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Uncollected Goods Act 1996

An Act to provide for the disposal of uncollected, lost or abandoned goods, and for related purposes

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Part 1 Preliminary

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Uncollected Goods Act 1996*.

2 Dictionary

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

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

For example, the signpost definition '***uncollected goods***—see section 5.' means that the term 'uncollected goods' is defined in that section.

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

2A Notes

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

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

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2B Offences against Act—application of Criminal Code etc

Other legislation applies in relation to offences against this Act.

Note 1 *Criminal Code*

The Criminal Code, ch 2 applies to all offences against this Act (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.

3 Application of Act

(1) Subject to subsection (2), this Act applies to goods in the possession of a person whether the goods came into the person's possession before, on or after the commencement of this section.

(2) This Act does not apply to—

(a) unclaimed prizes under the *Lotteries Act 1964*; or

(b) unclaimed moneys under the *Unclaimed Money Act 1950*; or

(c) cheques, IOUs or other writings for securing the payment of money, goods or other property; or

(d) animals under the *Domestic Animals Act 2000* or the *Stock Act 2005*; or

(e) firearms, firearm parts or ammunition under the *Firearms Act 1996*; or

(f) prohibited weapons or prohibited articles under the *Prohibited Weapons Act 1996*.

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Part 2 Uncollected goods

Division 2.1 Meaning of uncollected goods

5 Goods deemed uncollected

(1) Goods shall be deemed to be ***uncollected goods*** for this Act—

(a) where the possessor received or holds the goods in pursuance of an agreement under which—

(i) the owner was to collect the goods at a certain time or within a certain period and has failed to do so; or

(ii) the possessor was to deliver the goods to the owner and, after making a reasonable attempt, the possessor is unable to do so in accordance with the agreement; and

(b) where the possessor has a lien on the goods under the *Mercantile Law Act 1962* and a notice of intention to sell the goods has been given in accordance with section 22 (2) of that Act, but the charges stated in the notice have not been paid by the day specified in the notice; and

(c) where the goods are received or held by the possessor in the absence of any agreement regarding collection of the goods—

(i) in the case of perishable goods or goods of no value—immediately the goods are received or held by the possessor; or

(ii) in the case of any other goods—the owner has refused or failed to comply with a request made in accordance with section 7 to collect the goods; and

(d) where the goods were lost or abandoned at a pool facility—

(i) in the case of perishable goods or goods of no value—immediately the operator of the pool facility or employee of the operator takes possession of the goods; or

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(ii) in the case of any other goods—if the goods have not been given to a person entitled to their possession within the period specified in section 12; and

(e) where the goods were lost or abandoned on public or unleased land—

(i) in the case of perishable goods or goods of no value—immediately the goods are found by an authorised officer; or

(ii) in the case of any other goods—

(A) immediately the goods are moved to a retention area under section 14 (1) (a) (i); or

(B) if the goods have not been collected by the owner in accordance with a notice affixed to the goods under section 14 (1) (a) (ii).

(2) However, subsection (1) (e) does not apply if—

(a) the goods are a vehicle; and

(b) an authorised officer has reasonable grounds for believing that the vehicle has been abandoned.

Division 2.2 Goods not collected when requested

6 Application of div 2.2

This division applies to goods received or held in the absence of an agreement for their collection.

7 Request to collect goods

(1) A possessor may request the owner of goods to collect the goods within 7 days of the date of the request.

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(2) A request under subsection (1) must—

(a) be in writing; and

(b) contain—

(i) a brief description of the goods; and

(ii) the address at which the goods are available for collection; and

(iii) a statement of the times at which, or the hours between which, the goods will be available for collection at that address; and

(iv) a statement that the goods may be disposed of in accordance with part 3 if they are not collected within 7 days of the date of the request; and

(v) a statement of any costs that must be met by the owner before the goods will be released by the possessor.

(3) A request must—

(a) be sent to the owner's last-known address; or

(b) if the possessor does not have an address for the owner and has not been able to find an address through reasonable inquiry—be given by public notice.

Note ***Public notice*** means notice on an ACT government website or in a daily newspaper circulating in the ACT (see Legislation Act, dict, pt 1).

