

VENEREAL DISEASES REGULATIONS 1920.⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

Regulations made under the Venereal Diseases Ordinance 1920.

1. These Regulations shall be entitled the *Venereal Diseases Regulations* 1920⁽¹⁾ and shall come into operation upon publication in the *Government Gazette*.⁽¹⁾

2. Words importing the masculine gender shall be deemed and taken as including females.

TREATMENT BY MEDICAL PRACTITIONER ONLY.

3. No pharmaceutical chemist shall sell or supply to any person drugs or medicines for the treatment of venereal diseases other than on the prescription of a duly qualified medical practitioner.

The undermentioned drugs shall not be sold or supplied by a pharmaceutical chemist except when prescribed by a duly qualified medical practitioner:—

- (a) Any patent or proprietary medicine which is specifically recommended for the cure, alleviation, or treatment of any venereal disease (or diseases).
- (b) Any synthetic organic arsenic compound.
- (c) Any synthetic organic silver compound.
- (d) Grey oil or any mercurial emulsion specifically prepared for the cure, alleviation, or treatment of any venereal disease (or diseases).
- (e) Hydrargyrum cum creta (or its admixtures), biniodide of mercury, tannate of mercury or cyanide of mercury, in pill or tablet form.
- (f) Sandalwood oil, or its derivatives, copaiba or its derivatives, in the form of emulsions or capsules.

(1) Continued in force by the *Laws Repeal and Adopting Ordinance* 1921-1939.

(2) Particulars of these Regulations are as follows:—

Ordinance under which made.	Date on which made by Administrator.	Date on which published in <i>Govt. Gaz.</i>	Date on which took effect.
<i>Venereal Diseases Ordinance</i> 1920-1925	Undated	31.7.1920	31.7.1920 (<i>Govt. Gaz.</i> of 31.7.1920)

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- (g) Methylene blue in the form of pills, tablets or capsules.
- (h) Any medicated bougie.
- (i) Gonococcus vaccines, serums, and gonorrhœal phylactogen.

PERSONS SUFFERING FROM VENEREAL DISEASE TO KEEP UNDER TREATMENT.

4. In the case of any person suffering from syphilis, such person shall attend for treatment as provided in these Regulations at least once in every two weeks during the continuance of primary or secondary symptoms, and thereafter not less than once in every four weeks.

In the case of any person suffering from gonorrhœa, such person shall attend for such treatment at least once in every seven days during the continuance of acute symptoms, and thereafter once every fourteen days.

In the case of any person suffering from soft chancre, such person shall attend for such treatment at least once in every seven days.

In the case of any person suffering from gonorrhœal ophthalmia, such person shall attend for such treatment every day during the acute stage, and thereafter once in every seven days.

In the case of any person suffering from venereal granuloma or venereal warts, such person shall attend for such treatment once in every seven days.

In the case of any person suffering from gleet, such person shall attend for such treatment once in every fourteen days.

TREATMENT AT SUBSIDISED PUBLIC HOSPITALS.

5. The committee of every subsidised hospital may at the request of any medical practitioner receive into their institution for examination and treatment, free of charge, any person certified by such medical practitioner to be suffering from a venereal disease: Provided it shall be at the option of the authorities of such institution to treat such person as an outdoor or indoor patient.

CHANGE OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONER.—NOTICES TO BE GIVEN.

6. When any person suffering from any venereal disease, who has consulted and placed himself under treatment by a medical practitioner, has consulted and placed himself under the treatment of another medical practitioner and informed him of the name and last-

known address of the medical practitioner by whom he was previously treated, the medical practitioner so informed shall forthwith notify the medical practitioner who previously treated such person on Form A in the Schedule hereto, and such last-mentioned medical practitioner shall forthwith notify the Commissioner on Form D in the Schedule hereto.

REPORTING CASES.

7. Every medical practitioner on becoming aware that any person consulting him, or attended, or treated by him, is suffering from any venereal disease shall, within seven days, notify the Commissioner on Form B in the Schedule hereto.

The fees payable to medical practitioners for notices sent or given to the Commissioner pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be:—

- (a) For every case which occurs in his own private practice, two shillings and sixpence.
- (b) For every case which occurs in his practice as medical officer of any hospital, one shilling, provided that such medical officer is not in receipt of any remuneration as an officer of the hospital referred to.

