

What is the SSDTA and when is it used?

The SSDTA provides people with severe substance dependence, a brief period of detention and treatment in a treatment centre. The Act only applies to people with the most severe substance dependence who are deemed incapable of making sound decisions about their substance use, personal health, welfare and safety; primarily due to their substance dependence.

The Purpose

The purpose of the Act is to provide for the detention and treatment of people whose life is at imminent risk due to their severe substance dependence

When is it used?

The Act is used when immediate treatment is necessary as a matter of urgency to save someone's life or prevent serious damage to the person's health from their severe substance use. In addition it is also used when treatment can only be provided to the person through the admission and detention of the person in a treatment centre.

Brief Criteria

People over the age of 18 whose life or health is at immediate risk and therefore need urgent treatment which can only be provided in a treatment centre and when no other less restrictive options are available