8 Uncollected goods—goods not collected when requested

Where an owner refuses or fails to comply with a request made in accordance with section 7, the goods shall be deemed to be uncollected goods and may be disposed of in accordance with part 3.

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Division 2.3 Goods found at pool facilities

9 Goods lost or abandoned at pool facilities

Where goods that a reasonable person would believe have been lost or abandoned are found at a pool facility—

(a) by an operator of the pool facility or employee of the operator—the operator or employee must take possession of the goods; or

(b) by any other person—the person must immediately place the goods in the possession of the operator of the pool facility or an employee of the operator.

10 Lost property register

An operator of a pool facility or employee of the operator must, on taking possession of goods, other than perishable goods, under section 9, enter in a register, to be known as the lost property register—

(a) a description of the goods; and

(b) any other particulars relating to the goods.

11 Claims for lost property

(1) This section applies if a person claims possession of goods entered in the lost property register at a pool facility under section 10.

(2) A person may be given possession of the goods if the person—

(a) satisfies the operator of the pool facility or employee of the operator that the person is entitled to possession of the goods; and

(b) enters the person's signature and address in the lost property register as evidence of receiving the goods.

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12 Uncollected goods—pool facilities

(1) This section applies if goods have not been given to a person entitled to possession of the goods within 3 months after the day the operator of the pool facility or an employee of the operator took possession of the goods under section 9 (Goods lost or abandoned at pool facilities).

(2) The goods are taken to be uncollected goods and may be disposed of under part 3 (Disposal of uncollected goods).

Division 2.4 Goods found on public or unleased land

13 Application of div 2.4

This division applies in relation to—

(a) land lying between the carriageway of a public street and the boundary of leased land; and

(b) any part of a public street, including land lying between the carriageways of a public street; and

(c) any other unleased land, other than unleased land on which there are premises in respect of which the housing commissioner is the lessor under a residential tenancy agreement within the meaning of the *Residential Tenancies Act 1997* to which that Act applies.

14 Goods lost or abandoned on public or unleased land

(1) Where goods, other than perishable goods or goods of no value, that a reasonable person would believe have been lost or abandoned are found on land—

(a) by an authorised officer, the officer may—

(i) subject to subsection (2), cause the goods to be removed and placed in a retention area; or

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(ii) cause to be affixed to the goods a notice to the effect that the goods may be disposed of in accordance with part 3 if they are not removed within 7 days of the date of the notice; or

(b) by any other person—the person must immediately place the goods in the possession of a police officer.

(2) Subsection (1) (a) does not apply to—

(a) goods that are on the land with the authority of an authorised officer or by virtue of any other law of the Territory; or

(b) an object that is on the land in accordance with a public unleased land permit under the *Public Unleased Land Act 2013*; or

(c) a vehicle that is parked on a road or road related area (within the meaning of the *Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Act 1999*, section 42 (Regulations about parking))—

(i) unless the authorised officer has reasonable grounds for believing that the vehicle—

(A) is an obstruction or hazard to people on, or who might come on, the land; or

(B) is placed in a way that contravenes the regulations made under the *Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Act 1999*; or

(ii) if the authorised officer has reasonable grounds for believing that the vehicle is abandoned.

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15 Uncollected goods—public or unleased land

Where goods—

(a) have been moved to a retention area under section 14 (1) (a) (i); or

(b) are not claimed within the period specified in the notice under section 14 (1) (a) (ii);

the goods shall be deemed to be uncollected goods and may be disposed of in accordance with part 3.

16 Authorised officers

The director-general may appoint a person as an authorised officer.

Note 1 For the making of appointments (including acting appointments), see the Legislation Act, pt 19.3.

Note 2 In particular, an appointment may be made by naming a person or nominating the occupant of a position (see Legislation Act, s 207).

16A Identity cards

(1) The relevant director-general must give an authorised officer an identity card stating the person's name and that the person is an authorised officer.

(2) The identity card must show—

(a) a recent photograph of the authorised officer; and

(b) the card's date of issue and expiry; and

(c) anything else prescribed by regulation.

