

Admissions to the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory

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The SMART Court

The SMART Court is a court of therapeutic justice and will replace the Alcohol and Court Referral and Assessment into Treatment (CREDIT NT) programs.

The SMART Court aims to:

- Reduce offending and anti-social behaviour associated with substance misuse.
- Increase rehabilitation.
- Reduce the risks and harms associated with substance misuse through improved health and social outcomes for people whose offending is related to substance misuse.

The SMART Court

- Can hear criminal matters referred from the Court of Summary Jurisdiction and the Youth Justice Court, sentence offenders, defer sentencing of offenders or the execution of sentences imposed, and make SMART orders
- Has the power to make particular orders for eligible offenders who are seriously misusing alcohol or drugs.
- Will offer assessment for offenders who are misusing substances and access to treatment, counselling or other intervention or programs.

SMART Court Relevant Offences

- Any offence with the Court of Summary Jurisdiction or Youth Justice Court has jurisdiction to hear other than those excluded by regulation
- Sex offences and aggravated assaults are excluded
- The offender must either pleaded guilty or been found guilty to be accepted into the program ●