FAILURE TO CONTINUE TREATMENT.—NAME AND ADDRESS OF
PATIENT TO BE REPORTED.

8. When any person suffering from any venereal disease who has been treated or attended by a medical practitioner (and has not received a certificate of cure) fails to attend or consult such medical practitioner within ten days of the periods specified under regulation 4, such medical practitioner shall forthwith send a notice to the Commissioner on Form C in the Schedule hereto unless such medical practitioner has (before the expiration of the said period of ten days) received from another medical practitioner a notice that such person has placed himself under treatment by such other medical practitioner.

WARNING TO PATIENTS.

9. Every medical practitioner who attends, treats, or advises any person (other than a person under sixteen years of age) for or in respect of any venereal disease from which such person is suffering, shall deliver to such person a notice as prescribed on Form E in the Schedule hereto.

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CERTIFICATES OF CURE OR FREEDOM FROM VENEREAL DISEASE.

10.—(1.) In the case of syphilis no certificate of cure shall be given unless:—

- (a) two years shall have elapsed from the first appearance of the primary manifestation; and
- (b) the patient shall have undergone treatment for a period of at least twelve months to the satisfaction of the medical practitioner in attendance; and
- (c) there shall have been no manifestation of syphilis since the completion of the last course of treatment, provided that a period of at least three months has elapsed since same; and
- (d) a specimen of the patient's blood taken at least forty-eight hours after an injection of salvarsan or an efficient substitute therefor shall have given a negative Wasserman's reaction when examined by a medical practitioner: Provided that in the case where it is clinically inexpedient to use salvarsan or its substitutes, Wasserman's test shall be negative on two occasions, separated by at least two months.

No certificate of having ceased to be liable to convey syphilitic infection shall be given unless the conditions above have been satisfied: Provided that a certificate may be given if one year has elapsed from the first appearance of the primary manifestation and the other conditions specified in such clause have been satisfied; or if two years have elapsed with satisfactory intermittent treatment even though the Wasserman's action remains positive.

(2.) In the case of gonorrhœa no certificate of cure shall be given unless:—

- (a) all signs of inflammation shall have been absent for at least one month; and
- (b) microscopic urinary examination by a medical practitioner for the purpose shall have failed to detect the presence of gram negative diplococci resembling gonococci;

such examination to include at least two specimens taken at intervals of at least one week.

No certificate of having ceased to be liable to convey gonorrhœal infection shall be given unless the conditions above have been satisfied.

(3.) In the case of soft chancre no certificate of cure, nor of having ceased to be liable to convey infection, shall be given until the lesions have entirely healed.

When any medical practitioner has issued a certificate under

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section 14 of the *Venereal Diseases Ordinance 1920*,⁽³⁾ he shall forthwith notify the Commissioner.

The forms of certificate and of such notice shall be those in Form G in the Schedule hereto.

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS.

11. (a) Every medical practitioner who attends, treats, or gives advice with respect to a child suffering from venereal disease shall give to the parent or guardian or other person in charge of the child the directions contained in Form F in the Schedule hereto, and if such parent, guardian or other person refuse or neglect to carry out such directions he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Ten pounds.

(b) Any parent or guardian or person in charge of a child suffering from any venereal disease who is unable to exercise sufficient control to induce or compel such child to comply with the conditions of the Ordinance, in so far as it relates to children, shall report such fact to the Commissioner on Form H in the Schedule hereto.

RETURN OF CASES.

12. Every medical practitioner shall forward to the Commissioner on or before the 31st January each year a return of the number of cases of venereal diseases treated by him, and of the number of cases cured during the preceding calendar year, and such return shall be as prescribed in Form J in the Schedule hereto.

SEIZURE OF ARTICLES CAPABLE OF BEING USED UNLAWFULLY FOR THE ALLEVIATION OF VENEREAL DISEASES.—FORM OF WARRANT.

13. The special warrant under Section 26 of this Ordinance shall be that prescribed in Form K in the Schedule hereto.

FEES PAYABLE.

14. Where an arrangement is made by the Administrator under section 27 sub-section (b) of the Ordinance for the examination or treatment by medical practitioners of a person suffering from venereal diseases the remuneration to such medical practitioners shall be as under:—

(a) For an examination the sum of Ten shillings.