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(3) A person commits an offence if—

(a) the person stops being an authorised officer; and

(b) the person does not return the person's identity card to the director-general who gave the identity card to the person as soon as practicable, but no later than 7 days after the day the person stops being an authorised officer.

Maximum penalty: 1 penalty unit.

(4) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

17 Retention areas

(1) The Minister may, in writing, declare that an area of land is a retention area for this division.

(2) A declaration is a notifiable instrument.

(3) Goods that are on an area of land when the land is declared to be a retention area are, for this division, taken to have been placed in the retention area under section 14 (1) (a) (i).

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Part 3 Disposal of uncollected goods

Division 3.1 Mode of disposition

18 Disposal generally

A possessor may dispose of uncollected goods in accordance with this part.

19 References to time

In relation to the disposal of goods under this part—

(a) a reference to any time is a reference to any time after the goods became uncollected goods; and

(b) a reference to a period of time is a reference to the period commencing at the time at which the goods became uncollected goods.

20 Perishable goods

Perishable goods may be disposed of by sale, appropriation or destruction at any time.

21 Personal effects

(1) Personal effects (other than a personal document) may be disposed of by public auction after 3 months.

(2) A personal document may be disposed of—

(a) by returning the document to the authority that issued it; or

(b) if it is not practicable to return the document to the authority that issued it—in any other lawful way that the possessor thinks appropriate.

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(3) A personal document must not be disposed of in a way that results in personal information about the owner of the document becoming publicly available.

(4) In this section:

personal document means any of the following:

(a) a birth certificate, passport or other identity document;

(b) a bank book or other financial statement or document;

(c) a photograph or other personal memorabilia;

(d) a licence or other document conferring an authority, right or qualification;

(e) a document prescribed by regulation.

22 Goods of no value

Goods of no value may be disposed of by sale, appropriation or destruction—

(a) for a vehicle that is abandoned (other than a mobile home abandoned in a residential park)—immediately; or

(b) in any other case—after 7 days.

23 Goods of low value

Goods of low value may be disposed of by sale, appropriation or destruction—

(a) for a vehicle that is abandoned (other than a mobile home abandoned in a residential park)—immediately; or

(b) in any other case—after 1 month.

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24 Goods of significant value

Goods of significant value may be disposed of by public auction—

(a) for a vehicle that is abandoned (other than a mobile home abandoned in a residential park)—after 14 days; or

(b) in any other case—after 3 months.

24A Manufactured homes and mobile homes abandoned in residential parks

(1) This section applies if the ACAT—

(a) has declared that a manufactured home or mobile home in a residential park is abandoned under the *Residential Tenancies Act 1997*, section 83 (1) (k) (i); and

(b) has not made an order under that Act, section 83 (1) (k) (ii).

Note Under the *Residential Tenancies Act 1997*, s 83 (1) (k) (ii) the ACAT may order that an abandoned manufactured home or mobile home in a residential park that is not fit for human habitation may be disposed of other than by sale.

(2) The manufactured home or mobile home may be disposed of by public auction after 14 days from the date of the ACAT order.

(3) In this section:

manufactured home—see the *Residential Tenancies Act 1997*, dictionary.

residential park—see the *Residential Tenancies Act 1997*, dictionary.

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Division 3.2 Sale of goods

25 Public auctions

(1) If uncollected goods are to be disposed of by public auction, the possessor must, at least 7 days before the auction, give public notice of—

(a) the time and place of the auction; and

(b) a general description of the goods to be sold.

Note ***Public notice*** means notice on an ACT government website or in a daily newspaper circulating in the ACT (see Legislation Act, dict, pt 1).

(2) Any goods passed in at the auction may be disposed of or destroyed in such manner as the possessor sees fit.

Division 3.3 Claims by owners

26 Claim by owner before disposal

(1) Where, at any time before the disposal of uncollected goods, a person satisfies the possessor that the person is the owner of goods, the possessor may give the goods to that person.

(2) The possessor may, before handing over goods under subsection (1), require the owner to pay—

(a) the reasonable costs incurred by the possessor in complying with this Act; and

(b) the reasonable costs incurred by the possessor in storing and maintaining the goods prior to collection; and

(c) the amount of any lien under the *Mercantile Law Act 1962* the possessor has over the goods; and

(d) the amount of any unpaid rent the owner owes to the possessor.

