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**MEDICAL TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY ACT**

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**An Act to reform the law relating to medical terminations of pregnancies, to enhance the dignity and sanctity of life by reducing the incidence of induced abortion, to enhance the attainment of safe motherhood by eliminating deaths and complications due to unsafe abortion, to prescribe those circumstances in which any woman who voluntarily and in good faith wishes to terminate her pregnancy may lawfully do so and to provide for matters connected therewith.**

[14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 1995]

**PRELIMINARY**

Short title and application.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act.

(2) This Act applies to treatment for the termination of pregnancy by medication, surgical procedures or other means.

Interpretation.

2. (1) In this Act—

“approved institution” means any institution approved by the Minister for the purposes of this Act;

“authorised medical practitioner” means any person registered as a duly qualified medical practitioner under the Medical Practitioners Act and, being either

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a specialist in obstetrics and gynaecology with such experience as may be prescribed or a medical practitioner authorised in accordance with regulations made under section 16 to perform medical terminations of pregnancies;

“foetus” includes an embryo;

“institution” means—

- (a) a hospital;
- (b) a clinic;
- (c) a nursing home, including a maternity home;
- (d) any other facility where arrangements for the treatment of termination of pregnancy exist;

“medical practitioner” means any person registered as a duly qualified medical practitioner under the Medical Practitioners Act;

“nurse” means any person registered as a duly qualified nurse under any law, for the time being in operation in Guyana, relating to the registration of nurses;

“person of unsound mind” means an idiot or a person who is suffering from mental derangement;

“pregnancy” means an intra-uterine human pregnancy where the foetus is viable;

“prescribed” means prescribed by regulations made by the Minister;

“termination of pregnancy” means termination of human pregnancy with an intention other than to produce a live birth.

(2) For the purposes of this Act, the duration of a

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pregnancy shall be determined –

- (a) by calculating from the first day of the last normal menstruation of the pregnant woman and ending on the last day of the relevant week; and
- (b) by clinical examination.

Modification of sections 78, 79, 80 and 99 of the Criminal Law (Offences) Act.

3. (1) Notwithstanding sections 78, 79, 80 and 99 of the Criminal Law (Offences) Act the treatment for the termination of a pregnancy shall be lawful if administered in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

(2) For the removal of doubt it is hereby declared that nothing in this Act shall be construed as affecting the provisions of section 99 of the Criminal Law (Offences) Act relating to the offence of child destruction.

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### COUNSELLING

Counselling.

4. The Minister shall make regulations for pre- and post-abortion counselling for any woman seeking treatment regarding the medical termination of her pregnancy and, where appropriate, her partner; to facilitate such counselling such regulations shall provide for a waiting period of forty-eight hours after the woman has made a request for such medical termination of pregnancy.

### TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY

Termination of pregnancy of not more than eight weeks duration.

5. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the treatment for the termination of a pregnancy of not more than eight weeks duration by any lawful and appropriate method other than a surgical procedure may be administered or

supervised by a medical practitioner.

(2) It is not necessary that the treatment referred to in subsection (1), in the case referred to therein, should be administered in an approved institution and in any such case it shall not be necessary to establish the matters referred to in section 6(1).

Termination of pregnancy of more than eight weeks and not more than sixteen weeks duration.

6. (1) Where a pregnancy sought to be terminated is of more than eight weeks duration and of not more than twelve weeks duration or the treatment for the termination of the pregnancy is by any lawful and appropriate medical preparation, then subject to the provisions of this Act, the treatment of such a pregnancy may be administered by an authorised medical practitioner and any assistant acting under such authorised medical practitioner's directions but such treatment shall be administered only—

- (a) in an approved institution approved for that purpose, having regard to the medical procedure involved and the duration of the pregnancy; and
- (b) where, in the opinion of the authorised medical practitioner administering or directing the treatment—
  - (i) the continuance of the pregnancy would involve risk to the life of the pregnant woman or grave injury to her physical or mental health:
  - (ii) there is substantial risk that if the child were born, it would suffer such physical or mental abnormalities as to be seriously

