

STATUTORY RULES.

No. 1 of 1919.

MADE UNDER THE "HEALTH (VENEREAL DISEASES) ORDINANCE,
1918."

(No. XIII. of 1918).

1. These Regulations may be cited as the *Venereal Diseases Regulations, 1918.*

Notification of Venereal Diseases—Medical Practitioner to Government Secretary.

Section 3 (5).

2. The form of notice to be given to the Government Secretary by every medical practitioner upon his becoming aware that any persons, whether male or female, attended or treated by him is suffering from any venereal diseases, shall be Form A in the Schedule hereto.

Form of notification of change of medical adviser.

Section 3 (2).

3. The form of notification to be sent by every medical practitioner, upon being consulted by any person, whether male or female, suffering from venereal disease, who has been previously under treatment by a medical practitioner, advising the last-mentioned practitioner that such person has changed his or her medical adviser, shall be Form B in the Schedule hereto.

Notification of name and address to be sent to the Government Secretary by medical practitioner, upon failure of patient to consult or attend medical practitioner.

Section 3 (6).

4. The form of notice to be sent to the Government Secretary by every medical practitioner, when any patient, who has been attended or treated by such medical practitioner for a venereal disease in an infectious stage has failed to consult or attend him for a period of four weeks, and such medical practitioner has not within that period received from another medical practitioner a notice that the patient has changed his medical adviser, shall be Form C in the Schedule hereto.

Notification to Government Secretary of change of medical adviser.

5. When a medical practitioner receives a notification that any person, who had previously consulted or attended him, has changed his medical adviser, he shall send a notice to the Government Secretary stating that he has received a notice of change of medical adviser in Form D in the Schedule hereto.

Form of certificate of cure.

Section 3 (9).

6. The form of certificate of cure to be given by the medical practitioner to the patient, upon being satisfied that such patient has become cured of venereal disease, shall be Form E in the Schedule hereto.

Form of notice requiring persons to consult a medical practitioner.

Section 4 (1).

7. Whenever the Government Secretary has received a statement signed by a medical practitioner or other person, in which shall be set forth the full name and address of the informant, that any person (whether male or female) is suffering from venereal disease, and the Government Secretary has reason to believe, from evidence disclosed in the said statement, that the person named therein is suffering from such disease, he may give notice in writing in Form F in the Schedule hereto, to such person requiring such person to consult a specified medical practitioner within a specified time and at a specified place for medical examination by clinical and bacteriological methods, and to produce to the satisfaction of the Government Secretary within a time which shall also be specified in such notice, a certificate of such medical practitioner that such person is or is not suffering from such disease.

Any person who fails without reasonable excuse to produce such certificate within such specified time shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Twenty pounds.

Examination of persons suspected of being infected with venereal disease.

Section 7 (1) (d).

8. Any person suspected by the Government Secretary of being infected with venereal disease may be required by notice, in writing in Form G in the Schedule hereto, signed by the Government Secretary to submit himself or herself for examination by clinical and bacteriological methods. Such notice shall state the name of the medical practitioner to whom such person is required to submit himself or herself for examination, and the time and place of examination.

Provision at public hospitals.

Sections 5 (1) and 7 (1) (b).

9. Every person suffering from venereal disease shall be fit to be treated at any public hospital.

Every such person shall be treated by such hospital as either an outdoor or indoor patient, at the discretion of the medical officer of the said hospital.

Every such hospital shall be provided by the persons having the management or control thereof with all necessary drugs, instruments, and utensils, including an irrigation room, so as to secure the complete examination and treatment of any person suffering from venereal disease.

Examination of prisoners on account of venereal disease.

Section 7 (1) (d).

10. Every person who is actually undergoing imprisonment in any prison within the Territory and who is suspected by the visiting medical officer of being infected with venereal disease, shall submit himself to examination by the visiting medical officer at such time and place in such prison as he directs. Such examination may be by clinical and bacteriological methods and by the following tests:—(a) Wassermann and Noguchi reaction, and (b) demonstration of spirochætes or by any one or more of such methods and tests or of either of them.