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27 Review of possessor's costs

The owner of uncollected goods may, at any time before the goods are disposed of under this part, apply to the Magistrates Court for a review of any costs that the possessor requires the owner to pay under section 26 (2) and the court may make an order—

(a) that the goods not be disposed of until the application has been determined; or

(b) disallowing the possessor's costs in whole or in part.

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Part 4 Goods found on Territory premises or property

27A Application of pt 4

This part does not apply to premises in respect of which the housing commissioner is the lessor under a residential tenancy agreement within the meaning of the *Residential Tenancies Act 1997* to which that Act applies.

28 Goods lost or abandoned on Territory controlled premises etc

Where goods that a reasonable person would believe have been lost or abandoned are found on premises, or in an aircraft, vessel, vehicle, container or receptacle under the control of the Territory, the person who found the goods must place them in the possession—

(a) of a public employee who appears to be in charge of the place where the goods were found; or

(b) of a police officer.

29 Disposal of goods found on Territory controlled premises

(1) Where goods have been placed in the possession of a public employee under section 28 (a), the Territory may—

(a) in the case of perishable goods—dispose of them at any time by appropriation or destruction; or

(b) in the case of any other goods—dispose of them by sale at any time after a period of 3 months commencing on the day on which they were placed in the possession of that employee.

(2) Goods must not be sold under subsection (1) (b) if it would be impracticable or undesirable in the public interest to do so.

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Part 5 Miscellaneous

30 Proceeds of sale

(1) The possessor may retain from the proceeds of the sale of any goods under part 3—

(a) the reasonable costs incurred by the possessor in complying with this Act; and

(b) the reasonable costs incurred by the possessor in storing and maintaining the goods prior to sale; and

(c) the amount secured by any lien under the *Mercantile Law Act 1962* that the possessor has over the goods; and

(d) the amount of any unpaid rent the owner owes to the possessor.

(2) Any balance of the proceeds remaining after the possessor has retained an amount under subsection (1) is payable to the Territory who must pay the money into a trust bank account.

(3) The Territory may pay into the territory banking account from the proceeds of the sale of any goods under section 29 (1) (b) an amount equal to the reasonable costs incurred by the Territory in—

(a) storing and maintaining the goods prior to sale; and

(b) selling the goods.

(4) The balance of the proceeds remaining after the Territory has retained an amount under subsection (3) must be paid into a trust bank account.

(5) Interest received from the investment of any money paid into a trust bank account under subsection (2) or (4) must be used—

(a) to meet any costs of administering money paid into the account under subsection (2) or (4); or

(b) for any other prescribed purpose.

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(6) Any money paid into a trust bank account under subsection (2) or (4) shall, on the expiry of the period of 3 years after the date on which the money was so paid, be deemed to be interest for subsection (5).

31 Payments by Territory

(1) Where the Minister is satisfied that prior to the sale of any goods under part 3 or section 29 (1) (b), a person had an interest in those goods, the Minister may pay to that person the whole or any part of the balance paid to the Minister in respect of the sale of those goods under section 30 (2) or (4).

(2) The Minister may only make such a payment if the person makes a claim for payment before the period referred to in section 30 (6) expires.

(3) The Minister may make a payment referred to in subsection (2) even if the period referred to in section 30 (6) has expired before the claim is decided.

32 Protection of possessors

(1) No action shall lie against a possessor by reason of the taking or giving of possession, or the sale, appropriation or destruction, of goods under this Act.

(2) A possessor acting under this Act is not liable for any reasonable damage caused by the removal or retention of goods.

33 Rights not to be affected

Nothing in this Act abrogates, limits or in any manner affects—

(a) any lien, power of sale or other right (whether arising under contract or by operation of law) that a possessor may have apart from this Act with respect to any goods possessed by them; or

(b) the enforcement of such a lien or the exercise of such a power or right.

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34 Evidence

In proceedings for an offence against this Act, a certificate signed by the director-general stating that land specified in the certificate is unleased land is evidence of that matter.

