



Australian Capital Territory

# Human Rights (Housing) Amendment Act 2025

**A2025-24**

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An Act to amend the *Human Rights Act 2004*

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The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

## **1 Name of Act**

This Act is the *Human Rights (Housing) Amendment Act 2025*.

## **2 Commencement**

- (1) This Act (other than section 5) commences on 1 January 2027.

*Note* The naming and commencement provisions automatically commence on the notification day (see [Legislation Act](#), s 75 (1)).

- (2) Section 5 commences on 1 January 2029.

## **3 Legislation amended**

This Act amends the [Human Rights Act 2004](#).

## **4 New section 27D**

*in part 3A, insert*

### **27D Right to housing**

- (1) Everyone has the right to adequate housing.
- (2) The immediately realisable aspects of this right are the following:
  - (a) everyone is entitled to enjoy this right without discrimination;
  - (b) no-one may be unlawfully or arbitrarily evicted from their home;
  - (c) no-one may have an essential utility service to their home unlawfully or arbitrarily withdrawn.

## **5 Section 27D (2)**

*omit everything before paragraph (a), substitute*

- (2) Immediately realisable aspects of this right include the following:

**6            New section 44**

*insert*

**44            Review of right to housing**

- (1) The Minister must review the operation of section 27D (Right to housing).
- (2) The Minister must present a report of the review to the Legislative Assembly as soon as practicable after the end of 5 years after the day this section commences.
- (3) This section expires 6 years after the day it commences.

**7            ICESCR source of human rights  
Schedule 2, new item 3**

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3	27D	right to housing	11 (1)
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## Endnotes

**1      Presentation speech**

Presentation speech made in the Legislative Assembly on 10 April 2025.

**2      Notification**

Notified under the [Legislation Act](#) on 3 October 2025.

**3      Republications of amended laws**

For the latest republication of amended laws, see [www.legislation.act.gov.au](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au).

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I certify that the above is a true copy of the Human Rights (Housing) Amendment Bill 2025, which was passed by the Legislative Assembly on 17 September 2025.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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