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## Crimes (Sentencing) Act 2005

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An Act to consolidate and reform the law about sentencing offenders, and for other purposes

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## Chapter 1 Preliminary

### 1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Crimes (Sentencing) Act 2005*.

### 3 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.

For example, the signpost definition '*domestic violence offence*—see the *Domestic Violence and Protection Orders Act 2008*, section 13 (2).' means that the term 'domestic violence offence' is defined in that dictionary and the definition applies to this Act.

*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)).

### 4 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.

## 5 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](#), section 133 deals with the meaning of offence penalties that are expressed in penalty units.

## Chapter 2 Objects and important concepts

### 6 Objects of Act

The objects of this Act include the following:

- (a) to promote respect for the law and the maintenance of a just and safe society;
- (b) to provide a range of sentencing options;
- (c) to maximise the opportunity for imposing sentences that are constructively adapted to individual offenders;
- (d) to promote flexibility in sentencing;
- (e) to consolidate legislation relating to the imposition of sentences.

### 7 Purposes of sentencing

- (1) A court may impose a sentence on an offender for 1 or more of the following purposes:
  - (a) to ensure that the offender is adequately punished for the offence in a way that is just and appropriate;
  - (b) to prevent crime by deterring the offender and other people from committing the same or similar offences;
  - (c) to protect the community from the offender;
  - (d) to promote the rehabilitation of the offender;
  - (e) to make the offender accountable for his or her actions;
  - (f) to denounce the conduct of the offender;
  - (g) to recognise the harm done to the victim of the crime and the community.



- (2) To remove any doubt, nothing about the order in which the purposes appear in subsection (1) implies that any purpose must be given greater weight than any other purpose.

*Note* However, see s 133C in relation to the sentencing of a young offender.

## 8 **Meaning of *offender***

In this Act:

***offender***—

- (a) means a person convicted or found guilty of an offence by a court, and includes a young offender; but
- (b) for part 4.2 (Pre-sentence reports)—see section 40.

## Chapter 3 Sentencing and non-conviction options

### Part 3.1 General

#### 9 Imposition of penalties

- (1) The penalty a court may impose for an offence is the penalty provided under this Act or any other territory law.
- (2) Chapter 4 (Sentencing procedures generally) applies to the imposition of all penalties imposed by a court, whether under this Act or otherwise.

*Note 1* Under this Act, a court has the following sentencing and non-conviction options:

- imprisonment served by full-time detention at a correctional centre or detention place (see s 10, ch 5 and s 133H)
- imprisonment served by intensive correction (see s 11)
- suspension of a sentence of imprisonment (see s 12)
- good behaviour order (see s 13 and ch 6)
- fine order (see s 14 and s 15)
- driver licence disqualification order (see s 16)
- non-conviction order (see s 17 and s 18)
- reparation order (see s 19, s 20 and ch 7)
- non-association order (see pt 3.4)
- place restriction order (see pt 3.4)
- deferred sentence order (see s 27 and ch 8)
- accommodation order (young offenders only) (see pt 8A.3).

*Note 2* A court may also impose a **combination sentence** combining 2 or more of the options listed in note 1 (other than imprisonment served by intensive correction) or otherwise available under a territory law (see pt 3.6).

## Part 3.2 Sentences of imprisonment

### 10 Imprisonment

- (1) This section applies if a court is sentencing an offender convicted of an offence punishable by imprisonment.
- (2) The court may, by order, sentence the offender to imprisonment, for all or part of the term of the sentence, if the court is satisfied, having considered possible alternatives, that no other penalty is appropriate.

*Note 1* An order sentencing an offender to imprisonment may be part of a combination sentence together with other sentencing options (see pt 3.6).

*Note 2* See s 133G for additional matters that apply in sentencing a young offender to imprisonment.

- (3) If the court sentences the offender to imprisonment, the sentence must be served by full-time detention at a correctional centre, unless—
  - (a) the court orders otherwise; or
  - (b) the offender is released from full-time detention under this Act or another territory law.

**Examples—par (a)**

- 1 the court makes an intensive correction order
- 2 the court makes a suspended sentence order

**Example—par (b)**

release on parole under the *Crimes (Sentence Administration) Act 2005*

*Note 1* For a young offender who is under 21 years old when the sentence is imposed, see s 133H.

*Note 2* An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see [Legislation Act](#), s 126 and s 132).

- (4) If the court sentences the offender to imprisonment, the court must record the reasons for its decision.

- (5) Failure to comply with subsection (4) does not invalidate the sentence of imprisonment.
- (6) This section also applies subject to any contrary intention in the law that directly or indirectly creates the offence or directly or indirectly affects its scope or operation.
- (7) This section is subject to chapter 5 (Imprisonment).

## 11 Intensive correction orders

- (1) This section applies if an adult offender is convicted of an offence and the court imposes a sentence of imprisonment.
- (2) If the sentence of imprisonment is for not more than 2 years the court may order that the sentence be served by intensive correction in the community (an *intensive correction order*).
- (3) The court may make an intensive correction order if the sentence of imprisonment is for more than 2 years but not more than 4 years, but only if the court considers it is appropriate to do so, having regard to—
  - (a) the level of harm to the victim and the community caused by the offence; and
  - (b) whether the offender poses a risk to 1 or more people or the community; and
  - (c) the offender's culpability for the offence having regard to all the circumstances.

*Note* An intensive correction order must not be combined with a sentence of full-time imprisonment, a suspended sentence of imprisonment or a good behaviour order (see s 29 (1) (b)).

- (4) An intensive correction order must include the core conditions mentioned in the *Crimes (Sentence Administration) Act 2005*, section 42.

- (5) An intensive correction order may include 1 or more of the following additional conditions that can reasonably be complied with within the term of the order:
- (a) a community service condition;
  - (b) a rehabilitation program condition;
  - (c) that the offender comply with a reparation order, a non-association order or place restriction order;
  - (d) a condition prescribed by regulation;
  - (e) any other condition, not inconsistent with this Act or the *Crimes (Sentence Administration) Act 2005*, that the court considers appropriate.

**Examples—conditions for s (5) (e)**

- 1 that the offender undertake medical treatment and supervision (eg by taking medication and cooperating with medical assessments)
- 2 that the offender supply samples of blood, breath, hair, saliva or urine for alcohol or drug testing if required by a corrections officer
- 3 that the offender attend educational, vocational, psychological, psychiatric or other programs or counselling
- 4 that the offender not drive a motor vehicle or consume alcohol or non-prescription drugs or medications
- 5 that the offender regularly attend alcohol or drug management programs

*Note 1* For core conditions of an intensive correction order, see the *Crimes (Sentence Administration) Act 2005*, s 42.

*Note 2* An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see *Legislation Act*, s 126 and s 132).

- (6) An intensive correction order may also include a curfew condition if the court is satisfied that each adult who is living at the curfew place or has parental responsibility or guardianship for a person who is living at the curfew place consents to the curfew.
- (7) This section is subject to chapter 5 (Imprisonment).

## 12 Suspended sentences

- (1) This section applies if—
  - (a) an offender is convicted of an offence; and
  - (b) the court sentences the offender to imprisonment for the offence.
- (2) The court may make an order (a *suspended sentence order*) suspending all or part of the sentence of imprisonment.
- (3) If the court makes a suspended sentence order, the court must also make a good behaviour order for the period during which the sentence is suspended or for any longer period that the court considers appropriate.

*Note* A suspended sentence order may be part of a combination sentence together with other sentencing options (see pt 3.6).

- (4) If the court makes a suspended sentence order fully suspending the sentence of imprisonment, the court must, as soon as practicable after the order is made, ensure that written notice of the order, together with a copy of the order, is given to the offender.

*Note 1* For notice of a partly suspended sentence of imprisonment, see s 84.

*Note 2* For a young offender who is under 18 years old, the notice and order must also be given to a parent or person with parental responsibility (see s 133J).

- (5) Failure to comply with subsection (4) does not invalidate the suspended sentence order.
- (6) This section is subject to the following provisions:
  - (a) section 13 (Good behaviour orders);
  - (b) chapter 5 (Imprisonment);
  - (c) chapter 6 (Good behaviour orders).

