



Australian Capital Territory

Married Persons (Torts) Act 1968 No 15

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About this republication

The republished law

This is a republication of the *Married Persons (Torts) Act 1968* (including any amendment made under the *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 (Editorial changes)) as in force on 20 August 2002. It also includes any amendment, repeal or expiry affecting the republished law to 12 September 2001.

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 has not commenced or is affected by an uncommenced amendment, the symbol **U** appears immediately before the provision heading. The text of the uncommenced provision or amendment appears only in the last endnote.

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Penalties

The value of a penalty unit for an offence against this republished law at the republication date is—

- (a) if the person charged is an individual—\$100; or
- (b) if the person charged is a corporation—\$500.

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Married Persons (Torts) Act 1968

An Act to make provision in relation to rights of action in tort between married persons, and for purposes connected with them

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Married Persons (Torts) Act 1968*.

4 Actions in tort by one spouse against the other

Subject to section 6, a party to a marriage has, after the commencement of this Act, the like rights of action in tort against the other party to the marriage as he or she would have had if the parties were not married to each other.

5 Actions in tort by a former spouse against the other

Subject to section 6, a person who was a party to a marriage that has been dissolved or annulled has, after the commencement of this Act, the like rights of action in tort against the person who was the other party to the marriage as he or she would have had if the parties had never been married to each other.

6 Application

Sections 4 and 5 do not apply to or in relation to a cause of action that arose, or would, apart from the subsistence of a marriage, have arisen, before the commencement of this Act.

7 Questions between spouses about property may be decided in a summary way

This Act shall not be taken to affect the operation of section 22 of the *Married Women's Property Act 1901*, (NSW), section 22.

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 and expiries are listed in the legislation history and the amendment history. These details are underlined. Uncommenced provisions and amendments are not included in the republished law but are set out in the last endnote.

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.

If the republished law includes penalties, current information about penalty unit values appears on the republication inside front cover.

2 Abbreviation key

am = amended	ord = ordinance
amdt = amendment	orig = original
ch = chapter	p = page
cl = clause	par = paragraph
def = definition	pres = present
dict = dictionary	prev = previous
disallowed = disallowed by the Legislative Assembly	(prev...) = previously
div = division	prov = provision
exp = expires/expired	pt = part
Gaz = Gazette	r = rule/subrule
hdg = heading	reg = regulation/subregulation
IA = Interpretation Act 1967	renum = renumbered
ins = inserted/added	reloc = relocated
LA = Legislation Act 2001	R[X] = Republication No
LR = legislation register	s = section/subsection
LRA = Legislation (Republication) Act 1996	sch = schedule
mod = modified / modification	sdiv = subdivision
No = number	sub = substituted
num = numbered	SL = Subordinate Law
o = order	<u>underlining</u> = whole or part not commenced or to be expired
om = omitted/repealed	

Endnotes

3 Legislation history

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This Act was originally a Commonwealth ordinance—the *Married Persons (Torts) Ordinance 1968* No 15 (Cwlth).

The *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (Cwlth), s 34 (4) converted most former Commonwealth ordinances in force in the ACT into ACT enactments. This allowed the ACT Legislative Assembly to amend and repeal the laws. This Act was converted into an ACT enactment on 11 May 1989 (self-government day).

As with most ordinances in force in the ACT, the name was changed from *Ordinance* to *Act* by the *Self-Government (Citation of Laws) Act 1989* No 21, s 5 on 11 May 1989 (self-government day).

Before 11 May 1989, ordinances commenced on their notification day unless otherwise stated (see *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910* (Cwlth), s 12).

Legislation before becoming Territory enactment

Married Persons (Torts) Act 1968 No 15

notified 22 August 1968

commenced 1 December 1968 (s 2 and Cwlth Gaz 1968 p 6880)

as amended by

Ordinances Revision Ordinance 1978 No 46

notified 28 December 1978

commenced 28 December 1978

Legislation after becoming Territory enactment

Legislation (Consequential Amendments) Act 2001 No 44 pt 243

notified 26 July 2001 (Gaz 2001 No 30)

s 1, s 2 commenced 26 July 2001 (IA s 10B)

pt 243 commenced 12 September 2001 (s 2 and see Gaz 2001 No S65)

4 Amendment history

Commencement

s 2 om 2001 No 44 amdt 1.2809

s 3 om 1978 No 46

5 Earlier replications

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

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Replication No	Amendments to	Replication date
1	Act 1978 No 46	30 June 1991

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