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- (b) For treatment, the first attendance on each patient, the sum of Seven shillings, and for each subsequent attendance the sum of Five shillings.

PRESCRIBED PLACES FOR ATTENDANCE AND TREATMENT.

15. The hospitals and other places enumerated below shall be the prescribed places for attendance and treatment under the provisions of section 4 of the Ordinance.

Namanula Hospital, Rabaul.
Native Hospital, Rabaul.
Government Hospital, Namatanai.
Government Hospital, Kokopo.
Government Hospital, Kaewieng.
Government Hospital, Kieta.
Government Hospital, Madang.
Government Hospital, Morobe.
Government Hospital, Eitape.
Government Hospital, Manus.

PENALTIES.

16. Any person contravening any provision of the Regulations for which no specific penalty has been imposed shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Twenty pounds.

SCHEDULE.

FORM A.

Venereal Diseases Ordinance
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(Section 7, Regulation 6.)

Notice of Change of Medical
Adviser.

Identification No.

Name of patient.

Notification sent to Dr.
of

Notified on

Venereal Diseases Ordinance 1920.
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NOTICE OF CHANGE OF MEDICAL
ADVISER.

In accordance with the provisions of section 7 of the *Venereal Diseases Ordinance* 1920-1925, I have to inform you that (here insert name of patient), who states that he has previously been under your treatment for venereal disease, has placed self under my care. My identification number for such patient is—

(Signature of Medical Practitioner)

(Address)

(Date)

To Dr.

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

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FORM B.

Venereal Diseases Ordinance
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Notification (to be retained by
the Medical Practitioner).

Identification No.
Name of patient.
Address.
Nature of disease.
Date of first consultation.
Probable date of infection.
Age.
Country of birth.
Sex.
Occupation.
Whether married or single.
If previously under treatment
for venereal disease.
Dr's name.
Doctor.
Address.
Previously notified.

Source of infection.

Remarks.

Warning notices and docu-
ments given.

Notice posted.

Venereal Diseases Ordinance 1920.
(Section 9, Regulation 7.)

NOTIFICATION.

To the Commissioner under the *Venereal Diseases Ordinance 1920-1925*, Rabaul.

I hereby give notice that the particulars here-
under relate to a person attended or treated by
me, who is suffering from venereal disease.

Identification No.
*Nature of disease.
Date of first consultation.
Probable date of infection.

Age.
Country of birth.

Sex.
Occupation.
Whether married or single.

Has patient been treated by any other medical
practitioner for same complaint? If so, state
when, and give name and address of doctor.

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

Source of infection (locality only).

Remarks.

In accordance with the provisions of section
11 of the Ordinance, I have given the patient
warning notices and documents prescribed.

(Signature of Medical Practitioner)

(Address)

(Date)

* The venereal diseases named in the Ordinance are
gonorrhoea, gleet, gonorrhoeal ophthalmia, syphilis,
soft chancre, venereal warts, or venereal granuloma.

FORM C.

To be retained by Medical
Practitioner.

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(Section 10).

Notification of name and ad-
dress.

Name of patient.

Address.

Nature of disease.

Identification No.

Notice posted (date).

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(Section 10, Regulation 8.)

NOTIFICATION OF NAME AND ADDRESS.

To the Commissioner under the *Venereal Diseases Ordinance 1920*, Rabaul.

In accordance with the provisions of section
10 of the *Venereal Diseases Ordinance 1920*, I
hereby notify that (here insert name and
address of patient), suffering from (here insert
in detail nature of disease), whose identification
number in my records is (here insert number
taken from butt of Notification Register) has
failed to consult me within the period pre-
scribed under Regulation 4, and that I have not
received notice within the ten days following
the expiration of such period from any other
medical practitioner that such patient is under
treatment.

(Signature of Medical Practitioner)

(Address)

(Date)

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

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FORM D.

To
To be retained by Medical
Practitioner.
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Notice of change of Medical
Adviser to Commissioner.
Name of patient.
Address.
Identification No.
Now under Dr.
Whose identification No. is

(Date)

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ADVISER.
To the Commissioner under the *Venereal Diseases*
Ordinance 1920, Rabaul.
In accordance with Regulation 6, I hereby
notify that a patient previously under my treat-
ment for venereal disease, and whose identifica-
tion number in my records is _____, has now
placed _____ self under the care of Dr.
whose identification number for such patient is

(Signature of Medical Practitioner)
(Address)
(Date)

FORM E.