- handicapped; or
- (iii) on account of being a person of unsound mind, the pregnant woman is not capable of taking care of an infant;
- (c) where the pregnant woman reasonably believes that her pregnancy was caused by an act of rape or incest and submits a statement to that effect;
- (d) where the pregnant woman is known to be HIV positive; or
- (e) where there is clear evidence that the pregnancy resulted in spite of the use in good faith of a recognised contraceptive method by the pregnant woman or her partner:

Provided that the treatment for the termination of a pregnancy of more than twelve weeks duration and of not more than sixteen weeks duration may be administered by an authorised medical practitioner in an approved institution, if two medical practitioners are of the opinion, formed in good faith, of the matters specified in paragraphs (b), (c), (d) or (e).

(2) In determining whether the continuance of a pregnancy would involve risk of grave injury to the health of a pregnant woman as mentioned in subsection (1)(b)(i), a medical practitioner or authorised medical practitioner shall take into account the pregnant woman's entire social and economic environment, whether actual or foreseeable.

Termination of pregnancy of more than sixteen weeks

7. The treatment for the termination of a pregnancy of more than sixteen weeks duration may be administered by an authorised medical practitioner in an approved institution, if



duration. three medical practitioners are of the opinion formed in good faith, that the treatment to terminate the pregnancy is necessary to save the life of a pregnant woman or to prevent grave permanent injury to the physical or mental health of the woman or her unborn child.

Consent. 8. (1) Except where the pregnant woman is of unsound mind, a medical practitioner or an authorised medical practitioner, as the case may be, may require the written or oral consent of the pregnant woman before administering treatment for the termination of her pregnancy.

(2) The treatment for the termination of a pregnancy of a woman of unsound mind of any age shall not be administered except with the written or oral consent of her guardian.

(3) In the treatment of the termination of a pregnancy of a child of any age, while the medical practitioner or authorised medical practitioner, as the case may be, may encourage the child to inform her parents, he is not required either to obtain the consent of her parents or guardian or to notify them.

(4) In the treatment of the termination of a pregnancy of a woman of any marital status, while the medical practitioner or authorised medical practitioner, as the case may be, may encourage the patient to inform her partner, he is not required either to obtain the partner's consent or to notify him.

Non-liability of medical practitioner. 9. No medical practitioner or authorised medical practitioner or person authorised by him shall be in any way liable for the carrying out of, or the supervision of treatment to terminate a pregnancy where the pregnant woman has consented to such treatment, unless such treatment was carried out in a negligent manner.

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Non-applica-  
tion of certain  
provisions.

10. The following sections do not apply where the treatment to terminate the pregnancy is immediately necessary to save the life of the pregnant woman or to prevent grave permanent injury to her physical or mental health, namely—

- (a) section 4 relating to counselling;
- (b) sections 6 and 7 relating to the number of medical opinions required; and
- (c) section 8 relating to consent,

and in such circumstances any medical practitioner may administer the treatment.

Conscientious  
objection to  
participate in  
treatment.

11. (1) Subject to subsection (4), no person shall be under any legal duty to participate in any treatment of a patient for the termination of a pregnancy to which he has a conscientious objection.

(2) In any legal proceedings the burden of proof of conscientious objection shall lie on the person claiming such objection.

(3) The burden of proof referred to in subsection (2) may be discharged by any person by a statement on oath or affirmation to the effect that he has a conscientious objection to participate in any treatment authorised by this Act.

(4) Nothing in subsection (1) shall affect the duty of a person to participate in treatment for the termination of a pregnancy that is immediately necessary to save the life of a pregnant woman or to prevent grave permanent injury to her physical or mental health.

## PENALTIES

Penalties for offences.

12. (1) Where, by or under any provision of this Act any person or any approved institution is required to maintain any document or record, and such person or institution deliberately refuses or fails to maintain such document or record, or maintains such document or record but it is incomplete or contains any statement which is false or misleading in any material particular, that person or, in the case of an approved institution, the person owning or managing the institution shall be liable, on summary conviction to a fine of twenty thousand dollars and imprisonment for six months.