## Part 3.3 Non-custodial sentences

### 13 Good behaviour orders

- (1) This section applies if an offender is convicted or found guilty of an offence.

*Note* If a good behaviour order is made without convicting the offender (see s 17), it is also a non-conviction order (see s 17 (2)).

- (2) The court may make an order (a *good behaviour order*) requiring the offender to sign an undertaking to comply with the offender's good behaviour obligations under the *Crimes (Sentence Administration) Act 2005* for a stated period.

- (3) A good behaviour order may include 1 or more of the following conditions:

- (a) that the offender give security for a stated amount, with or without sureties, for compliance with the order;

*Note* This paragraph does not apply to a young offender (see s 133M).

- (b) a community service condition;

*Note* A community service condition must not be included in the order unless the offender is convicted of the offence (see s 87).

- (c) a rehabilitation program condition;

*Note* A good behaviour order that includes a rehabilitation program condition must also include a probation condition or supervision condition (see s 95 and s 133V).

- (d) a probation condition;

- (e) that the offender comply with a reparation order;

- (f) a condition prescribed by regulation for this paragraph;

- (g) any other condition, not inconsistent with this Act or the *Crimes (Sentence Administration) Act 2005*, that the court considers appropriate.

**Examples of conditions for par (g)**

- 1 that the offender undertake medical treatment and supervision (eg by taking medication and cooperating with medical assessments)
- 2 that the offender supply samples of blood, breath, hair, saliva or urine for alcohol or drug testing if required by a corrections officer
- 3 that the offender attend educational, vocational, psychological, psychiatric or other programs or counselling
- 4 that the offender not drive a motor vehicle or consume alcohol or non-prescription drugs or medications
- 5 that the offender regularly attend alcohol or drug management programs

*Note 1* See s 133M for additional conditions available for young offenders (education and training conditions and supervision conditions).

*Note 2* An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see [Legislation Act](#), s 126 and s 132).

- (4) If the offence is punishable by imprisonment, a good behaviour order—
- (a) may be made instead of imposing a sentence of imprisonment or as part of a combination sentence that includes imprisonment; and
  - (b) may apply to all or part of the term of the sentence.
- (5) Subsection (4) does not, by implication, limit the sentences that a court may impose under this Act or another territory law.
- (6) If the good behaviour order includes a community service condition, it is a community service order.
- (7) If the good behaviour order includes a rehabilitation program condition, it is a rehabilitation program order.
- (8) This section is subject to chapter 6 (Good behaviour orders).



## 14 Fines—orders to pay

- (1) This section applies if an offender is convicted of an offence that is punishable by a fine.
- (2) The court may make an order (a *fine order*) directing that the offender pay a fine for the offence.

*Note* The [Legislation Act](#), s 133, s 135 and s 136 deal with penalty units and the effect of the statement of a penalty for an offence in a territory law.

- (3) The court is not required to inquire into the offender's financial circumstances before making a fine order but must consider any facts established by the offender about the offender's financial circumstances.

*Note* Section 33 (1) (n) requires the court, in deciding how to sentence an offender, to consider the offender's financial circumstances if relevant and known to the court.

- (4) The court may make a fine order for the offender whether or not the offence is punishable by a fine otherwise than under this part.
- (5) If a court makes a fine order, the court must state in the order—
  - (a) the amount of the fine; and
  - (b) how the fine is to be paid (for example, by stated instalments at stated times).

*Note 1* The [Victims of Crime Act 1994](#), s 25 (1) requires the amount of the victims services levy payable by a person (in relation to an offence to which that Act, pt 5 applies), to be stated on a fine order and on any notice or copy of the fine order given to the person.

*Note 2* An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see [Legislation Act](#), s 126 and s 132).

- (6) If the Magistrates Court imposes a fine on an offender for an offence and the summons for the offence was served in accordance with the *Magistrates Court Act 1930*, section 116B (Service of summons for prescribed offence), the court must allow the offender at least 14 days for payment.
- (7) As soon as practicable after the court makes a fine order, the court must ensure that written notice of the order, together with a copy of the order, is given to the offender.

*Note 1* If the order is part of a combination sentence, a single notice may be given for the sentences (see [Legislation Act](#), s 49).

*Note 2* For a young offender who is under 18 years old, the notice and order must also be given to a parent or person with parental responsibility (see s 133J).

- (8) Failure to comply with subsection (7) does not invalidate the fine order.

## 15 Fines—maximum amounts

The maximum fine that a court may impose for an offence is—

- (a) if the offence is punishable by a fine otherwise than under this part—the maximum amount fixed for the fine; or
- (b) in any other case—
- (i) if the Supreme Court makes the order—\$10 000; or
- (ii) if the Magistrates Court makes the order—\$2 000.

## 15A Fines—security for payment

- (1) If a court makes a fine order, the court may, in addition to allowing time for payment of an amount under the order, direct that the offender liable to pay the amount give security, to the satisfaction of the person specified by the court, with or without sureties, for payment of the amount.

- (2) The security must be given, and may be enforced, in the way provided by the *Magistrates Court Act 1930*, part 3.12 (Securities in criminal matters).

## 16 Driver licence disqualification orders—motor vehicle theft

- (1) This section applies if—
- (a) an offender is convicted or found guilty of an offence against a territory law involving the theft of a motor vehicle; or
  - (b) an offender is convicted or found guilty of an offence against the *Criminal Code*, section 318 (Taking etc motor vehicle without consent).

### Example for par (a)

an offence against any of the following provisions of the *Criminal Code* in relation to property that is a motor vehicle:

- s 308 (Theft)
- s 309 (Robbery)
- s 310 (Aggravated robbery)
- s 311 (Burglary)
- s 312 (Aggravated burglary)

*Note* An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see *Legislation Act*, s 126 and s 132).

- (2) The court sentencing the offender may make an order (a *driver licence disqualification order*) disqualifying the offender from holding or obtaining a driver licence under the *Road Transport (Driver Licensing) Act 1999* for a period the court considers appropriate.

*Note* The effect of disqualification is set out in the *Road Transport (General) Act 1999*, s 66.

- (3) To remove any doubt, this section is additional to the court's other powers under this Act or any other territory law, including, for example, the road transport legislation.

- (4) As soon as practicable after the court makes a driver licence disqualification order, the court must ensure that written notice of the order, together with a copy of the order, is given to—

- (a) the offender; and  
(b) the road transport authority.

*Note 1* If the order is part of a combination sentence, a single notice may be given to the offender for the sentences (see [Legislation Act](#), s 49).

*Note 2* For a young offender who is under 18 years old, the notice and order must also be given to a parent or person with parental responsibility (see s 133J).

- (5) Failure to comply with subsection (4) does not invalidate the driver licence disqualification order.

- (6) In this section:

*motor vehicle*—see the [Criminal Code](#), section 318 (3).

*road transport legislation*—see the [Road Transport \(General\) Act 1999](#), section 6.

## 17 Non-conviction orders—general

- (1) This section applies if an offender is found guilty of an offence.
- (2) Without convicting the offender of the offence, the court may make either of the following orders (each of which is a *non-conviction order*):
- (a) an order directing that the charge be dismissed, if the court is satisfied that it is not appropriate to impose any punishment (other than nominal punishment) on the offender;
- (b) a good behaviour order under section 13.

*Note* A good behaviour order for a non-conviction order cannot include a community service condition because the offender is not convicted of the offence (see s 87).

- (3) In deciding whether to make a non-conviction order for the offender, the court must consider the following:
- (a) the offender's character, antecedents, age, health and mental condition;
  - (b) the seriousness of the offence;
  - (c) any extenuating circumstances in which the offence was committed.
- (4) The court may also consider anything else the court considers relevant.

*Note* An appeal may lie to the Supreme Court from a decision of the Magistrates Court to make a non-conviction order for an offender in the same circumstances as an appeal from a decision of the Magistrates Court in relation to an offender's conviction for an offence (see [Magistrates Court Act 1930](#), pt 3.10).

