



Western Australia

Health Act 1911

Health (Venereal Diseases) Regulations 1973

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Defined terms

Health (Venereal Diseases) Regulations 1973

1. Citation

These regulations may be cited as the *Health (Venereal Diseases) Regulations 1973*¹.

[2. Omitted under the Reprints Act 1984 s. 7(4)(f).]

2A. Interpretation

In these regulations —

the Act means the *Health Act 1911* as amended.

[Regulation 2A inserted in Gazette 9 May 1975 p. 1298.]

2B. Part IXA of Act applies to non-infectious syphilis

The non-infectious stages of syphilis are prescribed conditions of health to which Part IXA of the Act applies.

[Regulation 2B inserted in Gazette 4 Jun 1982 p. 1792.]

2C. Notification of non-infectious syphilis by medical practitioners

- (1) A medical practitioner or nurse practitioner shall forthwith notify the Executive Director, Public Health in the form and manner approved by the Executive Director on becoming aware that any person attended or treated by him is suffering from syphilis in a non-infectious stage.

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[(2) deleted]

- (3) A medical practitioner or nurse practitioner who contravenes subregulation (1) commits an offence and is liable to a penalty which is not more than \$1 000 and not less than —
- (a) in the case of a first offence, \$100;
 - (b) in the case of a second offence, \$200; and
 - (c) in the case of a third or subsequent offence, \$500.

[Regulation 2C inserted in Gazette 4 Jun 1982 p. 1792; amended in Gazette 29 Jun 1984 p. 1782; 23 Dec 1988 p. 4974; 5 Sep 2006 p. 3618.]

3. Form of notice

The notice to be given by the Executive Director, Public Health pursuant to section 307(1) of the Act to any person believed or suspected to be suffering from venereal disease shall be according to the form numbered 1 in the appendix.

[Regulation 3 amended in Gazette 29 Jun 1984 p. 1782.]

4. Form of warrant

Whenever by reason of the non-production of the required certificate or, if produced, of the unsatisfactory nature thereof, the Executive Director, Public Health shall consider that the circumstances of the case require the issue of his warrant for the compulsory examination of such person, such warrant shall issue in the form numbered 2 in the appendix.

[Regulation 4 amended in Gazette 29 Jun 1984 p. 1782.]

5. Attendance at compulsory examination

Notice of the date, time and place of the compulsory examination referred to in the preceding regulation shall be given by post or by leaving the notice at the last known place of abode of the suspected person. If the suspected person fails to attend for examination in accordance with the requirements of

the notice, the Executive Director, Public Health may issue a warrant in the form numbered 3 in the appendix for the apprehension of the suspected person for the purpose of examination aforesaid.

[Regulation 5 amended in Gazette 29 Jun 1984 p. 1782.]

6. Apprehension and detention following report

If, in the opinion of the Executive Director, Public Health, a report of examination is such as, in accordance with the provisions of section 307 of the Act, justifies the apprehension and detention of the person named in such report, the Executive Director, Public Health may issue his warrant accordingly and the warrant shall be in the form numbered 4 in the appendix.

[Regulation 6 amended in Gazette 29 Jun 1984 p. 1782.]

7. Warrant where condition infectious

The Executive Director, Public Health may, whenever the circumstances of the case so require, issue his warrant in the form numbered 5 in the appendix for the apprehension, if necessary, and further detention of any person suffering from venereal diseases in an infectious condition.

[Regulation 7 amended in Gazette 29 Jun 1984 p. 1782.]

8. Effect of warrant

Every warrant mentioned in these regulations shall be sufficient authority for the person or persons to whom it is directed —

- (a) to apprehend the person named therein;
- (b) to convey the person named therein to the place of examination or detention; and
- (c) to detain the person in the place of detention for the period specified in the warrant.

9. Warrant to be executed

Every warrant issued under these regulations shall have effect according to its tenor and all officials of the Health Department² and all governing authorities and officers of any hospital or place in which any person is detained under these regulations shall do all things necessary to carry into effect the provisions of these regulations.

[Regulation 9 amended in Gazette 29 Jun 1984 p. 1782.]

[10, 11. Deleted in Gazette 5 Sep 2006 p. 3618.]

Appendix

Form No. 1

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REQUEST FOR MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

To

of

TAKE NOTICE that, having reason to believe (or having reasonable grounds to suspect) that you are a person suffering from venereal disease, I hereby require you to consult a medical practitioner and to produce to my satisfaction within _____ days of the service upon you of this notice a certificate under the hand of such medical practitioner that you are (or are not) suffering from venereal disease.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that if such certificate is not produced within the time stated or, if produced, is not to my satisfaction, a warrant for your compulsory examination may issue.

Dated at Perth this _____ day of _____ 20__.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT SERVICES.

Appendix

Form No. 2

Western Australia

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WARRANT FOR COMPULSORY EXAMINATION

To

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Medical Officer of Health (or 2 medical practitioners).