Venereal Diseases Ordinance 1920.
WARNING NOTICE TO PATIENTS.

To
You are suffering from a venereal disease. Venereal diseases are contagious.
If you communicate the disease to any other person or do or permit or suffer to
be done any act likely to lead to the communication of the disease to others, you
are liable under the above-named Ordinance to imprisonment for Twelve (12)
months, or to a fine of £100, or to both fine and imprisonment.
You are warned not to marry until medically certified under the Ordinance as
cured. Penalty on conviction—Five years' imprisonment or a fine of £500, or both
fine and imprisonment.

(Date) _____ Medical Practitioner.

FORM F.

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NOTICE TO PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

You are hereby warned that the child _____, of whom you are
the parent or guardian, is suffering from a venereal disease. You are further
warned that 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 attendant.

Penalty—£10. _____ Date _____ (Medical Practitioner).

(To be retained by Medical Practitioner.)

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CERTIFICATE OF CURE.

Name of Patient.

Address.

Identification No.

Certificate of Cure issued.

FORM G.

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CERTIFICATE OF CURE, ETC.

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

Name in full

Address

Age

Sex

Nature of disease

Date of last examination.

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

(Signature of Medical Practitioner)

(Address)

(Date)

* Strike out whatever is not applicable.

(To be forwarded to Commissioner.)

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CERTIFICATE OF CURE, ETC.

NOTIFICATION OF COMMISSIONER.

I hereby notify you that I have this day issued a Certificate of Cure to a person whose identification in my record is

suffering from (state nature of disease from which patient is suffering) who was under my care for treatment.

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Address

Date

The Commissioner,

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FORM H.

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Report by parent or guardian or person in charge of child who fails to comply with any provision of the Ordinance or Regulation thereunder.
The Commissioner,

In accordance with section 16 (3) of the Ordinance, I have to report that (insert full name), aged years and months, of whom I am the (insert father, mother, guardian, or person in charge), is suffering from venereal disease, and he has failed to comply with the law in regard to (insert particulars as to failure to comply).

(Signature)

(Address)

FORM J.

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(Regulation 12).

Return of cases treated and cured during year ended.....

Nature of Venereal Disease.	No. of cases treated.	No. of cases cured.	Remarks.
Gonorrhœa			
Gonorrhœal ophthalmia			
Gleet			
Syphilis (all forms)	of genital origin of extra genital origin of doubtful origin of congenital origin		
Soft chancre			
Venereal warts			
Venereal granuloma			

(Medical Practitioner).

(Address)

(Date)

The Commissioner under the *Venereal Diseases Ordinance 1920*,
Rabaul.

FORM K.

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SPECIAL WARRANT (Section 26).

To (a member of the Police Force for the Colony of German New Guinea and to all other members of the said Force).

WHEREAS the Commissioner appointed under the *Venereal Diseases Ordinance 1920*, has this day made complaint on oath before me, the undersigned, that he has reason to believe, and does believe that (articles, medicines, instruments, or appliances) is are, to wit

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are in the (house, office, shop, room or other place), situate at _____ in the
said Colony, and that the said (articles, medicines, instruments, or appliances)
is capable of being used for the alleviation or cure of venereal disease, and that
are the said (house, office, shop, room or other place) is not the house, office, shop,
room or surgery of a medical practitioner or of a registered pharmaceutical
chemist, and that the said (articles, medicines, instruments or appliances) are
kept, held or exhibited in such (house, office, shop, room or other place) for the
purpose of (sale or unlawful use). These are therefore to authorize you to enter
and search the said (house, office, shop, room, or other place), and if necessary,
to obtain assistance and use force by breaking open doors or otherwise, in order
to effect such entrance and to seize and bring before any District Officer or Judge
of the Central Court, the said (articles, medicines, instruments or appliances)
and all articles, medicines, instruments, or appliances found in the said (house,
office, shop, room, or other place) which are capable of being used for the allevi-
ation or cure of any venereal disease, and for so doing this shall be your sufficient
warrant.

Given under my hand and seal this _____ day of _____
in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and _____
at _____ in the said
Colony.

Judge of the Central Court at Rabaul,
or

District Officer.

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