



Australian Capital Territory

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Amendments incorporated to 12 September 2001

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About this republication

The republished law

This is a republication of the *Law Officer Act 1992* as in force on 13 June 2002. It includes any amendment, repeal or expiry affecting the republished law to 12 September 2001 and any amendment made under the *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 (Editorial changes).

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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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Law Officer Act 1992

An Act relating to the functions and powers of the Attorney-General, and
for related purposes

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Law Officer Act 1992*.

2 Meaning of *Attorney-General*

In this Act, a reference to the Attorney-General is a reference to—

- (a) the Minister designated Attorney-General by the Chief Minister; or
- (b) if no Minister is so designated—the Minister for the time being administering this Act;

and, if another Minister is authorised by the Chief Minister to act on behalf of that Minister, includes a reference to that other Minister.

3 Position of Attorney-General

The Attorney-General is the first law officer of the Territory.

4 Functions

- (1) The functions of the Attorney-General are—
 - (a) to be the chief legal representative of—
 - (i) the Crown in right of the Territory; and
 - (ii) the Territory;
 - (b) to be the principal legal adviser to the Territory; and
 - (c) to have responsibility for the administration of law and justice in the ACT; and
 - (d) to institute and conduct litigation on behalf of—
 - (i) the Crown in right of the Territory; or
 - (ii) the Territory; or
 - (iii) a Minister; or

- (iv) a person suing or being sued on behalf of the Territory;
and
 - (e) to exercise the functions given to the Attorney-General by another Act; and
 - (f) to exercise any other functions prescribed under the regulations.
- (2) The Attorney-General has the power to do all things necessary or convenient to be done in connection with the performance of his or her functions.

5 Additional powers of the Attorney-General

Subject to any other Territory law, the Attorney-General has, in relation to the Territory, the traditional powers, duties, prerogatives and privileges of the Attorneys-General of the States.

6 Regulation-making power

The Executive may make regulations for this Act.

Note Regulations must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the *Legislation Act 2001*.

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 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	

3 Legislation history

After 11 May 1989 and before 10 November 1999, Acts commenced on their notification day unless otherwise stated (see *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (Cwlth) s 25).

Law Officer Act 1992 No 54

notified 25 September 1992 (Gaz 1992 No S162)

commenced 25 September 1992

as amended by

Legislation (Consequential Amendments) Act 2001 No 44 pt 214

notified 26 July 2001 (Gaz 2001 No 30)

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

pt 214 commenced 12 September 2001 (s 2 and Gaz 2001 No S65)

4 Amendment history

Regulation-making power

s 6 sub 2001 No 44 amdt 1.2608

Amendment of *Legal Practitioners Act 1970*

s 7 om 2001 No 44 amdt 1.2608

Regulations

s 8 om 2001 No 44 amdt 1.2608

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