



Australian Capital Territory

COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020

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About this republication

The republished law

This is a republication of the *COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020* (including any amendment made under the *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 (Editorial changes)) as in force on 8 April 2020. It also includes any commencement, repeal or expiry affecting this republished law.

The legislation history and amendment history of the republished law are set out in endnotes 3 and 4.

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Editorial changes

The *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 authorises the Parliamentary Counsel to make editorial amendments and other changes of a formal nature when preparing a law for republication. Editorial changes do not change the effect of the law, but have effect as if they had been made by an Act commencing on the republication date (see *Legislation Act 2001*, s 115 and s 117). The changes are made if the Parliamentary Counsel considers they are desirable to bring the law into line, or more closely into line, with current legislative drafting practice.

This republication does not include amendments made under part 11.3 (see endnote 1).

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Modifications

If a provision of the republished law is affected by a current modification, the symbol **M** appears immediately before the provision heading. The text of the modifying provision appears in the endnotes. For the legal status of modifications, see the *Legislation Act 2001*, section 95.

Penalties

At the republication date, the value of a penalty unit for an offence against this law is \$160 for an individual and \$810 for a corporation (see *Legislation Act 2001*, s 133).



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An Act to provide for emergency measures in response to the COVID-19 emergency, and for other purposes

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020*.

3 Reports for Legislative Assembly

- (1) For each month that a COVID-19 declaration is in force, the responsible Minister for a COVID-19 measure must prepare a report for the Legislative Assembly on the application of the measure.
- (2) The Minister must present the report to the Legislative Assembly—
 - (a) 1 month after the end of the month to which the report applies; or
 - (b) if the 1-month period coincides with part of the pre-election period for a general election of members of the Assembly—on the second sitting day after the election is held.
- (3) If a report to which subsection (2) (a) applies has not been presented to the Legislative Assembly before the last 7 days of the 1-month period, and there are no sitting days of the Legislative Assembly during those 7 days—
 - (a) the responsible Minister must give the report, and a copy for each member of the Legislative Assembly, to the Speaker before the end of the 1-month period; and
 - (b) the Speaker must arrange for a copy of the report to be given to each member of the Legislative Assembly on the day the responsible Minister gives it to the Speaker; and
 - (c) the responsible Minister must present the report to the Legislative Assembly—
 - (i) on the next sitting day after the end of the 1-month period; or
 - (ii) if the next sitting day is the first meeting of the Legislative Assembly after a general election of members of the Assembly—on the second sitting day after the election.

(4) In this section:

COVID-19 measure means an amendment mentioned in schedule 1 as passed.

Note In the [Act](#) as passed, schedule 1 (COVID-19 emergency response—Amendments) contained amendments of the following legislation:

- [Children and Young People Act 2008](#)
- [Corrections Management Act 2007](#)
- [Crimes \(Sentence Administration\) Act 2005](#)
- [Crimes \(Sentencing\) Act 2005](#)
- [Evidence \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 1991](#)
- [Family Violence Act 2016](#)
- [Financial Management Act 1996](#)
- [Firearms Act 1996](#)
- [Gaming Machine Act 2004](#)
- [Gaming Machine Regulation 2004](#)
- [Leases \(Commercial and Retail\) Act 2001](#)
- [Long Service Leave Act 1976](#)
- [Long Service Leave \(Portable Schemes\) Act 2009](#)
- [Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2008](#)
- [Official Visitor Act 2012](#)
- [Personal Violence Act 2016](#)
- [Prohibited Weapons Act 1996](#)
- [Residential Tenancies Act 1997](#)
- [Supreme Court Act 1933](#)
- [Working with Vulnerable People \(Background Checking\) Act 2011](#).

pre-election period—see the [Electoral Act 1992](#), dictionary.

responsible Minister, for a COVID-19 measure, means the Minister allocated responsibility for the Act in which the measure is made under the administrative arrangements under the [Public Sector Management Act 1994](#).

Speaker includes—

- (a) if the Speaker is unavailable—the Deputy Speaker; and
- (b) if both the Speaker and Deputy Speaker are unavailable—the clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

unavailable—the Speaker or Deputy Speaker is *unavailable* if—

- (a) he or she is absent from duty; or
- (b) there is a vacancy in the office of Speaker or Deputy Speaker.

Endnotes

1 About the endnotes

Amending and modifying laws are annotated in the legislation history and the amendment history. Current modifications are not included in the republished law but are set out in the endnotes.

Not all editorial amendments made under the *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 are annotated in the amendment history. Full details of any amendments can be obtained from the Parliamentary Counsel's Office.

Uncommenced amending laws are not included in the republished law. The details of these laws are underlined in the legislation history. Uncommenced expiries are underlined in the legislation history and amendment history.

If all the provisions of the law have been renumbered, a table of renumbered provisions gives details of previous and current numbering.

The endnotes also include a table of earlier republications.

2 Abbreviation key

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| A = Act | NI = Notifiable instrument |
| AF = Approved form | o = order |
| am = amended | om = omitted/repealed |
| amdt = amendment | ord = ordinance |
| AR = Assembly resolution | orig = original |
| ch = chapter | par = paragraph/subparagraph |
| CN = Commencement notice | pres = present |
| def = definition | prev = previous |
| DI = Disallowable instrument | (prev...) = previously |
| dict = dictionary | pt = part |
| disallowed = disallowed by the Legislative Assembly | r = rule/subrule |
| div = division | reloc = relocated |
| exp = expires/expired | renum = renumbered |
| Gaz = gazette | R[X] = Republication No |
| hdg = heading | RI = reissue |
| IA = Interpretation Act 1967 | s = section/subsection |
| ins = inserted/added | sch = schedule |
| LA = Legislation Act 2001 | sdiv = subdivision |
| LR = legislation register | SL = Subordinate law |
| LRA = Legislation (Republication) Act 1996 | sub = substituted |
| mod = modified/modification | <u>underlining</u> = whole or part not commenced or to be expired |

Endnotes

3 Legislation history

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s 1, s 2 commenced 7 April 2020 (LA s 75 (1))

amdt 1.35 commenced 8 April 2020 (s 2 (2))

remainder commenced 8 April 2020 (s 2 (1))

4 Amendment history

Commencement

s 2 om LA s 89 (4)

Legislation amended

s 4 om LA s 89 (3)

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sch 1 om LA s 89 (3)

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