WHEREAS on the day of 20 , a
notice issued pursuant to regulation 3 was served upon
of requiring him (or her) to consult a medical practitioner
and to produce to my satisfaction within days a certificate of such
medical practitioner that the said is (or is not) suffering from
venereal disease, and whereas the time stated in such notice has expired but the
said has not produced the required certificate (or, and
whereas the certificate produced by the said is not to my
satisfaction).

THESE ARE THEREFORE to authorise and require you forthwith to examine
the said to ascertain whether he (or she) is suffering
from venereal disease and to report the result of such examination to me.

Given under my hand at Perth this day of , 20 .

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT SERVICES.

Form No. 3

Western Australia

Health Act 1911

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WARRANT FOR APPREHENSION AND DETENTION OF PERSON
SUFFERING FROM VENEREAL DISEASE

To all Public Health Officials under the *Health Act 1911*, and to the Officer in Charge of the Gaol Hospital at .

WHEREAS on the day of , 20 , a warrant for the compulsory examination pursuant to regulation 4 of the above regulations, of a person believed or suspected to be suffering from venereal disease was issued but such person failed to attend at the appointed time and place as required by notice, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by regulation 5 I hereby order you the said Public Health Officials forthwith to apprehend the said and convey him (or her) to for the purpose of examination in accordance with the terms of the warrant aforesaid.

Given under my hand at Perth this day of , 20 .

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT SERVICES.

Appendix

Form No. 4

Western Australia

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**WARRANT FOR APPREHENSION AND DETENTION OF PERSON
SUFFERING FROM VENEREAL DISEASE**

To all Public Health Officials under the *Health Act 1911*, and to the Officer in Charge of the Hospital at .

WHEREAS on the day of , 20 , a warrant for the compulsory examination pursuant to regulation 4 of the above regulations of a person believed or suspected to be suffering from venereal disease was issued and in consequence of such examination it has been reported to me that the said is suffering from venereal disease in an infectious stage and is likely unless detained, to infect other persons.

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon me by section 307 of the *Health Act 1911*, I hereby order you the said Public Health Officials forthwith to apprehend the said and convey him (or her) to the Hospital at (or to convey the said from the hospital or other place at which he is now an inmate to the gaol hospital at) and deliver him (or her) to the officer in charge thereof.

AND I ORDER YOU the officer in charge of the said hospital to receive the said into your care and to detain him (or her) for the period of 2 weeks or until his discharge shall be sooner ordered.

AND I FURTHER ORDER such bacteriological and other examinations and investigations as may reasonably be necessary to be made of and in respect of the said during such detention.

Given under my hand at Perth this day of , 20 .

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT SERVICES.

Form No. 5

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WARRANT FOR (APPREHENSION AND) FURTHER DETENTION OF
PERSON SUFFERING FROM VENEREAL DISEASE

To all Public Health Officials under the *Health Act 1911*, and to the Officer in Charge of the _____ Hospital at _____.

WHEREAS on the _____ day of _____, 20____, a
warrant for the apprehension and detention of _____ a person
reported to be suffering from venereal disease was issued and pursuant thereto
the said _____ was on the _____ day of _____,
20____, apprehended and conveyed to the hospital at _____.

AND WHEREAS the period of detention stated in the warrant having expired it
appears to me that the said _____ is suffering from venereal
disease in an infectious condition and that it is necessary in the interests of the
public further to detain the _____ (or WHEREAS
the said _____ has absconded from the place of detention
aforesaid) I THEREFORE AUTHORISE AND REQUIRE you the said Public
Health Officials to apprehend the said _____ and convey
him (or her) to the _____ hospital at _____
and deliver him (or her) to the officer in charge thereof and I AUTHORISE
AND REQUIRE you the said Officer in Charge of the said
hospital to receive the said _____ into your care and to
detain the said _____ for a further period of _____ weeks or until
his (or her) discharge shall be sooner ordered.

AND I HEREBY DIRECT that the said _____ shall
be subject during such detention to any such treatment and examination as I
may think necessary in the circumstances.

Given under my hand at Perth this _____ day of _____, 20____.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT SERVICES.

Appendix

[Forms 6-10 deleted in Gazette 5 Sep 2006 p. 3619.]

*[Appendix amended in Gazette 9 May 1975 p. 1298-9; 4 Jun 1982
p. 1792-3; 29 Jun 1984 p. 1782; 27 Nov 1987 p. 4261; 5 Sep 2006
p. 3619.]*

Notes

- ¹ This is a compilation of the *Health (Venereal Diseases) Regulations 1973* and includes the amendments made by the other written laws referred to in the following table ^{1a}. The table also contains information about any reprint.

