

New York State
Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

**Application to Request Reasonable Accommodation
of Religious Observance or Practice (HRM-66)**

Application for reasonable accommodation may be made to the supervisor or to the OASAS DRA. If the request is made to the supervisor, the supervisor will forward the request to the DRA.

Section A

To be completed by employee and returned to supervisor or DRA.

Name	Civil Service Title	Job Title (if different)
Office/Unit	Work Location	Telephone Number(s)
E-mail address:		Preferred Method of Communication:

I am requesting the following reasonable accommodation(s) of my religious observance or practice:

It is necessary for me to have this accommodation for the following reason(s):

Employee Signature	Date
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The employee should retain a copy of this form. The original is filed by the DRA.

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Section B

Initial Response to Request for an Accommodation of Religious Observance or Practice

To be completed by DRA

Name of Employee:

We have reviewed your application for an accommodation.

Your request has been approved.

Comments:

No decision has been made at this time. We will continue to assess your request. The OASAS DRA will contact you within the next two weeks.

Comments:

DRA's Signature

Date

DRA's Name:

The employee should retain a copy of this form. The original is filed by the DRA.

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Section C

Notification of Need for Additional Information

To be completed by the DRA and returned to the employee.

Name of Employee:

We are continuing to assess your request for accommodation of religious observance or practice. To make a determination, we need the following information:

Explain:

OASAS' review process will include an evaluation of all relevant information. This may include an interview with you and/or your supervisor. After completion of the review, you will be informed in writing by the OASAS DRA regarding OASAS' decision.

We anticipate that the decision will be made by _____
Date

If you have any questions, please call the [OASAS DRA](#).

Signature of <i>DRA</i>	Date
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The employee should retain a copy of this form. The original is filed by the OASAS DRA.

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Section D

Notification of Agency Determination:

To be completed by the DRA and returned to the employee.

Name of Employee:

Based on the information you provided, OASAS is able to provide you with a reasonable accommodation, as follows:

The accommodation of religious observance or practice is granted as you requested in your application.

The accommodation granted differs from the accommodation you requested, as follows:

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Please discuss this with your supervisor. A letter from the OASAS DRA confirming this decision will be sent to you within the next week once you accept the accommodation. If you have any questions, please call the [OASAS DRA](#). The employee should retain a copy of this form, and return the original with his or her signature to be filed by the OASAS DRA.

I accept / reject the above reasonable accommodation.

Employee Signature

Date

-or-

Based on the information you provided, OASAS is unable to provide you with a reasonable accommodation, as you requested on _____ Date _____.

We are denying your request for accommodation of religious observance or practice for the following reason(s):

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Signature of DRA	Date
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If you have any questions, please call the [OASAS DRA](#). The employee should retain a copy of this form. The original will be filed by the OASAS DRA.

Remedies relating to Dissatisfaction with Agency’s Reasonable Accommodation Determination

A letter from the OASAS DRA confirming the decision will be sent to you within the next week after you receive the Notification of Agency Determination. If you are dissatisfied with the determination, you now have several options:

1. You may choose to accept this decision and end the process; or
2. You may choose to file an internal discrimination complaint at this time if you feel that OASAS’ determination is unlawful.
3. In addition to the options stated above, other alternatives may also be available. These include, but are not limited to:
 - filing a complaint with the New York State Division of Human Rights;
 - filing a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or any appropriate federal oversight agency under the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VII; and
 - filing a private right of action to challenge the alleged discriminatory act, under the New York State Human Rights Law, or any applicable statute.

You may initiate these alternatives after the first denial by OASAS of your request for an accommodation. Although these time limitations vary, the time for filing a complaint pursuant to all the alternatives begins to run when OASAS first denies your request for an accommodation. However, you should consult with the appropriate anti-discrimination agency as to the time limitations for initiating such an action.