- (5) If the court makes a non-conviction order under subsection (2) (a) for the offender, the court must, as soon as practicable after the order is made, ensure that written notice of the order, together with a copy of the order, is given to the offender.

*Note 1* For notice of a good behaviour order under s (2) (b), see s 103.

*Note 2* For a young offender who is under 18 years old, the notice and order must also be given to a parent or person with parental responsibility (see s 133J).

- (6) Failure to comply with subsection (5) does not invalidate the non-conviction order.
- (7) If the court makes a non-conviction order under subsection (2) (b), the good behaviour order must be for a term of no longer than 3 years.
- (8) This section (other than subsection (7)) is subject to section 13 and chapter 6 (Good behaviour orders).

## 18 Non-conviction orders—ancillary orders

- (1) This section applies if the court makes a non-conviction order for an offender for an offence.
- (2) The court may make any ancillary order that it could have made if it had convicted the offender of the offence.
- (3) The offender has the same rights of appeal in relation to the making of the ancillary order as the offender would have had if the order had been made on the conviction of the offender for the offence.
- (4) This section is subject to section 134 (Operation of ancillary and restitution orders).
- (5) In this section:

*ancillary order* means an order or direction in relation to any of the following:

- (a) restitution;
- (b) compensation;
- (c) costs;
- (d) forfeiture;
- (e) destruction;
- (f) disqualification or loss or suspension of a licence or privilege.

### Examples

- 1 a reparation order
- 2 a driver licence disqualification order

*Note* An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see [Legislation Act](#), s 126 and s 132).

## 19      **Reparation orders—losses and expenses generally**

- (1) This section applies if—
  - (a) an offender is convicted or found guilty of an offence against a territory law; and
  - (b) a person (the *injured person*) suffers loss or incurs expense (including any out-of-pocket expense) as a direct result of the commission of the offence.

*Note*      Certain victims of crimes may claim financial assistance under the [Victims of Crime \(Financial Assistance\) Act 2016](#).

- (2) Before the court sentences the offender or makes a non-conviction order for the offender, the director of public prosecutions may apply to the court for an order under this section.
- (3) On application under subsection (2), or its own initiative, the court may make an order (a *reparation order*) requiring the offender to make reparation to the injured person, by way of a payment of money or otherwise, for the loss or expense.

*Note*      If the offence relates to stolen property, a reparation order may also be made under s 20 (see s 111).

- (4) This section is subject to chapter 7 (Reparation orders) and section 134 (Operation of ancillary and restitution orders).
- (5) In this section:  
*loss*—see the [Criminal Code](#), section 300.

## 20      **Reparation orders—stolen property**

- (1) This section applies if an offender is convicted or found guilty of an offence against a territory law in relation to stolen property.
- (2) Before the court sentences the offender or makes a non-conviction order for the offender, the director of public prosecutions may apply to the court for 1 or more orders under this section.

(3) On application under subsection (2), or its own initiative, the court may make the following orders (each of which is a **reparation order**):

- (a) an order that a person having custody or possession of the stolen property restore it to someone entitled to recover it from the person;
- (b) an order that the offender pay the value of the stolen property to a person who, if the stolen property were in the custody or possession of the offender, would be entitled to recover it from the offender.

*Note* A reparation order may also be made under s 19 for the same offence (see s 111).

(4) If the court makes an order under subsection (3) (a), the court, on application under subsection (2), or its own initiative, may also make either or both the following orders (each of which is also a **reparation order**):

- (a) if the court considers that the offender has sold the property to a purchaser who was acting honestly—an order that the offender pay the purchaser an amount not exceeding the amount paid by the purchaser;
- (b) if the court considers that the offender has borrowed money on the security of the property from a lender acting honestly—an order that the offender pay the lender an amount not exceeding the amount owed to the lender under the loan.

(5) This section is subject to chapter 7 (Reparation orders) and section 134 (Operation of ancillary and restitution orders).



(6) In this section:

*stolen property*—see the [Criminal Code](#), section 314 (Receiving—meaning of *stolen property*).

*Note* Under the [Criminal Code](#), stolen property includes tainted property. Tainted property is the proceeds of the sale of stolen property, or property that is exchanged for stolen property.

## Part 3.4 Non-association and place restriction orders

### 21 Definitions—pt 3.4

In this Act:

*non-association order* means an order prohibiting an offender from—

- (a) being with a named person, or attempting to be with the person; or
- (b) being with a named person or communicating in any way (including electronically) with the person, or attempting to be with the person or to communicate in any way (including electronically) with the person.

*place restriction order* means an order prohibiting an offender from being in, or within a stated distance of, a named place or area or attempting to be in, or within the stated distance, of the place or area.

### 22 Application—pt 3.4

This part applies if a court makes either of the following orders for an offender in relation to an offence:

- (a) an intensive correction order;
- (b) a good behaviour order.

### 23 Non-association and place restriction orders—when may be made

- (1) The court may make a non-association order or place restriction order for the offender if—
  - (a) the offence is a relevant offence; and

- (b) the court is satisfied that it is necessary and reasonable to make the order for 1 or more of the following purposes:
- (i) preventing the offender from harassing anyone or endangering the safety or welfare of anyone;
  - (ii) preventing the offender from committing further offences (including a relevant offence);
  - (iii) assisting the offender to manage things that may make the offender more likely to commit further offences (including a relevant offence) if not managed.

*Note* See s 133I for an additional consideration that applies in sentencing a young offender.

- (2) The restriction imposed on the offender by a non-association order or place restriction order, and the period of the order, must not be unreasonably disproportionate to the purpose for which the order is made.
- (3) To remove any doubt, this section is additional to the court's other powers under this Act or any other territory law.
- (4) In this section:

***harm***—see the [Criminal Code](#), dictionary.

***personal violence offence*** means—

- (a) an offence that involves causing harm, or threatening to cause harm, to anyone; or
- (b) a domestic violence offence.

***relevant offence*** means—

- (a) an offence under the [Criminal Code](#), part 4.1 (Property damage offences), punishable by imprisonment for 5 years or more; or
- (b) an offence under the [Criminal Code](#), chapter 6 (Serious drug offences); or

- (c) an offence under the [Criminal Code](#), chapter 7 (Administration of justice offences), punishable by imprisonment for 5 years or more; or
- (d) a personal violence offence; or
- (e) an offence prescribed by regulation.

*Note* A reference to an offence includes a reference to a related ancillary offence, eg attempt and conspiracy (see [Legislation Act](#), s 189).

## 24 Non-association and place restriction orders—maximum period

- (1) A non-association order or place restriction order—
  - (a) must be for a period not longer than—
    - (i) if the order is made with an intensive correction order—24 months; or
    - (ii) in any other case—12 months; and
  - (b) must state when it starts and the period for which it operates.
- (2) To remove any doubt, the period of a non-association order or place restriction order is not limited by the term of any other sentence imposed for the offence for which the order is made.

### Example

Sean is convicted of an offence. The court decides that the appropriate penalty is 6 months imprisonment served by intensive correction and a place restriction order. The place restriction order may be for longer than 6 months (but not longer than 24 months).

*Note* An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see [Legislation Act](#), s 126 and s 132).

**25 Non-association and place restriction orders—  
explanation and official notice**

- (1) If a court makes a non-association order or place restriction order for the offender, the court must ensure that reasonable steps are taken to explain to the offender in general terms (and in language the offender can readily understand)—
- (a) the nature of the order; and
  - (b) the offender's obligations under the order; and
  - (c) the consequences if the offender breaches the obligations.

*Note* An offender may breach the obligations by failing to comply with them (see [Legislation Act](#), dict, pt 1, def *breach*).

- (2) As soon as practicable after the court makes the non-association order or place restriction order, the court must ensure that written notice of the order, together with a copy of the order, is given to the offender.

*Note* For a young offender who is under 18 years old, the notice and order must also be given to a parent or person with parental responsibility (see s 133J).

- (3) Failure to comply with this section does not invalidate the non-association order or place restriction order.