(2) Where any statement made by a pregnant woman under section 6 is intentionally false or misleading in any material particular, the pregnant woman shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of seven thousand dollars and imprisonment for six months.

(3) Where any medical practitioner, authorised medical practitioner, approved institution or person employed by, or working in, or any other person with lawful access to any approved institution contravenes section 14, the medical practitioner, the person owning or managing the approved institution, or other person shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of one hundred thousand dollars and imprisonment for one year.

(4) Any person who contravenes or refuses or fails to comply with any provision of this Act or the regulations made thereunder, and for which no penalty has been prescribed by this Act or the Criminal Law (Offences) Act, shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of ten thousand dollars and imprisonment for three months.

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Statement by  
guardian.

13. Any statement required to be made by a pregnant woman under this Act, shall, where she is of unsound mind, be made by her guardian, and any reference in this Act to a statement by a pregnant woman shall, in such a case be construed as a reference to a statement by the guardian of the pregnant woman.

Confidential  
information.

14.(1) A record of every treatment for the termination of a pregnancy shall be kept at the premises where the treatment was administered by the medical practitioner, authorised medical practitioner or person owning or managing an approved institution, containing the name, the address, the treatment and reasons therefor and such other relevant particulars as may be prescribed.

(2) Every medical practitioner, authorised medical practitioner, the person owning or managing an approved institution or person employed by, or working in, and all other persons with lawful access to any approved institution—

- (a) shall deal with as secret and confidential all information, documents and matters in respect of any matter dealt with by or under this Act; and
- (b) shall not make use of any such information to the advantage or benefit of himself or any other person.

(3) Nothing in subsection (1) shall be deemed to prevent any medical practitioner, authorised medical practitioner, the person owning or managing an approved institution, all senior personnel employed therein, or any

other person with lawful access thereto from disclosing, or entitle him to refuse to disclose, to the court or person referred to in paragraph (b) any information, document or matter referred to in subsection (1)–

- (a) for the purpose of discharging his functions under this Act, or for the purpose of complying with any provision of this Act; or
- (b) when lawfully required to make the disclosure by any court, or by any person having authority to do so under any law, for the purposes of any legal proceedings in respect of the contravention of any provision of this Act or of the Criminal Law (Offences) Act.

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Powers of entry.

**15.(1)** The Chief Medical Officer or any public officer authorised by him in writing may at all reasonable times enter any premises–

- (a) where a medical practitioner administers or supervises or is reasonably suspected to administer or supervise treatment for the termination of pregnancy; or
- (b) of any approved institution,

for the purpose of ascertaining whether there has been any contravention of, or failure to comply with, any provision of this Act or any regulations made thereunder.

(2) Subsection (1) shall be without prejudice to the powers of a member of the Police Force while investigating

any complaint or information relating to the commission of an offence.

(3) Nothing in the exercise of the authority conferred by subsections (1) and (2) shall over-ride the paramount consideration of the health of the patient and the authority conferred on officers acting under this section is limited to observation and evidence-taking and does not include the power to obstruct any procedures observed.

Power to make regulations.

16. (1) The Minister may make regulations for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, and in particular, such regulations may provide for all or any of the following matters—

- (a) defining the conditions for the authorisation of registered medical practitioners as authorised medical practitioners;
- (b) defining the conditions which an institution must satisfy before it is granted approval as an approved institution and the consequences of a breach of any such conditions;
- (c) in respect of the records to be kept by medical practitioners or other persons of the pregnancies terminated and in respect of the submission of the records to the Chief Medical Officer, together with other prescribed information;
- (d) in respect of counselling services

referred to in section 4 to be provided to a pregnant woman desirous of having treatment for the termination of her pregnancy and to a woman who has had such treatment;

- (e) regarding the appointment and operation of any monitoring or advisory body to advise the Minister on securing the effective operation of this Act;
  - (f) any form and its contents necessary in the administration of this Act;
  - (g) any other matter that is required to be or may be, prescribed by the Minister.
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REGULATIONS**

*made under section 16*

**ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS**

REGULATIONS

1. Citation.
2. Counselling
3. Authorisation of Medical practitioner.
4. Approval of institution.
5. Maintenance of records of treatment.
6. Advisory board.

