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## About this republication

### The republished law

This is a republication of the *Charitable Collections Regulation 2003*, made under the *Charitable Collections Act 2003* (including any amendment made under the *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 (Editorial changes)) as in force on 16 July 2024. It also includes any commencement, amendment, repeal or expiry affecting this republished law to 16 July 2024.

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

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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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## Part 1 Preliminary

### 1 Name of regulation

This regulation is the *Charitable Collections Regulation 2003*.

### 3 Dictionary

The dictionary at the end of this regulation is part of this regulation.

*Note 1* The dictionary at the end of this regulation defines certain terms used in this regulation, and includes references (*signpost definitions*) to other terms defined elsewhere.

For example, the signpost definition ‘*motor vehicle*—see the [Road Transport \(General\) Act 1999](#), dictionary.’ means that the term ‘motor vehicle’ is defined in that dictionary and the definition applies to this regulation.

*Note 2* A definition in the dictionary (including a signpost definition) applies to the entire regulation unless the definition, or another provision of the regulation, provides otherwise or the contrary intention otherwise appears (see [Legislation Act](#), s 155 and s 156 (1)).

### 4 Notes

A note included in this regulation is explanatory and is not part of this regulation.

*Note* See the [Legislation Act](#), s 127 (1), (4) and (5) for the legal status of notes.

## 5 Offences against regulation—application of Criminal Code etc

Other legislation applies in relation to offences against this regulation.

*Note 1 Criminal Code*

The [Criminal Code](#), ch 2 applies to all offences against this regulation (see Code, pt 2.1).

The chapter sets out the general principles of criminal responsibility (including burdens of proof and general defences), and defines terms used for offences to which the Code applies (eg *conduct*, *intention*, *recklessness* and *strict liability*).

*Note 2 Penalty units*

The [Legislation Act](#), s 133 deals with the meaning of offence penalties that are expressed in penalty units.

## Part 2 Exempt collections

### 6 What are not collections—Act, s 7 (3) (h)

- (1) The following are declared not to be a collection:
- (a) the soliciting or receiving of money by a school if the money is—
    - (i) a genuine fee or charge by the school for educational purposes; or
    - (ii) a voluntary contribution to the school for educational purposes that is solicited or received from a person with parental responsibility for a child who is enrolled at the school;
  - (b) the soliciting or receiving of money by a body affiliated with a school for the educational purposes of the school;

#### Examples of bodies for par (b)

- 1 a parents and citizens association, or a parents and friends association, for the school
  - 2 an association of former students, former staff, or parents of former students, of the school
- (c) the soliciting or receiving of money or a benefit by an entity if the proceeds received from collections conducted by the entity is less than \$15 000 in a financial year;
  - (d) the soliciting or receiving of money or a benefit by a non-government organisation accredited with the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) (whether or not the money or benefit is used, or intended to be used, solely for aid in a foreign country);
  - (e) the solicitation or receipt of sponsorship from a corporation;
  - (f) the soliciting or receiving of money by a trustee corporation for administering a trust fund for a charitable purpose;



- (g) the soliciting or receiving of money by, or on behalf of, an entity if the proceeds received from collections conducted by, or on behalf of, the entity are for a trust fund for a charitable purpose administered by a trustee corporation.

**Example—par (g)**

a workplace giving program, where a workplace, or an employee on behalf of the workplace, solicits and receives money for a charitable fund administered by a trustee corporation

- (2) In this section:

*school* means an entity that provides education at the pre-school, primary school, high school or secondary college level.

*trustee company*—see the *Trustee Companies Act 1947*, dictionary.

*trustee corporation* means—

- (a) the public trustee and guardian; or  
(b) a trustee company.

## Part 3 Conduct of collections

### 10 Statutory conditions about children taking part in collections—sch 1

A licence, or a document stated by the licence to form part of the licence, may indicate that the conditions mentioned in schedule 1 apply to a collection conducted under the licence.

*Note* For provisions about the employment of children, see the [Children and Young People Act 2008](#), ch 21.