Persons detained not to leave place of detention.

Sections 4 (2) and 7 (1) (b).

11. No person who is being detained by order of a Resident magistrate, the Government Secretary or the Lieutenant-Governor in Council under Section 4 (2) of the Ordinance in a hospital or other suitable place, shall leave such hospital or other suitable place while such person is being legally so detained therein.

No person shall remove from, or aid, abet, or assist in leaving, such hospital or other suitable place any person legally detained as aforesaid.

Prevention of infection.

Section 7 (1) (e).

12. (1) No person suffering from venereal disease shall carry, deliver, manufacture, prepare, or otherwise handle any food intended for consumption by any other person.

(2) Every person suffering from venereal disease shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent spread of infection by medium of towels, soiled underclothing, baths, culinary utensils, and closet seats, and shall carry out the directions and instructions of the medical adviser.

(3) Every person in charge of a child suffering from venereal disease shall—

- (a) Provide a separate bed for the said child, and
- (b) Provide separate towels and other toilet requisites, and
- (c) Wash the said child in a separate bath, and
- (d) Disinfect all soiled clothing by boiling or other effective means, and
- (e) Prevent the said child from coming into contact with other children, and
- (f) Carry out the directions and instructions of the medical adviser.

Penalty.

Section 7 (2).

13. When any matter or thing is by these Regulations directed to be done, or where any authority is given by these Regulations to the Government Secretary or any person to direct or require any matter or thing to be done, and such act so directed to be done remains undone, in every such case every person offending against such directions shall be deemed guilty of an offence against these Regulations.

Every person guilty of an offence against these Regulations shall, for every such offence, be liable to a penalty not exceeding Twenty pounds.

Made in Executive Council this 10th day of January, One thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

Executive Council Minute,
No. 22 of 1/1919.

H. L. MURRAY,
Clerk of Executive Council.

SCHEDULE.

[Form A.]

[Confidential.]

Health (Venereal Diseases) Ordinance, 1918.
Sections 3 (5) and 7 (1) (a) and Regulation 2.

Section 3 (5)
Reg. 2.

NOTIFICATION OF VENEREAL DISEASE.

To the Government Secretary, Port Moresby.

I hereby give you notice that a person* attended or treated by me is suffering from a venereal disease in†

The following particulars are supplied in respect of such person :—

Identification No. ‡

Date:

Date of birth :

Place of birth :

Sex :

Occupation :

Marital status :

Nature of disease :

Has patient been under any other medical practitioner for same complaint?

If so, state name of practitioner : §

Has this patient previously been notified by you? If so, state date :

Source of infection stated or ascribed in full :

Remarks :

In accordance with the provisions of section 3 (7), I have given a warning notice to the patient.

Signature and address of practitioner :

[Form B.]

Health (Venereal Diseases) Ordinance, 1918.

Section 159 (2)

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF MEDICAL ADVISER.

Address :

Sir,—In accordance with the provisions of section 3 (2) of the *Health (Venereal Diseases) Ordinance, 1918*, I have to inform you that [*here insert the name of the patient*], who states that he has previously been under your treatment for venereal disease, has now consulted me.

His identification number in my records is

Signature :

Date :

Dr.

This notice must be sent in a sealed envelope marked "Confidential."

* Name and address are not to be given.

† State whether in an infectious stage or non-infectious stage.

‡ If patient previously notified by you, same identification number should be used.

§ The patient is bound under penalty to furnish you with this information section 3 (4)

[Form C.]

Health (Venereal Diseases) Ordinance, 1918.

Section 3 (6).

NOTIFICATION OF NAME AND ADDRESS.

To the Government Secretary, Port Moresby.