SCHEDULE: Forms

Citation.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Regulations.

Counselling.

2. (1) A medical practitioner or authorised medical practitioner who carries out the treatment for the termination of a pregnancy shall acquaint himself with counselling functions with particular reference to family life education and child-birth.

(2) Before carrying out the treatment for the termination of a pregnancy a medical practitioner shall –



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- (a) counsel the woman requesting the termination of her pregnancy and, where appropriate, her partner; or
- (b) ensure that the woman and, where appropriate, her partner have been counselled by a person authorised by the Minister; and
- (c) advise the woman and, where appropriate, her partner of the requirement in section 4 of the Act, of a forty-eight hour waiting period, after the woman has made a request for a medical termination of her pregnancy, so that the woman and, where appropriate her partner shall receive counselling to consider whether or not the woman should undertake the treatment for the medical termination of pregnancy.

(3) A person who counsels a woman requesting a termination of her pregnancy, or her partner, shall –

- (a) advise either of them on courses of action that are available as alternatives to the termination of the pregnancy;
- (b) inform either of them of the operative procedures and the possible immediate and long-term effects of the termination of the pregnancy;
- (c) advise either of them of methods of contraception and the availability of

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family planning services;

- (d) advise either of them about sexually transmitted diseases, including information about the transmission and avoidance of these diseases;
- (e) give such advice as to enable either of them to deal with the social and psychological consequences of continuing the pregnancy or of terminating it;
- (f) in the case of a woman who decides to continue her pregnancy, advise her on the availability of adoption, fostering or other services; and
- (g) in the case of a woman who decides to terminate her pregnancy, make reasonable arrangements for the continuation of counselling after the termination of pregnancy.

(4) After carrying out the treatment for the termination of pregnancy a medical practitioner or authorised medical practitioner shall –

- (a) counsel the patient and, where appropriate, her partner about responsible sexual behaviour;
- (b) give such advice to the patient and, where appropriate, her partner as may be appropriate to enable either of them to deal with the social and psychological consequences of the

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termination of the pregnancy, or

- (c) refer the patient to any individual or institution approved by the Minister to provide such counselling.

(5) Where a termination involves a woman under eighteen years of age, a medical practitioner or authorised medical practitioner and any counsellor are required to give particular attention to-

- (a) directing her and, where appropriate, her partner on or to moral guidance;
- (b) educating her and, where appropriate, her partner on the full responsibility of parenthood;
- (c) making her and, where appropriate, her partner aware of modern family planning methods.

(6) In determining whether it is appropriate to involve the partner in counselling, the medical practitioner or counsellor shall defer to the wishes of the woman seeking the termination.

Authorisation  
of medical  
practitioner.

3. (1) The Medical Council of Guyana shall have the power to determine for the purpose of section 2 (1) (b) of the Act the training and experience deemed appropriate for certifying a registered medical practitioner as an authorised medical practitioner.

(2) A registered medical practitioner shall satisfy the requirements of the Medical Council of Guyana to be recognised as a medical practitioner if he has one or more of the following experience or training in gynaecology and

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obstetrics, namely-

- (a) if he has been in the practice of gynaecology and obstetrics for a period of not less than three years;
- (b) if he has completed six months of house surgery in gynaecology and obstetrics;
- (c) if he has had experience at any hospital for a period of not less than one year in the practice of obstetrics and gynaecology;
- (d) if he has assisted a registered medical practitioner in the performance of twenty-five cases of medical termination of pregnancies in a hospital approved by the Minister;
- (e) if he has completed the training provided by the Minister to be qualified as an authorised medical practitioner; or
- (f) if he holds a post-graduate degree or diploma in gynaecology and obstetrics, the experience or
- (g) training gained during the course of such degree or diploma.