## Part 4 Proceeds of collections

### 11 Issue of receipts

- (1) A person who is taking part in a collection (the *collector*) commits an offence if—
- (a) someone else (the *donor*) personally gives the collector more than \$2 in cash for the purposes of the collection (the *donation*); and
  - (b) the donor asks the collector for a receipt for the donation; and
  - (c) the collector does not give the donor an authorised receipt for the amount of the donation.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

- (2) This section does not apply if the donor receives goods or services of substantially the same value as the amount given to the collector.

**Example**

the purchase price of an item of food from a fast food company that includes a donation to a charity

- (3) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.
- (4) In this section:

*authorised receipt* means a printed receipt or anything else given to the collector by a person conducting the collection for the purpose of acknowledging a donation of a particular amount.

**Example of something that is not a printed receipt**

badges of different colours or designs to indicate the amount of a donation

### 12 Lawful and proper expenses—Act, s 44 (4)

The following are lawful and proper expenses for a collection:

- (a) the reasonable expenses incurred by the licensee in—
  - (i) conducting and carrying out the collection; and

- (ii) administering and distributing the proceeds of the collection; and
  - (iii) complying with the Act; and
- (b) any other expenses stated in the application for the licence for the collection.

**Example of other expenses for par (b)**

how a commercial fundraisers fee is calculated

**13 Finalised accounts—Act, s 47 (6), def *required accounts*, par (b)**

- (1) The required accounts for a collection are accounts that show the following:
- (a) the proceeds of the collection (including any amounts realised from benefits received for the purposes of the collection);
  - (b) the amount of lawful and proper expenses under the [Act](#), section 44 (3) for the collection;
  - (c) the net proceeds of the collection;
  - (d) the amount applied for the purposes of the collection.

- (2) In this section:

*net proceeds*, of a collection, means the amount obtained by subtracting the expenses mentioned in subsection (1) (b) from the proceeds mentioned in subsection (1) (a).

**14 Reports by licensee to director-general—Act, s 48 (5), def *required information***

- (1) The required information for a report to the director-general about a collection is a statement of the following amounts for the collection:
- (a) the proceeds of the collection (including any amounts realised from benefits received for the purposes of the collection);

- (b) the amount of lawful and proper expenses under the [Act](#), section 44 (3) for the collection;
  - (c) the net proceeds of the collection;
  - (d) the amount applied for the purposes of the collection.
- (2) To remove any doubt, subsection (1) does not limit the information that may be included in the report to the director-general.
- (3) In this section:
- net proceeds*, of a collection, means the amount obtained by subtracting the expenses mentioned in subsection (1) (b) from the proceeds mentioned in subsection (1) (a).

## **15 When annual audited accounts are required**

- (1) This section applies to a licensee if the proceeds received in the ACT by the licensee from collections carried out completely or partly in the ACT is, in any 12-month period, more than \$50 000.
- (2) The licensee must give the director-general audited annual accounts for the year or years in which the collections were carried out.
- (3) However, if the annual accounts include the proceeds of collections carried out in both the ACT and a State, the accounts need not separately identify the amount collected in the ACT.

## **Part 5 Miscellaneous**

### **16 Internet access to material on register of licences**

- (1) The director-general may arrange for the material mentioned in the [Act](#), section 40 (2) and (3) to be accessible on a web site approved by the director-general.
- (2) Access under subsection (1) is to be provided without charge by the Territory.

## Schedule 1      Statutory conditions about children taking part in collections

(see s 10)

### 1.1      Consent to take part in collections

- (1) A child who is under 12 years old must not take part in a collection unless a person with parental responsibility for the child has given written consent to the child taking part in the collection.
- (2) A child who is at least 12 years old must not take part in a collection unless—
  - (a) the child has given his or her written consent to taking part in the collection; and
  - (b) a person with parental responsibility for the child has given written consent to the child taking part in the collection.

### 1.2      Supervision of children under 6 years old

A child under 6 years old who is taking part in a collection must be directly supervised by a person with parental responsibility for the child.