**26 Non-association order—disclosure of identifying  
information**

- (1) A person commits an offence if the person publishes—
- (a) the fact that a person is someone (other than the offender) to whom a non-association order relates; or
  - (b) any information that could reasonably identify someone (other than the offender) to whom a non-association order relates.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply if the publication is—
- (a) to a relevant person (see subsection (5)); or
  - (b) to a named person by, or in accordance with, a direction of a court; or
  - (c) part of an official report of a court proceeding and the publication is relevant to the proceeding.
- (3) However, a court must not give a direction under subsection (2) (b) unless it is satisfied that the publication is in the interests of justice.
- (4) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.
- (5) In this section:

***relevant person*** means any of the following:

- (a) the offender;
- (b) a person (other than the offender) to whom the order relates;
- (c) a police officer;
- (d) anyone involved in the administration of the order, or any other penalty to which the offender is subject in relation to the offence for which the order was made;
- (e) anyone involved in a proceeding for failure to comply with the non-association order;
- (f) anyone stated in the non-association order as someone to whom the information may be published;
- (g) anyone else to whom the information is required or allowed to be published under a law of the Territory, the Commonwealth, a State or another Territory.

## Part 3.5 Deferred sentence orders

### 27 Deferred sentence orders—making

- (1) This section applies if—
  - (a) an offender has been convicted or found guilty by a court of an offence punishable by imprisonment; and
  - (b) the court has not sentenced the offender for the offence; and
  - (c) the offender is neither serving, nor liable to serve, a term of imprisonment for another offence; and
  - (d) the court considers the offender should be given an opportunity to address his or her criminal behaviour, and anything that has contributed to the behaviour, before the court sentences the offender for the offence; and
  - (e) the court is satisfied that it may release the offender on bail under the *Bail Act 1992*.
- (2) The court may make an order (a *deferred sentence order*) requiring the offender to appear before the court at the time and place stated in the order to be sentenced for the offence.

*Note* The maximum period of the order is 12 months (see s 122 (1)).

- (3) If the court makes a deferred sentence order for the offender, the court must release the offender on bail under the *Bail Act 1992*.
- (4) A deferred sentence order applies to all offences for which the court may sentence the offender, whether or not they are punishable by imprisonment.

- (5) A deferred sentence order may include any condition the court considers appropriate for subsection (1) (d).

**Examples**

see the examples to section 13 (3) (g) (Good behaviour orders)

*Note 1* Bail may be granted subject to conditions (see [Bail Act 1992](#), s 25).

*Note 2* An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see [Legislation Act](#), s 126 and s 132).

- (6) This section is subject to chapter 8 (Deferred sentence orders).



## Part 3.6                      Combination sentences

### 28                      Application—pt 3.6

This part applies if an offender is convicted of an offence.

### 29                      Combination sentences—offences punishable by imprisonment

(1) If the offence is punishable by imprisonment, the court sentencing the offender may impose a sentence (a *combination sentence*) consisting of 2 or more of the following orders:

(a) an order sentencing the offender to imprisonment as full-time detention;

*Note*                      A sentence of imprisonment must be served by full-time detention at a correctional centre or detention place unless the court otherwise orders, or the offender is released from detention under this Act or another territory law (see s 10 (3) and s 133H).

(b) an intensive correction order (but not in combination with a sentence of full-time imprisonment, a suspended sentence of imprisonment or a good behaviour order);

(c) a suspended sentence order;

(d) a good behaviour order;

(e) a fine order;

(f) a driver licence disqualification order;

(g) a reparation order;

(h) a non-association order;

(i) a place restriction order;

- (j) an order (however described) imposing another penalty available under any other territory law.

**Examples**

The following are examples of sentences that might be imposed on an offender by a court who has been convicted of an offence punishable by imprisonment:

- 1 a sentence of 18 months as follows:
  - an order for imprisonment for 1 year with no parole period
  - a fine order directing payment of \$500 by stated instalments
  - a good behaviour order for 6 months (the remainder of the term of the sentence)
  - a driver licence disqualification order for all of the sentence
- 2 a sentence of 3 years and 6 months as follows:
  - an order for 3 years imprisonment with no nonparole period
  - a good behaviour order for 6 months (the remainder of the term of the sentence) and a concurrent non-association order

*Note* An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see [Legislation Act](#), s 126 and s 132).

- (2) However, the court must not make an order that forms part of the combination sentence unless the court would have power to make the order otherwise than as part of a combination sentence.

**30 Combination sentences—offences punishable by fine**

- (1) If the offence is not punishable by imprisonment (except in default of payment of a fine), the court sentencing the offender may impose a sentence (also a *combination sentence*) consisting of 2 or more of the following orders:
- (a) a good behaviour order;
  - (b) a fine order;
  - (c) a driver licence disqualification order;
  - (d) a reparation order;

- (e) a non-association order;
  - (f) a place restriction order;
  - (g) an order (however described) imposing another penalty available under any other territory law.
- (2) However, the court must not make an order that forms part of the combination sentence unless the court would have power to make the order otherwise than as part of a combination sentence.

### 31 Combination sentences—start and end

For a combination sentence, a court may set the start or end of the period of any part of the sentence, or of any order forming part of the sentence, by reference to anything the court considers appropriate, including, for example—

- (a) a stated day; or
- (b) the lapse of a stated period of time; or
- (c) whenever a stated event happens, or whenever the earlier or later of 2 or more stated events happens.

#### Example for par (c)

a 5-year combination sentence consisting of the following orders:

- an order for imprisonment with a 3-year nonparole period
- a good behaviour order and a place restriction order, stated to start whenever (if at all) the offender is released on parole and to end at the end of the 5-year term of the sentence
- a driver licence disqualification order, also stated to start whenever (if at all) the offender is released on parole and to end at the end of the 5-year term of the sentence

*Note* An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see [Legislation Act](#), s 126 and s 132).

## Chapter 4 Sentencing procedures generally

### Part 4.1 General principles

#### 32 Power to reduce penalties

- (1) If, under a territory law, an offender is liable to imprisonment for life, a court may nevertheless impose a sentence of imprisonment for a stated term.
- (2) If, under a territory law, an offender is liable to imprisonment for a stated term, a court may nevertheless impose a sentence of imprisonment for a lesser term.
- (3) If, under a territory law, an offender is liable to a fine of a stated amount, a court may nevertheless make a fine order for a lesser amount.
- (4) This section—
  - (a) is not limited by any other provision of this chapter; and
  - (b) does not limit any discretion the court has, apart from this section, about the imposition of penalties.

#### 33 Sentencing—relevant considerations

- (1) In deciding how an offender should be sentenced (if at all) for an offence, a court must consider whichever of the following matters are relevant and known to the court:
  - (a) the nature and circumstances of the offence;
  - (b) any other offences required or allowed to be taken into account;

- (c) if the offence forms part of a course of conduct consisting of a series of criminal acts of the same or a similar character—the course of conduct;
- (d) if the personal circumstances of any victim of the offence were known to the offender when the offence was committed—the circumstances;
- (e) any injury, loss or damage resulting from the offence;
- (f) the effect of the offence on the victims of the offence, the victims' families and anyone else who may make a victim impact statement;

*Note 1* For who may make a victim impact statement, see s 49.

*Note 2* The court must not draw any inference about the harm suffered by a victim from the fact that a victim impact statement is not given to the court in relation to the offence (see s 53 (1) (b)).