35 Title

A person who acquires goods that are sold or disposed of under this Act acquires title to the goods free of any mortgage, lien or charge in favour of another person affecting the goods of which the person who acquires the goods was unaware at the time of the acquisition.

36 Mode of disposition

Nothing in this Act shall be taken as authorising a mode of disposition of goods that would otherwise be contrary to another law of the Territory.

37 Request provisions—substantial compliance

Unless the contrary intention appears, strict compliance with the provisions relating to the making of an instrument under this Act is not necessary and substantial compliance, or such compliance as the circumstances of a particular case allow, is sufficient.

38 Regulation-making power

The Executive may make regulations for this Act.

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Dictionary

(see s 2)

Note 1 The Legislation Act contains definitions and other provisions relevant to this Act.

Note 2 For example, the Legislation Act, dict, pt 1 defines the following terms:

- ACT
- Commonwealth
- director-general (see s 163)
- State
- the Territory.

authorised officer means an authorised officer under section 16.

carriageway, in relation to a public street, includes the gutter (if any) of the public street.

goods means moveable personal property, including animals and food.

goods of low value means uncollected goods having a net value of more than $20 but less than $500.

goods of no value means uncollected goods having a net value of $20 or less.

goods of significant value means uncollected goods having a net value of $500 or more.

light rail vehicle—see the *Road Transport (General) Act 1999*, dictionary.

mobile home—see the *Residential Tenancies Act 1997*, dictionary.

net value, in relation to goods, means the market value of the goods less the reasonable costs of selling the goods including removal, storage, preservation, transportation and advertising costs.

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off-street parking area means an area of land available for use by the public, whether with or without the payment of money, for the parking of motor vehicles, and includes—

(a) the entrances to, the exits from and the passageways in such an area; and

(b) the area of land that is situated between the entrances to and the exits from such an area and a public street and that is used for access to the area.

operator, of a pool facility—see the *Public Pools Act 2015*, section 8.

owner means the owner of goods in the possession of another person.

perishable goods means—

(a) animals; or

(b) perishable foodstuffs; or

(c) articles that are, or could become, noxious or a danger to public health.

pool facility—see the *Public Pools Act 2015*, section 10.

possessor means a person in possession of goods belonging to another person.

public place means—

(a) an off-street parking area; or

(b) a loading area; or

(c) a wharf, pier or jetty; or

(d) the Lake Burley Griffin foreshores; or

(e) any part of a park, reserve, recreational or sporting ground, racecourse, or any other open place, to which the public has access whether with or without payment for admission, other than a street, road or lane that is prepared with cement or concrete or is sealed with bitumen or other sealing substance.

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public street means a street, road, lane or footpath (including a street, road, lane or footpath on or forming part of a bridge) that is open to or used by the public, but does not include—

(a) an entrance-driveway leading to a parcel of land; or

(b) any part of a public place.

retention area means an area declared under section 17 to be a retention area for division 2.4.

trust bank account means a trust bank account opened by the Minister or the director-general and maintained under the *Financial Management Act 1996,* section 51.

uncollected goods—see section 5.

value means the price goods would attract in the market where no special or extraordinary effort would be expended in selling them, irrespective of a particular contract.

vehicle—

(a) means any means of conveyance which runs on wheels, including a light rail vehicle; but

(b) does not include—

(i) a wheelchair; or

(ii) a vehicle (other than a light rail vehicle) that is used on a railway.

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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
AF = Approved form
am = amended
amdt = amendment
AR = Assembly resolution
ch = chapter
CN = Commencement notice
def = definition
DI = Disallowable instrument
dict = dictionary
disallowed = disallowed by the Legislative Assembly
div = division
exp = expires/expired
Gaz = gazette
hdg = heading
IA = Interpretation Act 1967
ins = inserted/added
LA = Legislation Act 2001
LR = legislation register
LRA = Legislation (Republication) Act 1996
mod = modified/modification
NI = Notifiable instrument
o = order
om = omitted/repealed
ord = ordinance
orig = original
par = paragraph/subparagraph
pres = present
prev = previous
(prev...) = previously
pt = part
r = rule/subrule
reloc = relocated
renum = renumbered
R[X] = Republication No
RI = reissue
s = section/subsection
sch = schedule
sdiv = subdivision
SL = Subordinate law
sub = substituted
underlining = whole or part not commenced or to be expired