(3) The Minister acting on such guidelines as may be provided by the Medical Council of Guyana, shall make provision for such training and supervision as is required in order for a medical practitioner to qualify as an

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authorised medical practitioner under paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e).

(4) The Minister may from time to time determine what fee is appropriate for such training.

Form A. (5) Applications for training shall be directed to the Chief Medical Officer in Form A in the Schedule.

Form B (6) On satisfactory completion of the training provided by the Chief Medical Officer the Secretary of the Medical Council shall so certify in Form B in the Schedule.

Form C (7) A medical practitioner desirous of being registered as an authorised medical practitioner shall make application in Form C in the Schedule with supporting documentation.

Approval of institution.

Form E.

4. (1) The Minister, acting on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer, may grant to the person owning or managing an institution approval in Form E in the Schedule of the institution as an approved institution to provide treatment for the medical terminations of pregnancies of more than eight weeks duration, having given due consideration to –

- (a) the training and experience of the medical staff, nurses and technical personnel employed by or working in the institution; and
- (b) the equipment and facilities available in the institution.

(2) Any change in the medical practitioners, nurses or medical technical personnel working in an approved institution, or any deterioration or non-functioning of the medical equipment or other arrangements available in an

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approved institution which may reduce the safety of providing treatment under the Act shall be intimated to the Minister by the person owning or managing the institution as soon as may be possible and in any case before the expiry of fourteen days from the date on which the change, deterioration or non-functioning took place.

(3) No place shall be approved –

- (a) unless the Minister is satisfied that termination of pregnancies may be done therein under safe and hygienic conditions; and
- (b) unless the following facilities are provided therein, namely –
  - (i) an operation table, instruments and supplies for performing abdominal and gynaecological surgery;
  - (ii) anaesthetic equipment, resuscitation equipment and sterilisation equipment;
  - (iii) drugs and parenteral fluids for emergency use; and
  - (iv) adequate facilities for recovery from anaesthesia

(4) The Minister shall notify in the *Gazette*, and a newspaper having circulation in Guyana, the name and address of every approved institution and of the person owning or managing the institution.

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Form D. (5) Application in Form D in the Schedule for approval of an institution as an approved institution must be submitted to the Minister by the person owning or managing that institution.

Form E. (6) The Minister shall give a certificate in Form E in the Form E Schedule to the person owning or managing an institution, where that institution fulfils the requisite conditions to qualify as an approved institution.

(7) A certificate issued under paragraph (6) shall be displayed by an approved institution at a prominent place in the institution.

(8) The approval of an institution under these regulations shall be valid for two years or such other shorter period as may be stipulated in Form E in the Schedule and may be renewed by the Minister.

(9) The Minister may cancel the approval of an approved institution if –

- (a) any person employed by the institution, or the person owning or managing the institution, refuses or fails to comply with, or contravenes, any provision of the Act or these regulations; or
- (b) having regard to a change referred to in paragraph (2) it is not desirable that the institution should continue to be an approved institution.

(10) For the reasons referred to in paragraph (9) (b), the Minister may, instead of cancelling the approval of an institution for all the medical procedures regarding the

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termination of pregnancy, restrict the approval to some or one of such medical procedures as are deemed appropriate.

(11) The Minister shall not restrict the approval of an institution under paragraph (10) or cancel the approval under paragraph (9) without giving the institution a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

Maintenance of records of treatment.

5. (1) A medical practitioner or authorised medical practitioner who carried out the treatment for the termination of a pregnancy shall –

Form F.

- (a) keep records of the treatment in Form F in the Schedule; and
- (b) forward the records to the Chief Medical Officer within thirty days of the treatment.