### 1.3      Supervision of children 6 years old or older

- (1) This section applies in relation to a child who is 6 years old or older who is taking part in a collection.
- (2) The child must be adequately supervised having regard to the age, sex and maturity of the child.
- (3) The person supervising the child (the *supervisor*) must be an adult.

- (4) The supervisor must—
- (a) supervise no more than 6 children; and
  - (b) ensure that each child is accompanied by another child who is at least 6 years old or by an adult; and
  - (c) be in close proximity to each child being supervised; and
  - (d) know the whereabouts of each child; and
  - (e) take all reasonable steps to ensure that each child does not—
    - (i) enter a private dwelling; or
    - (ii) solicit or receive money or a benefit from a person in a motor vehicle; and
  - (f) make contact with each child at intervals of not longer than 30 minutes.
- (5) Subsection (4) does not apply if a child is accompanied by an adult while taking part in the collection.

#### **1.4 Contact by person with parental responsibility**

A collection must be carried out in such a way as to give a person with parental responsibility for a child taking part in the collection a reasonable opportunity to contact the child.

#### **1.6 Maximum periods**

- (1) A child under 12 years old must not take part in a collection for more than 3 hours (including any rest breaks) on any 1 day.
- (2) A child who is at least 12 years old—
  - (a) must not take part in a collection for more than 7 hours (including any rest breaks) on any 1 day; and
  - (b) must not take part in a collection for more than 3 hours without a rest break of at least 30 minutes.



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## Dictionary

(see s 3)

*Note 1* The [Legislation Act](#) contains definitions and other provisions relevant to this regulation.

*Note 2* For example, the [Legislation Act](#), dict, pt 1, defines the following terms:

- adult
- body
- director-general
- financial year
- foreign country
- penalty unit (see s 133)
- public trustee and guardian
- State
- writing.

*Note 3* Terms used in this regulation have the same meaning that they have in the [Charitable Collections Act 2003](#) (see [Legislation Act](#), s 148). For example, the following terms are defined in the [Charitable Collections Act 2003](#), dict:

- benefit
- collection
- commercial fundraiser
- conducts, for a collection
- licence
- proceeds, of a collection
- takes part, in a collection.

***motor vehicle***—see the [Road Transport \(General\) Act 1999](#), dictionary.

***parental responsibility***—a person has parental responsibility for a child if the person has parental responsibility for the child under the [Children and Young People Act 2008](#), division 1.3.2.

## Endnotes

1 About the endnotes

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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

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

### 3 Legislation history

This regulation was originally the *Charitable Collections Regulations 2003*. It was renamed under the *Legislation Act 2001*.

#### **Charitable Collections Regulation 2003 SL2003-33**

notified LR 22 September 2003

s 1, s 2 commenced 22 September 2003 (LA s 75 (1))

remainder commenced 9 October 2003 (s 2 and see [Charitable Collections Act 2003](#) A2003-17, s 2 and LA s 79)

as amended by

#### **Children and Young People (Consequential Amendments) Act 2008**

##### **A2008-20 sch 3 pt 3.3, sch 4 pt 4.2**

notified LR 17 July 2008

s 1, s 2 commenced 17 July 2008 (LA s 75 (1))

s 3 commenced 18 July 2008 (s 2 (1))

sch 3 pt 3.3 commenced 27 October 2008 (s 2 (4) and see [Children and Young People Act 2008](#) A2008-19, s 2 and [CN2008-13](#))

sch 4 pt 4.2 commenced 27 February 2009 (s 2 (5) and see [Children and Young People Act 2008](#) A2008-19, s 2 and [CN2008-17](#) (and see [CN2008-13](#)))

#### **Charitable Collections Amendment Regulation 2009 (No 1) SL2009-36**

notified LR 13 July 2009

s 1, s 2 commenced 13 July 2009 (LA s 75 (1))

remainder commenced 14 July 2009 (s 2)