- (g) if a victim of the offence was a pregnant woman—
  - (i) whether the offender knew, or ought reasonably to have known, that the woman was pregnant; and
  - (ii) whether the offender intended to cause, or was reckless about causing, loss of or harm to the pregnancy; and
  - (iii) the loss of or harm to the pregnancy; and
  - (iv) whether the offender intended to cause, or was reckless about causing, the death of or harm to a child born alive as a result of the pregnancy; and
  - (v) the death of or harm to a child born alive as a result of the pregnancy.
- (h) any action the offender may have taken to make reparation for any injury, loss or damage resulting from the offence;
- (i) the degree of responsibility of the offender for the commission of the offence;

- (j) a plea of guilty by the offender (see section 35);
- (k) any assistance by the defence in the administration of justice (see section 35A);
- (l) any assistance by the offender to law enforcement authorities (see section 36);
- (m) the cultural background, character, antecedents, age and physical or mental condition of the offender;
- (n) the financial circumstances of the offender;
- (o) the probable effect that any sentence or order under consideration would have on any of the offender's family or dependants;
- (p) whether the offender was affected by alcohol or a controlled drug when the offence was committed and the circumstances in which the offender became affected;
- (q) the degree to which the offence was the result of provocation, duress or entrapment;
- (r) whether the recording of a conviction or the imposition of a particular penalty would be likely to cause particular hardship to the offender;
- (s) any jury recommendation for mercy;
- (t) whether the offender is voluntarily seeking treatment for any physical or mental condition that may have contributed to the commission of the offence;
- (u) whether the offender was in a position of trust or authority when the offence was committed;
- (v) the reason or reasons why the offender committed the offence;
- (w) whether the offender has demonstrated remorse;

- (x) if the offender has complied with an order for assessment, treatment, referral or monitoring by the court alcohol and drug assessment service under section 40B (2)—that fact;
- (y) if the offender has accepted responsibility for the offence to take part in restorative justice under the *Crimes (Restorative Justice) Act 2004*—that fact;
- (z) whether the offender has paid the prescribed penalty in accordance with any infringement notice served on the offender for the offence;

*Note* For when an infringement notice may be withdrawn after it has been paid, see the *Magistrates Court Act 1930*, s 127 and the *Road Transport (General) Act 1999*, s 36.

- (za) current sentencing practice.

*Note* See s 133D for additional considerations that apply in sentencing a young offender.

- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), in deciding whether a good behaviour order is an appropriate penalty for an offence, the court must consider the nature and severity of the conditions that may apply to the offender under the order.
- (3) Subsections (1) and (2) do not limit the matters a court may consider in deciding how an offender should be sentenced (if at all) for an offence.
- (4) The fact that any relevant factor is known to the court does not require the court to increase or reduce the severity of the sentence for the offence.
- (5) In this section:  
*defence* means—
  - (a) any lawyer representing the offender; or
  - (b) if the offender is not legally represented—the offender.

### 34 Sentencing—irrelevant considerations

- (1) In deciding how an offender should be sentenced (if at all) for an offence, a court must not increase the severity of the sentence it would otherwise have imposed because of any of the following:
  - (a) a law that has not commenced;
  - (b) any alleged offences that the offender has not admitted in accordance with section 57 (Outstanding additional offences taken into account in sentencing);
  - (c) that the offender chose not to give evidence on oath;
  - (d) that the offender may have committed perjury or been guilty of contempt of court during the proceeding;
  - (e) the offender's behaviour in court;
  - (f) that the offender chose to plead not guilty;
  - (g) that the offender did not comply with an order for assessment, treatment, referral or monitoring by the court alcohol and drug assessment service under section 40B (2);
  - (h) that the offender chose not to take part, or chose not to continue to take part, in restorative justice for the offence under the *Crimes (Restorative Justice) Act 2004*.
- (2) In deciding how an offender should be sentenced for an offence, a court must not reduce the severity of a sentence it would otherwise have imposed because of an automatic forfeiture of property, a forfeiture order, or a penalty order, under the *Confiscation of Criminal Assets Act 2003*.



**35 Reduction of sentence—guilty plea**

- (1) This section applies if—
  - (a) an offender pleads guilty to an offence; and
  - (b) based on the information currently available to the court, the court considers that there is a real likelihood that it will sentence the offender to imprisonment.
- (2) In deciding how the offender should be sentenced (if at all) for the offence, the court must consider the following matters:
  - (a) the fact that the offender pleaded guilty;
  - (b) when the offender pleaded guilty, or indicated an intention to plead guilty;
  - (c) whether the guilty plea was related to negotiations between the prosecution and defence about the charge to which the offender pleaded guilty;
  - (d) the seriousness of the offence;
  - (e) the effect of the offence on the victims of the offence, the victims' families and anyone else who may make a victim impact statement.

*Note* For who may make a victim impact statement, see s 49.
- (3) The court may impose a lesser penalty (including a shorter nonparole period) on the offender than it would otherwise have imposed if the offender had not pleaded guilty to the offence.
- (4) However, in deciding any lesser penalty, the court must not make any significant reduction for the fact that the offender pleaded guilty if, based on established facts, the court considers that the prosecution's case for the offence was overwhelmingly strong.
- (5) For subsection (2) (b), the earlier in the proceeding that the guilty plea is made, or indication is given that it will be made, the lesser the penalty the court may impose.

(6) A lesser penalty imposed under this section must not be unreasonably disproportionate to the nature and circumstances of the offence.

(7) In this section:

**available documents**, in relation to the offence, means any of the following:

- (a) any written statements or admissions made for use as evidence at a trial that would have been admissible as evidence at the trial for the offence;
- (b) depositions taken at any committal proceeding for the offence;
- (c) any written statements or admissions used as evidence in any committal proceeding for the offence;
- (d) any other relevant written documents.

**defence** means—

- (a) the offender; or
- (b) any lawyer representing the offender.

**established facts** means facts established by—

- (a) evidence given at the trial; or
- (b) available documents; or
- (c) admissions by the offender; or
- (d) submissions made by the prosecution or defence.

**35A Reduction of sentence—assistance in administration of justice**

- (1) This section applies if—
- (a) an offender is convicted or found guilty of an offence; and
  - (b) before or after the conviction or finding of guilt, the defence assisted in the administration of justice for the offence.

**Example—par (b)**

an admission made by the defence pre-trial or during a trial

*Note* An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see [Legislation Act](#), s 126 and s 132).

- (2) A court may impose a lesser penalty (including a shorter nonparole period) on the offender than it would otherwise have imposed having regard to the degree of assistance provided in the administration of justice.
- (3) A lesser penalty imposed under this section must not be unreasonably disproportionate to the nature and circumstances of the offence.
- (4) For this section, *assistance in the administration of justice*—
- (a) includes a pre-trial disclosure by the defence; but
  - (b) does not include assistance—
    - (i) consisting only of a plea of guilty under section 35; or
    - (ii) given to law enforcement authorities under section 36.
- (5) In this section:
- defence* means—
- (a) the offender; or
  - (b) any lawyer representing the offender.

### **36 Reduction of sentence—assistance to law enforcement authorities**

- (1) This section applies if—
- (a) an offender is convicted or found guilty of an offence; and
  - (b) the offender assisted, or undertook to assist, law enforcement authorities in—
    - (i) preventing, detecting or investigating the offence or any other offence; or
    - (ii) a proceeding in relation to the offence or any other offence.

- (2) A court may impose a lesser penalty (including a shorter nonparole period) on the offender than it would otherwise have imposed having regard to the degree of assistance provided, or undertaken to be provided, to law enforcement authorities.

*Note* The DPP may appeal against the reduced sentence if the offender does not comply with the undertaking (see s 137).

- (3) In deciding whether to impose a lesser penalty for the offence, and the nature and extent of the penalty to be imposed, the court must consider the following matters:

- (a) the effect of the offence on the victims of the offence, the victims' families and anyone else who may make a victim impact statement;

*Note* For who may make a victim impact statement, see s 49.

- (b) the significance and usefulness of the offender's assistance to law enforcement authorities, taking into account any evaluation by the authorities of the assistance provided or undertaken to be provided;
- (c) the truthfulness, completeness and reliability of any information or evidence provided by the offender;

- (d) the nature and extent of the offender's assistance or promised assistance;
  - (e) the timeliness of the assistance or undertaking to assist;
  - (f) any benefits that the offender has gained or may gain because of the assistance or undertaking to assist;
  - (g) whether the offender will suffer harsher custodial conditions because of the assistance or undertaking to assist;
  - (h) any injury suffered by the offender or the offender's family, or any danger or risk of injury to the offender or the offender's family, because of the assistance or undertaking to assist;
  - (i) whether the assistance or promised assistance is in relation to the offence for which the offender is being sentenced or an unrelated offence;
  - (j) if the offender is to serve a sentence of imprisonment—the likelihood that the offender will commit further offences after release from imprisonment.
- (4) A lesser penalty imposed under this section must not be unreasonably disproportionate to the nature and circumstances of the offence.