(2) Any information given to the Chief Medical Officer in pursuance of these regulations shall not be disclosed except –

- (a) by the Chief Medical Officer in the performance of his functions under the Act and these regulations;
- (b) to a member of the Police Force for the purpose of instituting criminal proceedings under the Act;
- (c) for the purpose of carrying out scientific research; and
- (d) to a medical practitioner, authorised medical practitioner or other person, with the consent in writing of the



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woman whose pregnancy was terminated.

Advisory Board.

6. (1) The Minister shall appoint an Advisory Board to monitor conduct under the Act and these regulations and to advise the Minister on securing the effective operation thereof.

(2) The Advisory Board shall be broad based and balanced, consisting of not more than nine members chosen from non-governmental organisations, such as religious, legal and medical organisations.

(3) The Advisory Board shall assess the operation of the Act and these regulations and from time to time make such recommendations to the Minister as it deems appropriate to achieve the purposes thereof, namely –

- (a) to reduce the incidence of medical terminations of pregnancies;
- (b) to reduce the incidents of septic abortions; and
- (c) to improve the standard of maternal health.

(4) The Advisory Board may request such data and encourage such research as it deems appropriate for assessing the impact of the Act and these regulations.

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**SCHEDULE**

**FORM A**

APPLICATION FOR TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION  
OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS DESIROUS OF PROVIDING  
TREATMENT FOR THE MEDICAL TERMINATION OF  
PREGNANCY OF MORE THAN EIGHT WEEKS DURATION

I.....being a

Registered medical practitioner, No.....  
wish to be trained and certified as an authorised medical  
practitioner by the CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER to provide  
treatment for the medical termination of pregnancy of more than  
eight weeks duration.

.....  
PLEASE PRINT YOUR FULL NAME

.....  
SIGNATURE

.....  
DATE

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**FORM B**

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that.....

Medical practitioner No.....has successfully  
completed the training required for certification as an authorised medical  
practitioner.

.....  
CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

.....  
DATE

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**FORM C**

APPLICATION TO BE REGISTERED AS AN AUTHORISED MEDICAL PRACTITIONER

I.....being a registered medical practitioner  
No..... having –

- (a) the experience and training referred to in regulation 3 (2), (a), (b), (c), or (d);
- (b) a post-graduate degree/diploma in gynaecology and obstetrics;
- (c) completed the training required to qualify as an authorised medical practitioner,

do according apply to the MEDICAL COUNCIL OF GUYANA to be registered as an authorised medical practitioner.

I am familiar with the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act of 1994 and the regulations made thereunder, and in good faith undertake to honour my duties and responsibilities as an authorised medical practitioner in accordance with the provisions thereof.

.....  
PLEASE PRINT (OR TYPE) YOUR FULL NAME

.....  
SIGNATURE

.....  
DATE

Attachment: Certification from the Chief Medical Officer; or certification or documentation of relevant advanced training or

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evidence of the experience and training referred to in regulation 3(2), (a), (b), (c), (d) or (f).

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**FORM D**

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF INSTITUTION  
UNDER REGULATION 4

1. (a) Name of person owning or managing the institution:  
  
(b) Address:
2. (a) Name of the Institution:  
  
(b) Address:
3. The names of the authorised medical practitioners are as follows:
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
4. Details of other staff:  
  
Anaesthetists  
  
Nurses  
  
Pharmacists  
  
Radiographers
5. Details of items-

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- (i) Number of beds
- (ii) Is there an operation table?
- (iii) Are there instruments and supplies for performing abdominal or gynaecological surgery?
- (iv) Are there drugs and parenteral fluids in sufficient supply for emergency cases?
- (v) Is there anaesthetic equipment?
- (vi) Is there resuscitation equipment?
- (vii) Is there sterilisation equipment?
- (viii) Is there a blood transfusion service?
- (ix) Are there adequate facilities for recovery from anaesthesia?
- (x) Is there an alternate supply of electricity independent of the service of the Guyana Power and Light Inc.

Dated this ..... day of .....20.....