#### **Justice and Community Safety Legislation Amendment Act 2009 (No 2) A2009-19 pt 4**

notified LR 1 September 2009

s 1, s 2 commenced 1 September 2009 (LA s 75 (1))

pt 4 commenced 29 September 2009 (s 2)

#### **Administrative (One ACT Public Service Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2011 A2011-22 sch 1 pt 1.24**

notified LR 30 June 2011

s 1, s 2 commenced 30 June 2011 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 1 pt 1.24 commenced 1 July 2011 (s 2 (1))

## Endnotes

3 Legislation history

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**Protection of Rights (Services) Legislation Amendment Act 2016  
(No 2) A2016-13 sch 1 pt 1.6**

notified LR 16 March 2016

s 1, s 2 commenced 16 March 2016 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 1 pt 1.6 commenced 1 April 2016 (s 2 and see [Protection of Rights \(Services\) Legislation Amendment Act 2016 A2016-1 s 2](#))

**Housing and Consumer Affairs Legislation Amendment Act 2024  
A2024-29 pt 4**

notified LR 9 July 2024

s 1, s 2 taken to have commenced 1 July 2024 (LA s 75 (2))

pt 4 commenced 16 July 2024 (s 2 (1))

## 4 Amendment history

### Name of regulation

s 1 am R2 LA

### Commencement

s 2 om LA s 89 (4)

### What are not collections—Act, s 7 (3) (h)

s 6 am [SL2009-36](#) s 4, s 5; [A2009-19](#) s 8; pars renum R6 LA;  
[A2016-13](#) amdt 1.9

### Meaning of *licensee* for pt 3

s 7 om [A2024-29](#) s 29

### Complying identifying tags—Act, s 16 (4), def *complying identifying tag*, par (b)

s 8 om [A2024-29](#) s 29

### Information to be given for collections—Act, s 17 (3), def *required information*, par (b)

s 9 om [A2024-29](#) s 29

### Statutory conditions about children taking part in collections—sch 1

s 10 am [A2008-20](#) amdt 4.5

### Reports by licensee to director-general—Act, s 48 (5), def *required information*

s 14 hdg am [A2011-22](#) amdt 1.79

s 14 am [A2011-22](#) amdt 1.79

### When annual audited accounts are required

s 15 am [A2011-22](#) amdt 1.79

### Internet access to material on register of licences

s 16 am [A2011-22](#) amdt 1.79

### Statutory conditions about children taking part in collections

sch 1 ss renum R2 LA

am [A2024-29](#) s 30

### Dictionary

dict am [A2011-22](#) amdt 1.80; [A2016-13](#) amdt 1.10  
def *parental responsibility* sub [A2008-20](#) amdt 3.4  
def *licensee* om [A2024-29](#) s 31

## Endnotes

### 5 Earlier republications

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#### 5 Earlier republications

Some earlier republications were not numbered. The number in column 1 refers to the publication order.

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<b>Republication No and date</b>	<b>Effective</b>	<b>Last amendment made by</b>	<b>Republication for</b>
R1 9 Oct 2003	9 Oct 2003– 2 Nov 2004	not amended	new regulation
R2 3 Nov 2004	3 Nov 2004– 26 Oct 2008	not amended	includes editorial amendments under <a href="#">Legislation Act</a>
R3 27 Oct 2008	27 Oct 2008– 26 Feb 2009	<a href="#">A2008-20</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2008-20</a>
R4 27 Feb 2009	27 Feb 2009– 13 July 2009	<a href="#">A2008-20</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2008-20</a>
R5 14 July 2009	14 July 2009– 28 Sept 2009	<a href="#">SL2009-36</a>	amendments by <a href="#">SL2009-36</a>
R6 29 Sept 2009	29 Sept 2009– 30 June 2011	<a href="#">A2009-19</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2009-19</a>
R7 1 July 2011	1 July 2011– 31 Mar 2016	<a href="#">A2011-22</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2011-22</a>
R8 1 Apr 2016	1 Apr 2016– 15 July 2024	<a href="#">A2016-13</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2016-13</a>

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