Compilation table

Citation	Gazettal	Commencement
<i>Health (Venereal Diseases) Regulations 1973</i>	2 Mar 1973 p. 587-9	2 Mar 1973
Untitled regulations	9 May 1975 p. 1298-9	9 May 1975
Untitled regulations	18 Feb 1977 p. 484	18 Feb 1977
Untitled regulations	5 Aug 1977 p. 2545	5 Aug 1977
<i>Health (Venereal Diseases) Amendment Regulations 1982</i>	4 Jun 1982 p. 1792-3	4 Jun 1982
<i>Health Legislation Amendment Regulations 1984 r. 4</i>	29 Jun 1984 p. 1780-4	1 Jul 1984 (see r. 2)
Reprint of the <i>Health (Venereal Diseases) Regulations 1973</i> as at 1 Aug 1985 (see <i>Gazette</i> 29 Aug 1985 p. 3051-63) (includes amendments listed above)		
<i>Health (Venereal Diseases) Amendment Regulations 1987</i>	12 Jun 1987 p. 2323	12 Jun 1987
<i>Health (Venereal Diseases) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 1987</i>	27 Nov 1987 p. 4261	1 Dec 1987 (see r. 2)
<i>Health (Offences and Penalties) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 1988 Pt. 13</i>	23 Dec 1988 p. 4970-5	23 Dec 1988
Reprint 2: The <i>Health (Venereal Diseases) Regulations 1973</i> as at 18 Jul 2003 (includes amendments listed above)		
<i>Health (Venereal Diseases) Amendment Regulations 2006</i>	5 Sep 2006 p. 3618-19	5 Sep 2006

- ^{1a} On the date as at which this compilation was prepared, provisions referred to in the following table had not come into operation and were therefore not included in this compilation. For the text of the provisions see the endnotes referred to in the table.

Provisions that have not come into operation

Citation	Gazettal	Commencement
<i>Health Regulations Amendment (Public Health) Regulations 2016</i> Pt. 25 ³	10 Jan 2017 p. 237-308	24 Jan 2017 (see r. 2(b) and <i>Gazette</i> 10 Jan 2017 p. 165)

² Under the *Alteration of Statutory Designations Order (No. 3) 2001* references in any law, unless the contrary is intended, to the Health Department shall be read as references to the Department of Health.

³ On the date as at which this compilation was prepared, the *Health Regulations Amendment (Public Health) Regulations 2016* Pt. 25 had not come into operation. It reads as follows:

**Part 25 — Health (Venereal Diseases)
Regulations 1973 amended**

93. Regulations amended

This Part amends the *Health (Venereal Diseases) Regulations 1973*.

94. Regulation 2A amended

- (1) In regulation 2A insert in alphabetical order:

departmental officer has the meaning given in the *Public Health Act 2016* section 4(1);

- (2) In regulation 2A in the definition of *the Act* delete “*Health Act 1911* as amended.” and insert:

Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911.

95. Regulation 2C amended

In regulation 2C(1) delete “Executive Director” and insert:

Chief Health Officer

96. Regulation 9 amended

In regulation 9 delete “officials of the Health Department” and insert:

departmental officers

97. Appendix amended

(1) In Appendix Form No. 1:

(a) delete “*Health Act 1911*” and insert:

Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911

(b) delete:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT SERVICES.

and insert:

CHIEF HEALTH OFFICER

(2) In Appendix Form No. 2:

(a) delete “*Health Act 1911*” and insert:

Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911

(b) delete “Medical Officer of Health (or 2 medical practitioners).” and insert:

Two medical practitioners

(c) delete:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT SERVICES.

and insert:

CHIEF HEALTH OFFICER

(3) In Appendix Form No. 3:

(a) delete “*Health Act 1911*” and insert:

Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911

(b) delete “Public Health Officials under the *Health Act 1911*,” and insert:

authorised officers under the *Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911*,

(c) delete “Public Health Officials” and insert:

authorised officers

(d) delete:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT SERVICES.

and insert:

CHIEF HEALTH OFFICER

(4) In Appendix Form No. 4:

(a) delete “*Health Act 1911*” and insert:

Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911

(b) delete “Public Health Officials under the *Health Act 1911*,” and insert:

authorised officers under the *Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911*,

- (c) delete “section 307 of the *Health Act 1911*,” and insert:

the *Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911*
section 307,

- (d) delete “Public Health Officials” and insert:

authorised officers

- (e) delete:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT SERVICES.

and insert:

CHIEF HEALTH OFFICER

- (5) In Appendix Form No. 5:

- (a) delete “*Health Act 1911*” and insert:

Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911

- (b) delete “Public Health Officials under the *Health Act 1911*,” and insert:

authorised officers under the *Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911*,

- (c) delete “Public Health Officials” and insert:

authorised officers

(d) delete:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT SERVICES.

and insert:

CHIEF HEALTH OFFICER

**98. Various references to “Executive Director, Public Health”
amended**

In the provisions listed in the Table delete “Executive Director,
Public Health” (each occurrence) and insert:

Chief Health Officer

Table

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Defined terms

*[This is a list of terms defined and the provisions where they are defined.
The list is not part of the law.]*

Defined term	Provision(s)
the Act.....	2A