

SCHEDULE 1

Sections 3, 5(2)

**Refusal of Treatment Certificate:
Competent Person**

We certify that we are satisfied—

(a) that (name of patient) has clearly expressed or indicated a decision, in relation to a current condition, to refuse—

*medical treatment generally;

or

*medical treatment, being.....
(specify particular kind of medical treatment);

(b) that the patient's decision is made voluntarily and without inducement or compulsion;

(c) that the patient has been informed about the nature of his/her current condition to an extent which is reasonably sufficient to enable him/her to make a decision about whether or not to refuse medical treatment generally or of a particular kind (as the case requires) and that he/she has appeared to understand that information; and

(d) that the patient is of sound mind and has attained the age of 18 years.

Dated:

Signed.....(Registered Medical Practitioner)

Signed(Another Person)

Patient's current condition

The patient's current condition is (describe condition)

Dated:

Signed:

(To be signed by the same registered medical practitioner)

Verification to be completed by patient, if physically able to do so.

In relation to my current condition, I refuse—

*medical treatment generally

or

*medical treatment, being.....
(specify particular kind of medical treatment).

I give the following instructions as to palliative care:

Dated:

Signed (Patient)

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION (*for completion where patient cancels the certificate under section 7 of the **Medical Treatment Act 1988***)

I cancel this certificate

Dated:

Signed:..... (Patient)

or

The patient clearly expressed or indicated a decision to cancel this certificate on (Date).

Signed (Person witnessing patient's decision)

*Delete whichever is not applicable

NOTE: "**Medical treatment**" means the carrying out of—

- (a) an operation; or
- (b) the administration of a drug or other like substance; or
- (c) any other medical procedure—

but does not include palliative care.

"**Palliative care**" includes—

- (a) the provision of reasonable medical procedures for the relief of pain, suffering and discomfort; or
- (b) the reasonable provision of food and water.

The refusal of palliative care is not covered by the **Medical Treatment Act 1988**.