.....  
SIGNATURE

.....  
DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT

Reg. 4 (1), (6), (8)

**FORM E**

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL OF AN INSTITUTION AS AN  
APPROVED  
INSTITUTION

The institution mention hereunder is hereby approved for the duration mentioned herein, for the purpose of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act 1994 and the regulations made thereunder as an approved institution (where the treatment for the

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termination of pregnancy of more than eight weeks, duration may be undertaken).

.....  
NAME OF INSTITUTION

.....  
ADDRESS OF INSTITUTION

.....  
NAME OF THE OWNER OR MANAGER

VALID UNTIL.....

Dated this .....day of.....20.....

Minister of Health.

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FORM F

(1) Treatment only to commence termination of pregnancy (hereinafter referred to as TOP)

Treatment only to complete TOP

Treatment to commence and complete TOP

Treatment of compliance of TOP

(2) Date of termination

(3) Age of woman                      years

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(4) Citizenship: Guyanese  
Caribbean  
Other Specify\_\_\_\_\_

(5) Marital status: Married  
Single  
Widowed  
Divorced  
Separated  
Common Law Union

(6) Duration of pregnancy \_\_\_\_\_ weeks

(7) Number of previous pregnancies

Number of living children

Number of previous terminations

(8) Date of last TOP under the Act

(9) Grounds for TOP:

Medical condition of woman Specify\_\_\_\_\_

Suspected medical condition of foetus Specify\_\_\_\_\_

Rape

Incest

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Failed contraceptive Specify \_\_\_\_\_

H.I.V. infection

Socioeconomic

Other Specify \_\_\_\_\_

(10) Method of termination

Menstrual regulation

Suction curettage

Intra-amniotic prostaglandin

Hysterectomy

Other Specify \_\_\_\_\_

(11) Any further method required

Dilatation and curettage

Other Specify \_\_\_\_\_

(12) Complications

None

Sepsis

Haemorrhage

Retained products of conception

Uterine perforation



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Other Specify \_\_\_\_\_

(13) Additional treatment given

None

Antibiotics

Blood transfusion

Further operation

ICU case Specify \_\_\_\_\_

(14) Place TOP performed

Approved hospital Specify \_\_\_\_\_

Approved institution  
Specify \_\_\_\_\_

(15) Patient had to be referred for further treatment

No

Yes Place referred to \_\_\_\_\_

Place referred from \_\_\_\_\_

Reason \_\_\_\_\_

(16) Pre-TOP counselling given by

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Doctor

Nurse

Volunteer

Social Worker

Religious leader

Other

Specify \_\_\_\_\_

(17) Number of hours of pre-TOP counselling

0-2

3-4

5-6

>6

(18) Post-TOP counselling given by

Doctor

Nurse

Volunteer

Social worker

Specify \_\_\_\_\_

(19) Number of hours of post-TOP counselling

0-2

3-4

5-6

>6

(20) Methods of counselling used

Audiotapes

Specify \_\_\_\_\_

Videotapes

Specify \_\_\_\_\_

One-to-one  
counselling

Group sessions

(21) Areas covered in counselling

Alternatives to TOP

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Method of TOP and risks

Discussion of involvement of father of foetus

Responsible sexual behaviour

Psychosocial aspects

Post TOP contraception

Other Specify\_\_\_\_\_

Spiritual/religious guidance Specify\_\_\_\_\_

(22) Type of contraceptive accepted

Oral contraceptive pill

Intrauterine contraceptive device

Depot injection

Condoms

Spermicide

Sterilisation of woman

Sterilisation of man

Other Specify\_\_\_\_\_

Refused contraceptive

Patient defaulted from  
follow up

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(23) Length of stay

Day case days	1-3 days	4-7
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8-14 days	15-21 days
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21 days	Specify _____ days
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(24) Additional  
comments \_\_\_\_\_

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(25) Name of practitioner

(26) Qualifications

(27) Address of practitioner

(28) If TOP commenced elsewhere: Name (of person commencing  
TOP)

Address

(29) Signature. \_\_\_\_\_

(30) Date \_\_\_\_\_

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