

**IN THE CHILDREN'S COURT
OF NEW SOUTH WALES
AT**

CASE NUMBER

**Application to the Children's Court for Assessment
Order**

Section 53, 54 and 55 Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998

[NOTE: Include all children to be assessed on the one application]

Date of application

Date filed

Children or young persons

Name [name]

Date of birth

Gender

Cultural background Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
 Other, please specify
 Interpreter required – language

General area in which
child living

Name of solicitor

Address of solicitor

Telephone

Fax

Applicant

Name

Telephone

Position or relationship to
children or young persons

Name of solicitor

Address of solicitor

Telephone and Fax

Other person to be assessed

Name

Relationship to children
or young persons

Cultural background Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
 Other, please specify
 Interpreter required – language

Address

Telephone

Email

Party to proceedings Yes No

Agrees to assessment Yes No

Name of solicitor

Address of solicitor

Telephone and Fax

Reason person to be included in assessment:

- 1.
- 2.

Family and Community Services

Caseworker

Address

Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

Manager Casework

Name of solicitor

Address

Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

Assessment orders sought

I hereby make application to the Children's Court for an assessment orders under the provisions of: [tick appropriate box]

Section 53 relating to the assessment of the child or young person; and/or

- Section 54 relating to the assessment of a person with parental responsibility or who is seeking parental responsibility for a child or young person to carry out that parental responsibility.

Reasons why assessment is required

- 1.
- 2.

Circumstance of persons proposed to be assessed

Assessments of potential caregivers in the following circumstances are usually contraindicated. Is a person proposed to be assessed:

- | | | | |
|----|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a. | In custody? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| b. | Allegedly suffering from significant alcohol or other drug problems which are not being addressed? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| c. | In residential treatment | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| d. | About to give birth? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

If the answer to any of the above questions is 'Yes', please describe the special circumstances that would warrant an assessment being undertaken in this matter:

- 1.
- 2.

Terms of assessment

Section 53 assessment of child or young person

- The nature and the quality of the relationship as between the child or young person and the
- Mother
 - Father
 - Any other significant person, namely: [NOTE: Specify name and relationship to child or young person]
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
- The impact of any disturbance to the relationship between the children and/or young person and the parent or other significant person
- Any views or wishes expressed by the child or young person and any factors that may affect the weight to be accorded to those views
- The individual characteristics and/or special needs of the children or young persons (for example: mental health, behaviour, development)

- a.
- b.
- c.

Other specific issues to be addressed by the clinician:

- a.
- b.
- c.

Section 54 assessment of persons who have, or are seeking, parental responsibility

- Their capacity to parent the children or young persons
- The extent to which any identified issues of concern are impacting upon parenting capacity
- Their understanding of the child's developmental, physical, psychological, emotional and educational needs and current and potential ability to meet those needs
- Their understanding of the child protection concerns which have led to the current court proceedings and their capacity and motivation to address those concerns
- Other specific issues to be addressed by the clinician:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

Recommendations

- Based on the assessment undertaken, any recommendations as to how the best interests of the children or young persons can be met (for example: restoration, long term out-of-home care, contact needs, maintenance of cultural connections, therapy, treatment, interventions, other):
 - 1.
 - 2.

Clinician

The Clinic Director is responsible for allocating assessments to the person he or she considers most appropriate (section 35, Children's Court Rule 2000). Nevertheless if the court has any particular requests in relation to the clinician conducting the assessment, these may be noted below for the Director's consideration:

- Clinician with specific expertise in [NOTE: State area or field and reason]
 - 1.
 - 2.
- Specific Clinician recommended [NOTE: State name and reason]
 - 1.
 - 2.

Specific Clinician **not** recommended [NOTE: State name and reason]

- 1.
- 2.

File of documents

Person with responsibility for forwarding the file of documents to the Children's Court Clinic

Name

Address

Telephone and fax

Email

Role in proceedings

Specific documents agreed by all parties are to be listed below

A. Documents filed by the Department of Family and Community Services

1. Statement of intended casework proposals
2. Initiating document
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

B. Documents filed by Mother

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

C. Documents filed by Father

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

D. Documents filed by the Child's direct legal representative/independent legal representative

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

- 4.
- 5.

E. Documents filed by third party who has been joined to proceedings pursuant to an order made under section 98 (3)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

F. Relevant assessments or reports

1. Previous Children's Court Clinic assessments (if any)
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

G. Documents produced in answer to subpoena under section 248

[NOTE: Documents produced under a section 248 notice may only be provided if the consent of the relevant organisation has been obtained. Identify below the organisation or entity that has produced the document in answer to a subpoena and/or section 248 notice. If only selected parts of documents produced by an organisation are to be forwarded, attach an agreed schedule]

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Notice of listing

This application is listed at

Children's Court

Date [date]

Time

Signature of Registrar