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3 Legislation history

Uncollected Goods Act 1996 A1996-86
notified 20 December 1996 (Gaz 1996 No S328)
s 1, s 2 commenced 20 December 1996 (s 2 (1))
remainder commended 19 March 1997 (s 2 (2) and Gaz 1997 No S71)

as amended by

Residential Tenancies (Consequential Provisions) Act 1998 A1998-4 sch
notified 25 May 1998 (Gaz 1998 No S150)
sch commenced 25 May 1998 (s 2)

Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1999 A1999-66 sch 3
notified 10 November 1999 (Gaz 1999 No 45)
sch 3 commenced 10 November 1999 (s 2)

Road Transport Legislation Amendment Act 1999 A1999-79 sch 3
notified 23 December 1999 (Gaz 1999 No S65)
sch 3 commenced 1 March 2000 (s 2 and see Gaz 2000 No S5)

Legislation (Consequential Amendments) Act 2001 A2001-44 pt 399
notified 26 July 2001 (Gaz 2001 No 30)
s 1, s 2 commenced 26 July 2001 (IA s 10B)
pt 399 commenced 12 September 2001 (s 2 and see Gaz 2001 No S65)

Stock Act 2005 A2005-19 sch 1 pt 1.3
notified LR 13 April 2005
s 1, s 2 commenced 13 April 2005 (LA s 75 (1))
sch 1 pt 1.3 commenced 26 August 2005 (s 2 and CN2005-13)

Criminal Code Harmonisation Act 2005 A2005-54 sch 1 pt 1.36
notified LR 27 October 2005
s 1, s 2 commenced 27 October 2005 (LA s 75 (1))
sch 1 pt 1.36 commenced 24 November 2005 (s 2)

Statute Law Amendment Act 2007 A2007-3 sch 3 pt 3.110
notified LR 22 March 2007
s 1, s 2 taken to have commenced 1 July 2006 (LA s 75 (2))
sch 3 pt 3.110 commenced 12 April 2007 (s 2 (1))

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Housing Assistance Act 2007 A2007-8 sch 1 pt 1.10
notified LR 10 May 2007
s 1, s 2 commenced 10 May 2007 (LA s 75 (1))
sch 1 pt 1.10 commenced 10 November 2007 (s 2 and LA s 79)

Statute Law Amendment Act 2009 A2009-20 sch 3 pt 3.73
notified LR 1 September 2009
s 1, s 2 commenced 1 September 2009 (LA s 75 (1))
sch 3 pt 3.73 commenced 22 September 2009 (s 2)

Administrative (One ACT Public Service Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2011 A2011-22 sch 1 pt 1.160
notified LR 30 June 2011
s 1, s 2 commenced 30 June 2011 (LA s 75 (1))
sch 1 pt 1.160 commenced 1 July 2011 (s 2 (1))

Public Unleased Land Act 2013 A2013-3 sch 2 pt 2.12
notified LR 21 February 2013
s 1, s 2 commenced 21 February 2013 (LA s 75 (1))
sch 2 pt 2.12 commenced 1 July 2013 (s 2 and CN2013-9)

Public Pools Act 2015 A2015-7 sch 2 pt 2.2
notified LR 31 March 2015
s 1, s 2 commenced 31 March 2015 (LA s 75 (1))
sch 2 pt 2.2 commenced 1 July 2015 (s 2 and CN2015-8)

Red Tape Reduction Legislation Amendment Act 2015 A2015-33 sch 1 pt 1.67
notified LR 30 September 2015
s 1, s 2 commenced 30 September 2015 (LA s 75 (1))
sch 1 pt 1.67 commenced 14 October 2015 (s 2)

Residential Tenancies Legislation Amendment Act 2016 A2016-50 pt 3
notified LR 24 August 2016
s 1, s 2 commenced 24 August 2016 (LA s 75 (1))
pt 3 commenced 24 August 2017 (s 2 (3))