### **37 Reduction of sentence—statement by court about penalty**

- (1) This section applies if a court imposes a lesser penalty for an offence under section 35 (Reduction of sentence—guilty plea), section 35A (Reduction of sentence—assistance in administration of justice) or section 36 (Reduction of sentence—assistance to law enforcement authorities).

- (2) The court must state—
  - (a) the penalty (including any shorter nonparole period) it would otherwise have imposed; and
  - (b) if the lesser penalty is imposed under section 35A or section 36—the reason for the imposition of the lesser penalty.

### **38 Sentences of imprisonment and uncompleted young offender orders**

- (1) This section applies in relation to an adult offender if, at the time of sentencing—
  - (a) the adult offender is serving a sentence that was imposed on the person as a young offender (the *previous sentence*); and
  - (b) the court is imposing a sentence that would be likely to bring the offender into contact with other adult offenders.
- (2) The court—
  - (a) must, in deciding the term of the sentence, consider any remaining period during which the previous sentence would remain in force if not discharged under paragraph (b); and
  - (b) may, if appropriate, discharge the previous sentence.

### **39 Judgment after sentence deferred**

- (1) If an offender is convicted of an offence and sentence is deferred, the court before which the offender was tried, or the Supreme Court, may sentence the offender for the offence at any time afterwards.
- (2) This section does not apply if the court has made a deferred sentence order.

*Note* Under a deferred sentence order, sentencing is deferred to a stated time (see s 27) unless the order is cancelled (see s 133).

## Part 4.2 Pre-sentence reports

### 40 Application—pt 4.2

This part applies if either of the following applies to a person (the *offender*):

- (a) a court finds the offender guilty of an offence;
- (b) the offender indicates to a court an intention to plead guilty to an offence.

### 40A Pre-sentence report matters

For this part, each of the following is a *pre-sentence report matter* in relation to the offender:

- (a) the offender's age;
- (b) the offender's social history and background (including cultural background);
- (c) the offender's medical and psychiatric history;
- (d) the offender's educational background;
- (e) the offender's employment history;
- (f) the extent to which the offender is complying, or has complied, with any sentence;
- (g) the offender's financial circumstances;
- (h) any special needs of the offender;
- (i) any courses, programs, treatment, therapy or other assistance that is available to the offender and from which the offender may benefit;

- (j) any risk assessments made of the likelihood that the offender will commit further offences or of things (including circumstances) that may make the offender more likely to commit further offences;
- (k) whether the offender—
  - (i) is addicted to, or misuses, alcohol or a controlled drug; and
  - (ii) has been assessed, treated or monitored by the court alcohol and drug assessment service under section 40B;
- (l) the opinion of the assessor preparing a pre-sentence report for the offender in relation to an offence, and the basis for the opinion, about the following:
  - (i) the offender's attitude to the offence;
  - (ii) the need to protect victims of the offence from violence or harassment by the offender;
  - (iii) anything that may make the offender more likely to commit further offences;

**Examples—par (iii)**

- 1 dependence on alcohol or a controlled drug
- 2 a gambling addiction
- 3 association with particular people

*Note* An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see [Legislation Act](#), s 126 and s 132).

- (iv) the likelihood that the offender may commit further offences;



- (v) whether it would be appropriate to refer the offender for restorative justice under the *Crimes (Restorative Justice) Act 2004*.

*Note* See s 133E for additional pre-sentence report matters for young offenders.

**40B Pre-sentence report matters—court alcohol and drug assessment service**

- (1) This section applies if the offender is addicted to, or misuses, alcohol or a controlled drug.
- (2) Before sentencing the offender, a court may order that the offender—
  - (a) be assessed by the court alcohol and drug assessment service (*CADAS*); and
  - (b) comply with any treatment, referral to treatment or monitoring by *CADAS* as a result of the assessment.
- (3) A court must not make an order under subsection (2) without the offender's consent.
- (4) In making an order under subsection (2), the court may also order that the offender comply with any reasonable direction given by the director-general of the administrative unit responsible for the administration of the *Corrections Management Act 2007* in relation to the assessment, treatment, referral or monitoring.
- (5) If the court makes an order under subsection (2), the court may make an order requiring a clinician from *CADAS* to appear before the court at the time and place stated in the order for the sentencing of the offender.

## 41 Pre-sentence reports—order

- (1) This section applies if—
- (a) the Magistrates Court—
    - (i) finds an offender guilty of an offence in a proceeding before the court; or
    - (ii) accepts an offender’s guilty plea for an offence; or
  - (b) the Magistrates Court commits an offender to the Supreme Court for sentence; or
- Note* The Magistrates Court may commit a person to the Supreme Court for sentence under the *Magistrates Court Act 1930*, s 92A.
- (c) the Supreme Court—
    - (i) finds an offender guilty of an offence in a proceeding before the court; or
    - (ii) accepts an offender’s guilty plea for an offence.
- (2) If subsection (1) (b) applies—the Magistrates Court may—
- (a) order a pre-sentence report in relation to the offender; and
  - (b) order the director-general to provide a copy of the report to the Supreme Court or any other person.
- (3) If subsection (1) (a) or (c) applies—the court may—
- (a) order a pre-sentence report in relation to the offender; and
  - (b) adjourn the proceeding for the report to be prepared; and
  - (c) order the director general to provide a copy of the report to the court or any other person.

*Note* If a form is approved under the *Court Procedures Act 2004* for an order under this section, the form must be used (see that Act, s 8 (2)).

- (4) However, the court must order the director-general to prepare a pre-sentence report before sentencing the offender to serve all or any part of a sentence by—
- (a) community service work under a good behaviour order; or
  - (b) undertaking a rehabilitation program under a good behaviour order.
- (5) The court order for the preparation of a pre-sentence report may state 1 or more pre-sentence report matters, or any other matter, that the report must address.
- (6) Subsection (4) (b) does not apply if relevant sentencing information, under section 97 (Good behaviour orders—rehabilitation programs—suitability), is already before the court.
- (7) The director-general must arrange for an assessor to prepare a pre-sentence report ordered by the court.
- (8) In this part:
- assessor** means—
- (a) a public servant whose functions include preparing pre-sentence reports; or
  - (b) a person with similar functions under the law of a State.
- (9) In this section:
- director-general** means—
- (a) for a report about a young offender—the CYP director-general; and
  - (b) for any other report—the director-general responsible for this Act.

## 42 Pre-sentence reports by assessors

- (1) A pre-sentence report must address—
  - (a) each pre-sentence report matter, or any other matter, stated in the court order for the report; and
  - (b) any other pre-sentence report matter, or any other matter, that, on investigation, appears to the assessor to be relevant.
- (2) If a court order directs that a pre-sentence report deal with an offender's suitability for a deferred sentence, the report must also—
  - (a) address the matters mentioned in section 116 (1) (Deferred sentence orders—eligibility); and
  - (b) include the assessor's recommendation about—
    - (i) the offender's suitability for a deferred sentence; and
    - (ii) any condition that might be included in a deferred sentence order.
- (3) If a court order directs that a pre-sentence report deal with an offender's suitability for serving all, or any part, of a sentence by community service work under a good behaviour order, the report must also—
  - (a) address the matters mentioned in section 90 (Good behaviour orders—community service—pre-sentence report matters); and
  - (b) include the assessor's recommendation about—
    - (i) the offender's suitability for serving all or any part of a sentence by community service work under a good behaviour order; and
    - (ii) any condition that might be appropriate for a community service condition.

- (4) If a court order directs that a pre-sentence report deal with an offender's suitability for serving all, or any part, of a sentence by undertaking a rehabilitation program under a good behaviour order, the report must also—
- (a) address the matters mentioned in section 98 (Good behaviour orders—rehabilitation programs—pre-sentence report matters); and
  - (b) include the assessor's recommendation about—
    - (i) the offender's suitability for serving all or any part of a sentence by undertaking a rehabilitation program under a good behaviour order; and
    - (ii) any condition that might be appropriate for a rehabilitation program condition.

