

# Compulsory inpatient treatment notification

## Approved leave of absence

To

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi - Driver Safety

Date

dd/mm/yyyy

From

Name, Director Area Mental Health Services/Name of facility

### Patient details

Full name

Date of birth

dd/mm/yyyy

New Zealand driver licence number

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### Approved leave of absence - fit to drive.

Date of approved leave

dd/mm/yyyy

- Licence holder holds a class 1 and/or 6 New Zealand Driver Licence (confirmation Director of Area Mental Health has returned the photo driver licence).
- Licence holder holds a class 2,3, 4 or 5 New Zealand Driver Licence (including Passenger, Vehicle Recovery, Driving Instructor or Testing Officer Endorsement).
- Information not available.

Signature

Name

Date signed

dd/mm/yyyy

## Obligations under section 19 of the Land Transport Act 1998

When NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi are advised of an inpatient order, the patient's licence record is updated on the Driver Licence Register to show they're currently suspended. You'll need to make sure you communicate this to the patient.

This means it's important you notify us when a patient is released from an in-patient order so their licence record can be updated. Please take whichever of the following steps are relevant:

- » If the patient is not assessed as unfit to drive and you're releasing them from their in-patient order:
  - tell us the date that you released them
  - return their driver licence to them
- » If the patient is unfit to drive (no matter what kind of licence they hold), the Director of Area Mental Health Services must issue us with a notification to that effect and return the patient's driver licence to us.

**Note:** if you don't tell us of a patient's release, their driver licence record won't be updated. If or when they're stopped by police they could be charged with driving while suspended, causing the person a significant amount of unnecessary stress.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this letter

phone: 0800 790 359

email: [medical@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:medical@nzta.govt.nz)

Any driver licences can be sent to:

NZ Transport Agency  
Private Bag 11 777  
Palmerston North.