



IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT OF YUKON

PRACTICE DIRECTION
APP-4

Assessment Orders
(s. 672.11, s. 752.1, s. 753.01)

Counsel making an application for an assessment of an accused pursuant to s. 672.11, s.752.1, or s. 753.01 of the *Criminal Code* shall complete the Assessment Orders – Registry Request Form and submit it to the Assessment Coordinator a minimum of two (2) clear business days before the application is heard by a judge. If the Request Form is not submitted prior to the application being made, the court may accept the Request Form and adjourn the matter before making an assessment order.

This procedure recognizes that many psychiatric and psychological assessments take place outside of Yukon. It will streamline the assessment process by allowing Court Services to identify an appropriate assessor and to make necessary travel and other arrangements. It is intended to prevent the situation where the assessment period starts before assessment arrangements have been made with the result that there is insufficient time to complete the assessment within the court-ordered time frame.

Where, following an assessment, counsel require the expert to appear in court to give evidence, an application shall be made to a judge at least 30 days before the scheduled trial or hearing date. If the application is granted, counsel are required to advise the Assessment Coordinator no later than seven (7) days before the scheduled hearing date, should the expert no longer be required.

The Assessment Coordinator can be contacted at 667-3596.

Chief Judge K. Ruddy
April 6, 2018