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Road Transport Reform (Light Rail) Legislation Amendment Act 2017 A2017-21 sch 1 pt 1.16

notified LR 8 August 2017
s 1, s 2 commenced 8 August 2017 (LA s 75 (1))
sch 1 pt 1.16 commenced 15 August 2017 (s 2)

Litter Legislation Amendment Act 2019 A2019-39 pt 5

notified LR 31 October 2019
s 1, s 2 commenced 31 October 2019 (LA s 75 (1))
pt 5 commenced 1 November 2019 (s 2 (1))

Residential Tenancies Amendment Act 2020 (No 2) A2020-48 sch 1 pt 1.2

notified LR 3 September 2020
s 1, s 2 commenced 3 September 2020 (LA s 75 (1))
sch 1 pt 1.2 commenced 3 March 2021 (s 2 (1) and LA s 79)

Statute Law Amendment Act 2025 A2025-29 sch 3 pt 3.94, sch 4 pt 4.180

notified LR 6 November 2025
s 1, s 2 commenced 6 November 2025 (LA s 75 (1))
sch 3 pt 3.94, sch 4 pt 4.180 commenced 26 November 2025 (s 2 (3), (9))

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4 Amendment history

Name of Act
s 1 sub A2007-3 amdt 3.538

Dictionary
s 2 om A2001-44 amdt 1.4145
ins A2005-54 amdt 1.242
sub A2007-3 amdt 3.539

Notes
s 2A ins A2005-54 amdt 1.242
sub A2007-3 amdt 3.539

Offences against Act—application of Criminal Code etc
s 2B ins A2007-3 amdt 3.539

Application of Act
s 3 am A2005-19 amdt 1.3; A2007-3 amdt 3.540

Definitions for Act
s 4 defs reloc to dict A2007-3 amdt 3.543
om A2007-3 amdt 3.544

Meaning of uncollected goods
div 2.1 hdg (prev pt 2 div 1 hdg) renum R2 LA

Goods deemed uncollected
s 5 am A2015-7 amdt 2.18; A2016-50 s 32, s 33; A2019-39 s 49

Application of div 2.2
s 6 am A2016-50 s 34

Request to collect goods
s 7 am A2009-20 amdt 3.212; A2015-33 amdt 1.232; A2025-29 amdt 3.346

Goods not collected when requested
div 2.2hdg (prev pt 2 div 2 hdg) renum R2 LA

Goods found at public baths
div 2.3 hdg (prev pt 2 div 3 hdg) renum R2 LA
sub A2015-7 amdt 2.19

Goods lost or abandoned at pool facilities
s 9 sub A2015-7 amdt 2.20

Lost property register
s 10 am A2015-7 amdt 2.21

Claims for lost property
s 11 sub A2015-7 amdt 2.22

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Uncollected goods—pool facilities
s 12 sub A2015-7 amdt 2.23

Goods found on public or unleased land
div 2.4 hdg (prev pt 2 div 4 hdg) renum R2 LA

Application of div 2.4
s 13 am A1998-4 sch; A2007-8 amdt 1.21

Goods lost or abandoned on public or unleased land
s 14 am A1999-79 sch 3; A2013-3 amdt 2.35; A2019-39 s 50; A2025-29 amdt 3.339; amdt 3.340

Authorised officers
s 16 am A1999-66 sch 3; A2005-54 amdt 1.243
sub A2007-3 amdt 3.545
(2)-(4) exp 12 April 2008 (s 16 (4) (LA s 88 declaration applies))
am A2011-22 amdt 1.448

Identity cards
s 16A ins A2005-54 amdt 1.244
(5)-(7) exp 24 November 2005 (s 16A (7))
am A2011-22 amdt 1.448

Retention areas
s 17 sub A2001-44 amdt 1.4146
am A2025-29 amdt 4.182

Personal effects
s 21 sub A2016-50 s 35

Mode of disposition
div 3.1 hdg (prev pt 3 div 1 hdg) renum R2 LA

Goods of no value
s 22 sub A2019-39 s 51
am A2020-48 amdt 1.12

Goods of low value
s 23 sub A2019-39 s 51
am A2020-48 amdt 1.13

Goods of significant value
s 24 sub A2019-39 s 51
am A2020-48 amdt 1.14

Manufactured homes and mobile homes abandoned in residential parks
s 24A ins A2020-48 amdt 1.15
am A2025-29 amdts 3.341-3.343; am R18 LA

