

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PSYCHIATRIST

Application to be approved as a **MENTAL HEALTH OFFICER** (under the *Mental Health Act 2013* section 138)

Resources

- Tasmania's *Mental Health Act 2013*, which can be accessed [here](#)
- Chief Psychiatrists Standing Orders and Advisory Notes, which can be found [here](#)
- Mental Health Officer (Mental Health Act 2013) Online Competency Package is available FROM:
 - INTERNAL APPLICANTS - [Course: Mental Health Officer \(Mental Health Act 2013\) Online Competency Training Package \(dhhs.tas.gov.au\)](#)
 - EXTERNAL APPLICANTS - [Course: Mental Health Officer \(Mental Health Act 2013\) Online Competency Training Package \(2023\) \(sproutlabs.com.au\)](#)

APPLICANT DETAILS

Name (As per your AHPRA registration) _____
AHPRA registration number _____
Position title: _____
Work address: _____
Work Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

I confirm that:

- I am familiar with the *Mental Health Act 2013* and the Chief Psychiatrist Standing Orders and Advisory Notes.
- I have at least a minimum of three (3) months of experience in the treatment or care of persons with mental illness
- I have completed the Mental Health Officer training package and certificate of completion of my training is attached.
- JPG photograph (headshot) for Mental Health Officer photo identity card is attached.

Signed: _____ Date: / /

ENDORSEMENT (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT'S TEAM LEADER or NURSE UNIT MANAGER)

- I am satisfied that the above applicant has a minimum of three (3) months of experience in the treatment and care of a person with mental illness to be approved as a mental health officer for the purposes of the *Mental Health Act 2013*, under section 139 of that Act.

Signature _____ Date: / /

Name: _____ Position: _____

Please send this form AND Certificate of completion of training to chief.psychiatrist@health.tas.gov.au or mail to Office of the Chief Psychiatrist, Department of Health, GPO Box 125, Hobart TAS 7001