



Australian Capital Territory

# **Magistrates Court (Working with Vulnerable People Infringement Notices) Regulation 2012**

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made under the

**Magistrates Court Act 1930**

**Republication No 4**

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and [A2020-29](#))

## About this republication

### The republished law

This is a republication of the *Magistrates Court (Working with Vulnerable People Infringement Notices) Regulation 2012*, made under the *Magistrates Court Act 1930* (including any amendment made under the [Legislation Act 2001](#), part 11.3 (Editorial changes)) as in force on 1 February 2021. It also includes any commencement, amendment, repeal or expiry affecting this republished law to 1 February 2021.

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

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### 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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## 1 Name of regulation

This regulation is the *Magistrates Court (Working with Vulnerable People Infringement Notices) Regulation 2012*.

## 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 '*investigator*—see the *Fair Trading (Australian Consumer Law) Act 1992*, dictionary.' means that the term 'investigator' 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 Purpose of regulation

The purpose of this regulation is to create a system of infringement notices under the *Magistrates Court Act 1930*, part 3.8 for certain offences against the *Vulnerable People Act*.

*Note* The *Magistrates Court Act 1930*, pt 3.8 provides a system of infringement notices for offences against various Acts. The infringement notice system is intended to provide an alternative to prosecution.

**6 Administering authority**

The administering authority for an infringement notice offence against the [Vulnerable People Act](#) is the commissioner for fair trading.

**7 Infringement notice offences**

The *Magistrates Court Act 1930*, part 3.8 applies to an offence against a provision of the [Vulnerable People Act](#) mentioned in schedule 1, column 2.

**8 Infringement notice penalties**

- (1) The penalty payable by an individual for an offence against the [Vulnerable People Act](#), under an infringement notice for the offence, is the amount mentioned in schedule 1, column 4 for the offence.
- (2) The penalty payable by a corporation for an offence against the [Vulnerable People Act](#), under an infringement notice for the offence, is 5 times the amount mentioned in schedule 1, column 4 for the offence.
- (3) The cost of serving a reminder notice for an infringement offence against the [Vulnerable People Act](#) is \$34.

**9 Contents of infringement notices—identifying authorised person**

An infringement notice served on a person by an authorised person for an infringement notice offence against the [Vulnerable People Act](#) must identify the authorised person by—

- (a) the person's full name, or surname and initials; or
- (b) any unique number given, for this regulation, to the person by the administering authority.

**10 Contents of infringement notices—other information**

- (1) An infringement notice served on a company by an authorised person for an infringement notice offence against the [Vulnerable People Act](#) must include the company’s ACN.

*Note* The requirement under this section is additional to the requirement under the [Magistrates Court Act 1930](#), s 121 (1) (c).

- (2) In this section:

*company* means a company registered under the [Corporations Act](#).

**11 Contents of reminder notices—identifying authorised person**

A reminder notice served on a person by an authorised person for an infringement notice offence against the [Vulnerable People Act](#) must identify the authorised person by—

- (a) the person’s full name, or surname and initials; or
- (b) any unique number given, for this regulation, to the person by the administering authority.

**12 Authorised people for infringement notice offences**

An investigator may serve the following:

- (a) an infringement notice for an infringement notice offence against the [Vulnerable People Act](#);
- (b) a reminder notice for an infringement notice offence against the [Vulnerable People Act](#).

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## Schedule 1      Vulnerable People Act infringement notice offences and penalties

(see s 7 and s 8)

<b>column 1 item</b>	<b>column 2 offence provision</b>	<b>column 3 offence penalty (penalty units)</b>	<b>column 4 infringement penalty (\$)</b>
1	13 (1)	50	500
2	14 (1)	50	500
3	21 (1)	50	500
4	21 (2)	50	500
5	33 (4)	50	500
6	48 (1)	50	500
7	53 (4)	50	500
8	55 (1)	50	500
9	55 (2)	50	500
10	55A (1)	50	500

## 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:

- commissioner for fair trading
- corporation
- Corporations Act
- individual.