Sale of goods
div 3.2 hdg (prev pt 3 div 2 hdg) renum R2 LA

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Public auctions
s 25 am A2009-20 amdt 3.212; A2015-33 amdt 1.233

Claims by owners
div 3.3 hdg (prev pt 3 div 3 hdg) renum R2 LA

Claim by owner before disposal
s 26 am A2025-29 amdt 3.344

Application of pt 4
s 27A ins A1998-4 sch
am A2007-8 amdt 1.21

Goods lost or abandoned on Territory controlled premises etc
s 28 am A2025-29 amdt 3.346

Disposal of goods found on Territory controlled premises
s 29 am A2025-29 amdt 3.346

Proceeds of sale
s 30 am A2025-29 amdt 3.346

Rights not to be affected
s 33 am A2025-29 amdt 3.345

Evidence
s 34 am A2011-22 amdt 1.448

Regulation-making power
s 38 am A2001-44 amdt 1.4147; A2025-29 amdt 4.183

Dictionary
dict ins A2007-3 amdt 3.546, A2009-20 amdt 3.213
am A2011-22 amdt 1.449; A2015-33 amdt 1.234
def ***authorised officer*** reloc from s 4 A2007-3 amdt 3.543
def ***carriageway*** reloc from s 4 A2007-3 amdt 3.543
def ***goods*** reloc from s 4 A2007-3 amdt 3.543
def ***goods of low value*** reloc from s 4 A2007-3 amdt 3.543
def ***goods of no value*** reloc from s 4 A2007-3 amdt 3.543
def ***goods of significant value*** reloc from s 4 A2007-3 amdt 3.543
def ***leased public baths*** sub A2007-3 amdt 3.541
reloc from s 4 A2007-3 amdt 3.543
om A2015-7 amdt 2.24
def ***light rail vehicle*** ins A2017-21 amdt1.37
def ***manager*** sub A2007-3 amdt 3.541
reloc from s 4 A2007-3 amdt 3.543
om A2015-7 amdt 2.24
def ***mobile home*** ins A2020-48 amdt 1.16
def ***net value*** reloc from s 4 A2007-3 amdt 3.543
def ***off-street parking area*** reloc from s 4 A2007-3 amdt 3.543

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def ***operator*** ins A2015-7 amdt 2.25
def ***owner*** reloc from s 4 A2007-3 amdt 3.543
def ***perishable goods*** reloc from s 4 A2007-3 amdt 3.543
def ***personal effects*** reloc from s 4 A2007-3 amdt 3.543
om A2016-50 s 35
def ***pool facility*** ins A2015-7 amdt 2.25
def ***possessor*** reloc from s 4 A2007-3 amdt 3.543
def ***public baths*** sub A2007-3 amdt 3.542
reloc from s 4 A2007-3 amdt 3.543
om A2015-7 amdt 2.26
def ***public place*** reloc from s 4 A2007-3 amdt 3.543
def ***public street*** reloc from s 4 A2007-3 amdt 3.543
def ***retention area*** reloc from s 4 A2007-3 amdt 3.543
def ***trust bank account*** reloc from s 4 A2007-3 amdt 3.543
am A2011-22 amdt 1.450
def ***uncollected goods*** reloc from s 4 A2007-3 amdt 3.543
def ***value*** reloc from s 4 A2007-3 amdt 3.543
def ***vehicle*** reloc from s 4 A2007-3 amdt 3.543
sub A2017-21 amdt 1.38

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5 Earlier republications

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3	A2005-19	26 August 2005
4	A2005-54	24 November 2005
5	A2005-54	25 November 2005
6	A2007-3	12 April 2007
7	A2007-8	10 November 2007
8	A2007-8	13 April 2008
9	A2009-20	22 September 2009
10	A2011-22	1 July 2011
11	A2013-3	1 July 2013
12	A2015-7	1 July 2015
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14	A2017-21	15 August 2017
15	A2017-21	24 August 2017
16	A2019-39	1 November 2019
17	A2020-48	3 March 2021

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