#### **43 Pre-sentence reports—powers of assessors**

- (1) In preparing the pre-sentence report for the offender, the assessor—
- (a) may conduct any investigation the assessor considers appropriate; and
  - (b) may ask any of the following to provide information:
    - (i) an administrative unit;
    - (ii) a territory authority;
    - (iii) a statutory office-holder;
    - (iv) for a report for a young offender—a parent or anyone else who has parental responsibility for the young offender under the *Children and Young People Act 2008*;
    - (v) for a report for an offender to be sentenced for a domestic violence offence—an approved crisis support organisation under the *Domestic Violence Agencies Act 1986*;

- (vi) a victim of the offence;
  - (vii) any other entity.
- (2) However, an assessor may make a request under subsection (1) (b) (iv) in relation to a young offender who is an adult only with the young offender's consent.
- (3) If an entity mentioned in subsection (1) (b) (i), (ii) or (iii) is asked to provide information, the entity must promptly comply with the request.
- (4) If an entity gives information honestly and with reasonable care in response to a request under subsection (1), the giving of the information is not—
- (a) a breach of confidence, professional etiquette, ethics or a rule of professional misconduct; or
  - (b) a ground for a civil proceeding for defamation, malicious prosecution or conspiracy.
- (5) This section does not limit any other power of the assessor to obtain information for the purposes of the pre-sentence report.
- (6) A regulation may make provision in relation to—
- (a) the preparation and provision of pre-sentence reports; and
  - (b) the conduct of assessments of an offender's suitability for a deferred sentence order or to serve a particular kind of sentence (including a kind mentioned in section 41 (4) (Pre-sentence reports—order)).
- (7) In this section:
- domestic violence offence***—see the *Magistrates Court Act 1930*, section 291H.

***information*** includes a document.

**44 Pre-sentence reports—provision to court**

The pre-sentence report may be given to the court either orally or in writing.

**46 Pre-sentence reports—cross-examination**

- (1) The prosecutor and the defence may cross-examine the assessor on the pre-sentence report given to the court by the assessor.
- (2) In this section:

*defence* means—

- (a) any lawyer representing the offender; or
- (b) if the offender is not legally represented—the offender.

## Part 4.3 Victim impact statements

### 47 Definitions—pt 4.3

In this part:

*because of*, an offence, means—

- (a) as a result of, or in the course of, the commission of the offence; or
- (b) in the course of assisting a police officer in the exercise of the officer's power to arrest a person for the offence or to take action to prevent the offence.

*harm* includes—

- (a) physical injury; and
- (b) mental injury or emotional suffering (including grief); and
- (c) pregnancy; and
- (d) economic loss; and
- (e) substantial impairment of rights accorded by law.

*victim*, of an offence, means—

- (a) a person (a *primary victim*) who suffers harm because of the offence; or
- (b) if a primary victim dies because of the offence—a person who was financially or psychologically dependent on the primary victim immediately before the primary victim's death.

*victim impact statement*, for an offence, means a statement made by or for a victim of the offence that contains details of any harm suffered by the victim because of the offence.



**48 Application—pt 4.3**

This part applies in relation to an offence if the offence is—

- (a) an offence punishable by imprisonment for longer than 1 year;  
or
- (b) another offence prescribed by regulation.

**49 Victim impact statements—who may make**

(1) The following people may make a victim impact statement for the offence:

- (a) a victim of the offence;
- (b) a person who has parental responsibility for a victim of the offence;
- (c) a close family member of a victim of the offence;
- (d) a carer for a victim of the offence;
- (e) a person with an intimate personal relationship with a victim of the offence.

(2) In this section:

*parental responsibility*—see the *Children and Young People Act 2008*, division 1.3.2.

**50 Victim impact statements—oral or written**

A victim impact statement for the offence may be made as—

- (a) a written statement signed by or for a victim of the offence; or
- (b) a statement given orally in court by or for a victim of the offence.

**51 Victim impact statements—form and contents**

- (1) A victim impact statement for the offence must identify the victim to whom it relates.
- (2) The statement must include the full name of the person who makes the statement.
- (3) If the person who makes the statement is not the victim (or the victim's representative)—
  - (a) the statement must indicate that the victim does not object to the statement being made to the court; and
  - (b) if practicable, the victim (or representative) must sign the statement, or make a separate written or oral statement to the court, to verify that the victim does not object.
- (4) If the victim to whom the statement relates is not a primary victim, the statement must identify the primary victim and state the nature and length of the victim's relationship with the primary victim.
- (5) If the statement is made by a person who is not the victim, the statement must indicate the nature and length of the person's relationship with the victim.
- (6) The statement may contain photographs, drawings or other images.
- (7) The statement must not contain anything that is offensive, threatening, intimidating or harassing.
- (8) This section does not prevent a victim impact statement being made by or for more than 1 victim.

**52 Victim impact statements—use in court**

- (1) A victim impact statement may be—
  - (a) tendered to the court; or
  - (b) made orally in court; or

- (c) read out in court by the person who made the statement or someone else (whether or not the statement is tendered to the court).
- (2) The statement may be given when the court considers appropriate—
  - (a) after any of the following:
    - (i) the offender has pleaded guilty to the offence;
    - (ii) the court has found the offence proved;
    - (iii) the offender has been found guilty or convicted of the offence; and
  - (b) before the offender is sentenced.
- (3) The court must allow the statement to be read out in court if the maker of the statement wishes the statement to be given to the court in that way.
- (4) If the maker of the statement wishes, a statement may be read out by audiovisual link if the maker of the statement was eligible to give evidence in the proceeding to which the statement relates by audiovisual link under the *Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1991*—
  - (a) chapter 2 (Evidence of children); or
  - (b) part 4.2 (Evidence in sexual and violent offence proceedings).

### **53 Victim impact statements—effect**

- (1) In deciding how the offender should be sentenced (if at all) for the offence, the court—
  - (a) must consider any victim impact statement given to the court in relation to the offence; and
  - (b) must not draw any inference about the harm suffered by a victim from the fact that a victim impact statement is not given to the court in relation to the offence.

- (2) A victim impact statement must not be given in writing to the court unless—
- (a) the statement is made in accordance with section 51 (Victim impact statements—form and contents); and
  - (b) a copy of the statement has been given to the defence.
- (3) The defence may cross-examine a person who makes a victim impact statement on the contents of the statement.
- (4) However, if the offender is not legally represented, the offender may cross-examine the person only if—
- (a) the offender has indicated to the court the nature of the proposed cross-examination; and
  - (b) the court gives the offender leave to cross-examine the person.
- (5) In this section:
- defence* means—
- (a) any lawyer representing the offender; or
  - (b) if the offender is not legally represented—the offender.
- given* includes made orally in court or read out in court under this part.

## Part 4.4 Taking additional offences into account

### 54 Definitions—pt 4.4

In this part:

*additional offence*—see section 55.

*list of additional offences*—see section 55.

*principal offence*—see section 55.

*sentence-related order*—see section 55.

### 55 Application—pt 4.4

- (1) This part applies if—
  - (a) an offender has been convicted or found guilty of an offence (the *principal offence*); and
  - (b) none of the following orders (each of which is a *sentence-related order*) have been made for the offence:
    - (i) an order imposing a penalty on the offender;
    - (ii) a deferred sentence order;
    - (iii) a non-conviction order;
    - (iv) a suspended sentence order; and
  - (c) the prosecutor files in the court sentencing the offender a document (the *list of additional offences*) that lists other offences (each of which is an *additional offence*) allegedly committed by the offender.
- (2) However, this part does not apply in relation to an offence punishable by life imprisonment.

**56 List of additional offences**

- (1) The list of additional offences must—
  - (a) indicate that the offences listed are offences that the offender wants the court to take into account in making a sentence-related order for the principal offence; and
  - (b) be signed by the director of public prosecutions and the offender.
- (2) A copy of the list of additional offences must be given to the offender.

**57 Outstanding additional offences taken into account in sentencing**

- (1) Before making a sentence-related order for the principal offence, the court must ask the offender whether the offender wants the court to take any of the additional offences into account in relation to the principal offence.
- (2) The court may take an additional offence into account in making a sentence-related order for the principal offence if—
  - (a) the offender admits guilt to the additional offence; and
  - (b) the offender confirms that the offender wants the additional offence to be taken into account by the court in relation to the principal offence; and
  - (c) the prosecutor consents to the additional offence being taken into account.
- (3) If the court takes an additional offence into account in relation to the principal offence, any penalty imposed for the principal offence must not exceed the maximum penalty the court could have imposed for the principal offence if the additional offence had not been taken into account.

