concerned causing immediate and serious harm to himself or herself or to other persons, or
 - (b) (i) because of the severity of the illness, disability or dementia, the judgment of the person concerned is so impaired that failure to admit the person to an approved centre would be likely to lead to a serious deterioration in his or her condition or would prevent the administration of appropriate treatment that could be given only by such admission, and
 - (ii) the reception, detention and treatment of the person concerned in an approved centre would be likely to benefit or alleviate the condition of that person to a material extent.
- (2) In *subsection (1)* - "mental illness" means a state of mind of a person which affects the person's thinking, perceiving, emotion or judgment and which seriously impairs the mental function of the person to the extent that he or she requires care or medical treatment in his or her own interest or in the interest of other persons; "severe dementia" means a deterioration of the brain of a person which significantly impairs the intellectual function of the person thereby affecting thought, comprehension and memory and which includes severe psychiatric or behavioural symptoms such as physical aggression; "significant intellectual disability" means a state of arrested or incomplete development of mind of a person which includes significant impairment of intelligence and social functioning and abnormally aggressive or seriously irresponsible conduct on the part of the person.
8. - (1) A person may be involuntarily admitted to an approved centre pursuant to an application under *section 9* or *12* and detained there on the grounds that he or she is suffering from a mental disorder.
- (2) Nothing in *subsection (1)* shall be construed as authorising the involuntary admission of a person to an approved centre by reason only of the fact that the person -
- (a) is suffering from a personality disorder,
 - (b) is socially deviant, or
 - (c) is addicted to drugs or intoxicants.
- (3) The Commission shall, from time to time, issue guidelines for staff in approved centres in relation to the provisions of this section.
9. - (1) Subject to *subsections (4)* and *(6)* and *section 12*, where it is proposed to have a person (other than a child) involuntarily admitted to an approved centre, an application for a recommendation that the person be so admitted may be made to a registered medical practitioner by any of the following:
- (a) the spouse or civil partner or a relative of the person,
 - (b) an authorised officer,
 - (c) a member of the Garda Síochána, or
 - (d) subject to the provisions of *subsection (2)*, any other person.
- (2) The following persons shall be disqualified for making an application in respect of a person -
- (a) a person under the age of 18 years,
 - (b) an authorised officer or a member of the Garda Síochána who is a relative of the person or of the spouse or civil partner of the person,
 - (c) a member of the governing body, or the staff, or the person in charge, of the approved centre concerned,
 - (d) any person with an interest in the payments (if any) to be made in respect of the taking care of the person concerned in the approved centre concerned,
 - (e) any registered medical practitioner who provides a regular medical service at the approved centre concerned,
 - (f) the spouse or civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, uncle or aunt of any of the persons mentioned in the foregoing paragraphs (b) to (e), whether of the whole blood, of the half blood or by affinity.
- (3) An application shall be made in a form specified by the Commission.
- (4) A person shall not make an application unless he or she has observed the person the subject of the application not more than 48 hours before the date of the making of the application.
- (5) Where an application is made under *subsection (1)(d)*, the application shall contain a statement of the reasons why it is so made, of the connection of the applicant with the person to whom the application relates, and of the circumstances in which the application is made.
- (6) A person who, for the purposes of or in relation to an application, makes any statement which is to his or her knowledge false or misleading in any material particular, shall be guilty of an offence.
- (7) In paragraph (c) of *subsection (2)*, the reference to a member of the governing body of the approved centre concerned does not include a reference to a member of a health board.
- (8) In this section -
- "authorised officer" means an officer of a health board who is of a prescribed rank or grade and who is authorised by the chief executive officer to exercise the powers conferred on authorised officers by this section;
- "spouse", in relation to a person, does not include a spouse of a person who is living separately and apart from the person or in respect of whom an application or order has been made under the Domestic Violence Act, 1996.
- 'civil partner' in relation to a person, does not include a civil partner of the person who is living separately and apart from the person or in respect of whom an application or order has been made under the Domestic Violence Acts 1996 and 2002 as amended by the Civil Partnership and Certain Rights and Obligations of Cohabitants Act 2010;".
11. - (1) Where following the refusal of an application any further such application is made in respect of the same person, the applicant, so far as he or she is aware of the facts relating to the previous application and its refusal, shall state those facts to the registered medical practitioner to whom the further application is made.
- (2) A person who contravenes *subsection (1)* shall be guilty of an offence.