*Note 3* Terms used in this regulation have the same meaning that they have in the [Magistrates Court Act 1930](#) (see [Legislation Act](#), s 148). For example, the following terms are defined in the [Magistrates Court Act 1930](#), dict:

- administering authority
- authorised person
- infringement notice
- infringement notice offence
- reminder notice.

***investigator***—see the [Fair Trading \(Australian Consumer Law\) Act 1992](#), dictionary.

***Vulnerable People Act*** means the [Working with Vulnerable People \(Background Checking\) Act 2011](#).

## 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

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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#### **Magistrates Court (Working with Vulnerable People Infringement Notices) Regulation 2012 SL2012-3**

notified LR 2 February 2012

s 1, s 2 commenced 2 February 2012 (LA s 75 (1))

remainder commenced 8 November 2012 (s 2 and see [Working with Vulnerable People \(Background Checking\) Act 2011](#) A2011-44 s 2 (2))

as amended by

#### **[Justice and Community Safety Legislation Amendment Act 2013 \(No 2\)](#) A2013-11 sch 1 pt 1.7**

notified LR 28 March 2013

s 1, s 2 commenced 28 March 2013 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 1 pt 1.7 commenced 4 April 2013 (s 2)

#### **[Statute Law Amendment Act 2015](#) A2015-15 sch 3 pt 3.45**

notified LR 27 May 2015

s 1, s 2 commenced 27 May 2015 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 3 pt 3.45 commenced 10 June 2015 (s 2)

#### **[Working with Vulnerable People \(Background Checking\) Amendment Act 2019](#) A2019-13 sch 1 pt 1.1 (as am by [A2020-14](#) amdt 1.142)**

notified LR 23 May 2019

s 1, s 2 commenced 23 May 2019 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 1 pt 1.1 commenced 1 February 2021 (s 2 (1) (as am by [A2020-14](#) amdt 1.142) and [CN2021-1](#))

#### **[COVID-19 Emergency Response Legislation Amendment Act 2020](#) A2020-14 amdt 1.142**

notified LR 13 May 2020

s 1, s 2 taken to have commenced 30 March 2020 (LA s 75 (2))

amdt 1.142 commenced 14 May 2020 (s 2 (1))

*Note* This Act only amends the [Working with Vulnerable People \(Background Checking\) Amendment Act 2020](#) A2020-29.

**Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Amendment Act 2020 A2020-29 sch 1 pt 1.3**

notified LR 23 May 2019

s 1, s 2 commenced 23 May 2019 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 1 pt 1.3 commenced 1 February 2021 (s 2 (a) and see Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Amendment Act 2019 [A2019-13](#) s 2 (as am by [A2020-14](#) amdt 1.142) and [CN2021-1](#))

## Endnotes

4 Amendment history

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#### Commencement

s 2 om LA s 89 (4)

#### Contents of infringement notices—identifying authorised person

s 9 am [A2013-11](#) amdt 1.16

#### Contents of reminder notices—identifying authorised person

s 11 am [A2013-11](#) amdt 1.16

#### Authorised people for infringement notice offences

s 12 am [A2015-15](#) amdt 3.147, amdt 3.148

#### Vulnerable People Act infringement notice offences and penalties

sch 1 am [A2019-13](#) amdts 1.1-1.3; [A2020-29](#) amdt 1.18

## 5 Earlier republications

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

Since 12 September 2001 every authorised republication has been published in electronic pdf format on the ACT legislation register. A selection of authorised republications have also been published in printed format. These republications are marked with an asterisk (\*) in column 1. Electronic and printed versions of an authorised republication are identical.

Republication No and date	Effective	Last amendment made by	Republication for
R1 8 Nov 2012	8 Nov 2012– 3 Apr 2013	not amended	new regulation
R2 4 Apr 2013	4 Apr 2013– 9 June 2015	<a href="#">A2013-11</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2013-11</a>
R3 10 June 2015	10 June 2015– 31 Jan 2021	<a href="#">A2015-15</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2015-15</a>

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