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1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Drug Court Regulation 1999*.

2 Commencement

This Regulation commences on 5 February 1999.

3 Definitions

In this Regulation:

facsimile means facsimile transmission, the internet or any other means of electronic transmission of information in a form from which written material is capable of being reproduced with or without the aid of any other device or article.

the Act means the *Drug Court Act 1998*.

4 Notes

The explanatory note and table of contents do not form part of this Regulation.

5 Eligible persons: section 5

For the purposes of section 5 (1) (e) of the Act, the following criteria are prescribed as criteria that a person must satisfy in order to be an eligible person within the meaning of the Act:

- (a) the person's usual place of residence must be within one of the following local government areas, namely, Auburn, Bankstown, Baulkham Hills, Blacktown, Campbelltown, Fairfield, Hawkesbury, Holroyd, Liverpool, Parramatta or Penrith,
- (b) the person must not be suffering from any mental condition that could prevent or restrict the person's active participation in a program under the Act,
- (c) the person must be of or above the age of 18 years,
- (d) criminal proceedings against the person for the offence with which the person is charged must not be criminal proceedings that are within the Children's Court's

jurisdiction to hear and determine.

6 Referring courts: section 6

The following courts and proceedings are prescribed for the purposes of section 6 (1) of the Act:

- (a) the District Court, in respect of all criminal proceedings brought before it in its sittings at Campbelltown, Liverpool, Parramatta or Penrith,
- (b) the Local Courts at Bankstown, Blacktown, Burwood, Campbelltown, Fairfield, Liverpool, Parramatta, Penrith, Richmond, Ryde and Windsor, in respect of all criminal proceedings brought before them.

7 Guidelines for facilities for the supervision and control of persons participating in Drug Court programs: section 7

(1) For the purposes of section 7 (2) (c) of the Act, the following guidelines are to be observed in determining the availability and allocation of facilities for the supervision and control of a referred person's participation in a program under the Act:

- (a) facilities are taken to be available in relation to a referred person:
 - (i) if the person or body providing those facilities is willing to accept the referred person, and
 - (ii) if it is reasonably likely that those facilities will be available to the referred person when they are needed, and
 - (iii) if the registrar has received advice as to the treatment proposed to be provided to the referred person by means of those facilities,
- (b) facilities are to be allocated to referred persons in accordance with policies determined from time to time by the Drug Court.

(2) In subclause (1), **referred person** means a person who has been referred to the Drug Court under section 6 of the Act.

8 Application of [Criminal Procedure Act 1986](#): section 18

(1) The provisions of section 33H (1) and (2) of the [Criminal Procedure Act 1986](#) are modified so as to provide that, in proceedings before the Drug Court under section 7 of the Act, the obligations of the Drug Court and prosecuting authority under those provisions are suspended in relation to a person charged if the person charged consents to their suspension.

(2) The suspension of those obligations ceases to have effect:

- (a) on the person withdrawing consent under subclause (1), or

(b) on the person consenting to being dealt with by the Drug Court under section 8 of the Act, or

(c) on the Drug Court referring the person back to the referring court under section 8 of the Act.

9 Provision of information to Drug Court: section 31

(1) For the purposes of section 31 (1) of the Act, the following persons are prescribed, but only if they are involved in the administration of, or provide services in connection with, a drug offender's program:

(a) persons acting for or on behalf of the South Western Sydney, Wentworth or Western Sydney Area Health Service,

(b) persons acting for or on behalf of the toxicology unit of Pacific Laboratory Medicine Services (an administrative unit of the Northern Sydney Area Health Service),

(c) persons acting for or on behalf of Access Correctional Services (an administrative unit of the Department of Education and Training),

(d) persons acting for or on behalf of an organisation providing treatment to a drug offender in connection with the drug offender's program.

(e), (f) (Repealed)

(2) An organisation is referred to in subclause (1) by the name under which it is incorporated (in the case of a body corporate), the name under which it is constituted (in the case of an unincorporated body) or the name under which it trades (in either case).

(3) For the purposes of section 31 (2) of the Act:

(a) information may be provided to the registrar:

(i) personally, or

(ii) by letter sent by post to the registrar or delivered to the offices of the registrar, or

(iii) by letter sent to the registrar by means of document exchange facilities, or

(iv) by message sent by facsimile or other electronic transmission, and

(b) information provided to the registrar otherwise than in writing must be confirmed in writing within 24 hours unless the registrar indicates otherwise.

10 Forms

- (1) Any form that may be used in respect of criminal proceedings before the District Court may also be used in respect of criminal proceedings before the Drug Court in its exercise of the criminal jurisdiction of the District Court.
- (2) Any form that may be used in respect of criminal proceedings before a Local Court may also be used in respect of criminal proceedings before the Drug Court in its exercise of the criminal jurisdiction of a Local Court.

11 Fees

- (1) Any fee that may be charged in respect of criminal proceedings before the District Court may also be charged in respect of criminal proceedings before the Drug Court in its exercise of the criminal jurisdiction of the District Court.
- (2) Any fee that may be charged in respect of criminal proceedings before a Local Court may also be charged in respect of criminal proceedings before the Drug Court in its exercise of the criminal jurisdiction of a Local Court.
- (3) The Drug Court may postpone, waive or remit any fee that may be charged under the Act, either unconditionally or subject to conditions.
- (4) The Drug Court's function under subclause (3) may be exercised by the registrar.

12 Referrals to Drug Court

A referral under section 6 of the Act to the Drug Court by another court may be made by notifying the registrar by telephone or in writing or by facsimile of the other court's decision to so refer the matter.

13 Referral back by Drug Court

- (1) An order under section 8 of the Act referring a matter back to the referring court may be made by a Judge of the Drug Court in the absence of the public and without any attendance by or on behalf of any person.
- (2) The registrar may, by telephone or facsimile, notify a court of an order by the Drug Court to refer a person back to the referring court.