In accordance with the provisions of section 3 (6) of *Health (Venereal Diseases) Ordinance, 1918*, I hereby notify that [*here insert name and address of patient*] suffering from [*here insert the particular nature of the disease*], whose identification number in my records is , has failed to consult me for a period of four weeks, and that I have not received notice within that period from any other medical practitioner that such patient is under his treatment.

Signature of medical practitioner :

Address :

Date :

This notice must be sent in a sealed envelope marked "Confidential."

[Form D.]

Health (Venereal Diseases) Ordinance, 1918, and Regulations.

NOTICE TO GOVERNMENT SECRETARY OF CHANGE OF MEDICAL ADVISER.

Address :

Sir,—I have to inform you that Dr. has advised me that a person who was previously under my treatment for venereal disease, and whose identification number in my records is , has now placed self under his care. The identification number in Dr. records is

Signature :

Date :

The Government Secretary, Port Moresby.

This notice must be sent in a sealed envelope marked "Confidential."

[Form E.]

Health (Venereal Diseases) Ordinance, 1918.

Section 3 (9).

CERTIFICATE OF CURE OF VENEREAL DISEASE.

The person described hereunder has been subjected to all necessary examinations in order to ascertain whether such person is cured of venereal disease, and in accordance with the results of such examinations I hereby certify that such person, in my opinion, is cured of the disease.

Section 3 (2)
Reg. 3.

Section 3 (6)
Reg. 4.

Section 3 (4)
Reg. 5.

Section 3 (9)
Reg. 6.

Name (in full):

Date of birth:

Sex:

Address:

Nature of disease:

Date of examination:

This certificate applies to the above-described person only on date of examination.

Signature of medical practitioner:

Address:

Date:

[Form F.]

Section 4 (1)

Reg. 7.

Health (Venereal Diseases) Ordinance, 1918.

Section 4 (1) and Regulation 7.

NOTICE REQUIRING PERSONS TO CONSULT A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER.

To _____, of _____,

Whereas a statement has been furnished to me by _____, from which I have reason to believe that you are suffering from venereal disease:

Now, therefore, by this notice, I require you, the said _____,

to consult _____,

a medical practitioner, at _____, within _____ days, for medical examination by clinical and bacteriological methods, and to produce to me, on or before _____, a certificate of the said _____ that you are or are not suffering from venereal disease.

You are hereby informed that if the certificate is not produced to me within the time herein stated, or if I am not satisfied with such certificate, a warrant will be issued by me authorising a medical officer of health, or a medical practitioner, to examine you to ascertain whether you are suffering from such disease, and such medical officer of health or medical practitioner has power to examine you accordingly and to report the result of his examination to me in writing. If you fail, without reasonable excuse, to provide the aforesaid certificate, you are liable to a penalty not exceeding Fifty pounds.

You are further informed that section 3 (2) of the *Health (Venereal Diseases) Ordinance, 1918*, requires that every person, whether male or female, suffering from any venereal disease shall, within three days of his becoming aware or suspecting that he is so suffering, consult a medical practitioner thereon and place himself under treatment by such practitioner, and for any failure so to do, is liable to a penalty not exceeding £20. Also that by section 3 (12) of the same Ordinance any person who knowingly infects any other person with any venereal disease is liable to a penalty not exceeding £100, or to imprisonment for any period not exceeding twelve months.

Dated at Port Moresby this _____ day of _____, 191 _____.

Government Secretary.

[Form G.]

Health (Venereal Diseases) Ordinance, 1918.

Section 7 (1) (d)

Reg. 8.

Whereas I, _____, Government Secretary of the Territory of Papua, suspect you [*insert name and address of person*], of being infected with venereal disease:

I do, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the *Health (Venereal Diseases) Ordinance, 1918*, require you to submit yourself to Dr. _____ for examination by clinical and bacteriological methods at [*here state the place and time of examination*].

Dated at Port Moresby this _____ day of _____, 191 _____.

Government Secretary.

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