

Mental Health Review Tribunal Accreditation Requirements

Mental Health Review Tribunal (MHRT) accreditation is open to experienced legal practitioners holding current practising certificates whose firm or employer firm (including Legal Aid Queensland) is on Legal Aid Queensland's MHRT Preferred Supplier panel.

To obtain MHRT Accreditation, the practitioner must meet the following criteria: -

1. Holds a current Practising Certificate from the Queensland Law Society;
2. Have at least 12 months' post-admission experience as a legal practitioner;
3. Is an employee, either part-time or full-time, of a law firm or community legal centre, or other legal service provider that holds a current MHRT Panel Service Agreement;
4. Is familiar with the *Mental Health Act 2016*;
5. Certify that the practitioner has watched the [MHRT webinar](#) and agree to undertake training in the delivery of services in the MHRT provided by LAQ;
6. Is familiar with and agree to comply with LAQ's [MHRT Case Management Standards](#) for the delivery of services in the MHRT, LAQ's [Best Practice Guidelines](#) for lawyers working with clients in the MHRT and any practice directions issued by the MHRT; and
7. Provide details of relevant legal experience in the delivery of legal services to clients with mental health issues.

To apply for MHRT Accreditation, please provide the following:

1. Statutory Declaration addressing the above requirements and relevant experience; and
2. Evidence that you are not susceptible to the following Vaccine Preventable Diseases ("VPDs"): Hepatitis B; Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR); Varicella (Chicken Pox); and Pertussis (Whooping Cough).
 - A serology report (blood test) organised via a GP, confirming that you are not susceptible to Hepatitis B, MMR, and Varicella, would constitute sufficient proof for the purposes of this new requirement. Completion by your GP of the [Vaccine Preventable Disease Evidence Form](#) would also constitute sufficient evidence.

Legal Aid Queensland will only approve accreditation when satisfied the above criteria has been met and applicants have sufficient experience to provide 'stand-alone' MHRT services.

To submit an application for MHRT accreditation or seek further information, please call Legal Aid Queensland on 3917 0451 or email MHRT.Panel@legalaid.qld.gov.au.