

## Policy: Applying for a Banned Drinker Order

### Policy Purpose

To provide direction to Territory Families Child Protection staff about when to make an application to the Banned Drinker Registrar for the making of a Banned Drinker Order.

### Policy Statement

The [Alcohol Harm Reduction Act 2017](#) (the AHR Act) aims to reduce the misuse of alcohol and alcohol-related harm to individuals, families and the community, across the Northern Territory.

The AHR Act enables the Banned Drinker Registrar (the Registrar) to make a Banned Drinker Order (BDO) and place a person on the Banned Drinker Register (BDR). People on the BDR are prohibited from possessing, consuming and purchasing alcohol.

Case Managers must consider making an application to the Registrar for a BDO when alcohol misuse by a parent, guardian or carer (the Adult) has resulted in substantiated harm to a child and an application is considered to be in the best interests of the child. The Registrar may then decide to refer the Adult for an assessment to determine if their misuse of alcohol is causing a risk to the health, safety or wellbeing of themselves or others. The outcome of the assessment will inform the Registrar's decision whether or not to make an order to place the Adult on the Register.

If Territory Families is working with the family in an early intervention, post investigation or family support phase (e.g. under a Strengthening Families Case) an application for a BDO may be appropriate where alcohol misuse is evident. It is preferable for the Adult to make a self-application to the Registrar under these circumstances. The Registrar must make a BDO for a Self-Applicant and place the Adult on the Register within two business days. The Case Manager should encourage and support the Adult to make the Self-Application.

For information about how to make an application, and the required supporting information, refer to [Procedure: Applying for a Banned Drinker Order](#) and [www.banneddrinkerregister.nt.gov.au](http://www.banneddrinkerregister.nt.gov.au)

### Legislative Basis and Related Documents

[Alcohol Harm Reduction Act 2017](#)

[Care and Protection of Children Act 2007](#)

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