- (4) The court may not take an additional offence into account if the court does not have jurisdiction to make a sentence-related order for the offence.
- (5) For subsection (4), the court is taken to have jurisdiction to make a sentence-related order for an additional offence even if the jurisdiction may only be exercised with the offender's consent.
- (6) To remove any doubt, subsection (4) does not prevent the Supreme Court from taking a summary offence into account.

**58 Ancillary orders relating to offences taken into account in sentencing**

- (1) This section applies if the court takes an additional offence into account in making a sentence-related order for the offender for the principal offence.
- (2) The court may make any ancillary order that it could have made if it had convicted the offender of the additional offence when it took the offence into account.
- (3) To remove any doubt, the court may not make a separate sentence-related order for the additional offence.
- (4) The offender has the same rights of appeal in relation to the making of the ancillary order as the offender would have had if the order had been made on the conviction of the offender for the additional offence.
- (5) This section is subject to section 134 (Operation of ancillary and restitution orders).
- (6) In this section:  
*ancillary order*—see section 18 (5).

**59 Consequences of taking offences into account in sentencing**

- (1) This section applies if the court takes an additional offence into account for the principal offence.
- (2) The court must certify, on the list of additional offences, that the additional offence has been taken into account.
- (3) A proceeding must not be started or continued in relation to the additional offence unless the conviction or finding of guilt for the principal offence is reversed or set aside.
- (4) Subsection (3) does not prevent the court from taking the additional offence into account if the court, on a later occasion, makes another sentence-related order for the offender, or re-sentences the offender, for the principal offence.
- (5) The offender's admission of guilt in relation to the additional offence is not admissible in evidence in a proceeding in relation to—
  - (a) the additional offence; or
  - (b) any other offence mentioned in the list of additional offences.
- (6) The offender is not, for any purpose, taken to have been convicted or found guilty of the additional offence only because the additional offence is taken into account.

**60 Evidence of offences taken into account in sentencing**

- (1) This section applies if the court takes an additional offence into account in making a sentence-related order for the offender for the principal offence.
- (2) The fact that the additional offence has been taken into account is admissible in a criminal proceeding if—
  - (a) the fact that the offender has been convicted or found guilty of the principal offence is admissible in the proceeding; and



- (b) had the offender been convicted or found guilty of the additional offence, that fact would have been admissible in the proceeding.
- (3) For subsection (2), a fact is *admissible* in a criminal proceeding if—
  - (a) reference may be made to the fact in the proceeding; or
  - (b) evidence may be given of the fact in the proceeding.
- (4) The fact that the additional offence has been taken into account may be proved in the same way as the finding of guilt or conviction for the principal offence.

## Part 4.5                      Correction and adjustment of penalties

### 61                      Reopening proceedings to correct penalty errors

- (1) This section applies to a criminal proceeding (including a proceeding on appeal) in which a court has—
  - (a) made a sentence-related order that is contrary to law; or
  - (b) failed to make a sentence-related order that is required to be made by law.
- (2) This section applies whether or not anyone has been convicted or found guilty of an offence in the proceeding.
- (3) The court may reopen the proceeding (on the application of a party to the proceeding, or on its own initiative) and may, after giving the parties an opportunity to be heard, do either or both of the following:
  - (a) make a sentence-related order that is in accordance with law;
  - (b) amend any relevant finding of guilt, conviction, sentence or order.
- (4) For this section, the court may issue a warrant for the arrest of a person charged in the proceeding if—
  - (a) the court considers that the person will not appear unless the warrant is issued; or
  - (b) the person fails to appear when the court calls on the person to appear.
- (5) For an appeal under any Act against a sentence-related order made under this section, the time within which the appeal must be made starts on the day the order is made.
- (6) However, this section does not otherwise affect any right of appeal.

(7) In this section:

*sentence-related order*—

- (a) see section 55 (Application—pt 4.4); and
- (b) includes an ancillary order within the meaning of section 58 (Ancillary orders relating to offences taken into account in sentencing).

## Chapter 5 Imprisonment

### Part 5.1 Imprisonment—start and end of sentences

#### 62 Start and end of sentences—general rule

- (1) A sentence of imprisonment starts—
  - (a) on the day the sentence is imposed; or
  - (b) if an offender is not in custody—on the day the offender becomes subject to lawful custody.
- (2) However, subsection (1) is subject to—
  - (a) the following provisions of this Act:
    - (i) section 31 (Combination sentences—start and end);
    - (ii) section 63 (Start of sentences—backdated sentences);
    - (iii) part 5.3 (Imprisonment—concurrent and consecutive sentences); and
  - (b) the *Crimes (Sentence Administration) Act 2005*.
- (3) A sentence of imprisonment that starts on a day starts at the beginning of that day.
- (4) A sentence of imprisonment that ends on a day ends at the end of that day.
- (5) In this section:  
*sentence of imprisonment* does not include a sentence of imprisonment that is fully suspended.

**63 Start of sentences—backdated sentences**

- (1) The court may direct that a sentence of imprisonment is taken to have started on a day before the day the sentence is imposed.
- (2) For subsection (1), the court must take into account any period during which the offender has already been held in custody in relation to the offence.
- (3) However, subsection (2) does not apply to—
  - (a) a period of custody of less than 1 day; or
  - (b) a sentence of imprisonment of less than 1 day; or
  - (c) a sentence of imprisonment that is fully suspended; or
  - (d) the suspended part of a partly suspended sentence of imprisonment.
- (4) If the offender is charged with a series of offences committed on different occasions and has been in custody continuously since arrest, the period of custody for subsection (2) must be worked out from the time of the offender's arrest.
- (5) Subsection (4) applies even if the offender is not convicted or found guilty of—
  - (a) the offence for which the offender was first arrested; or
  - (b) any particular offence or offences in the series.

## Part 5.2                      Imprisonment—nonparole periods

### 64                      Application—pt 5.2

(1) This part applies to a sentence of imprisonment imposed by a court on an offender for an offence, other than an excluded sentence of imprisonment.

(2) In this section:

*excluded sentence of imprisonment* means—

- (a) a sentence of imprisonment that is fully suspended; or
- (b) a sentence of imprisonment to be served by intensive correction; or
- (c) a sentence of imprisonment imposed in default of payment of a fine; or
- (d) a sentence of imprisonment imposed for an offence committed while in lawful custody; or
- (e) a sentence of life imprisonment; or
- (f) a sentence of imprisonment imposed on a young offender.

*fine*—see the *Magistrates Court Act 1930*, section 146.

### 65                      Nonparole periods—court to set

(1) This section applies if the court sentences the offender to a term of imprisonment of 1 year or longer, or 2 or more terms of imprisonment that total 1 year or longer.

(2) The court must set a period (a *nonparole period*) during which the offender is not eligible to be released on parole.

*Note*      If the offender is released on parole, the sentence is not discharged unless the parole is completed without the parole order being cancelled (see *Crimes (Sentence Administration) Act 2005*, s 140 and s 160).

- (3) When the court sets the nonparole period, the court must state when the nonparole period starts and ends.

*Note* A sentence may be backdated to account for time already held in custody (see s 63).

- (4) However, the court may decline to set a nonparole period in sentencing the offender if the court considers that it would be inappropriate to set a nonparole period having regard to the nature of the offence or offences and the offender's antecedents.
- (5) If the offender is subject to a sentence of life imprisonment, the court must not set a nonparole period for any sentence of imprisonment that is imposed on the offender.
- (6) If the sentence of imprisonment is partly suspended, the period for which it is suspended must be disregarded for this section.

## **66 Nonparole periods—setting if sentence currently being served**

- (1) This section applies if—
- (a) the offender is serving a sentence of imprisonment (the *existing sentence*); and
  - (b) the offender is sentenced to a further term of imprisonment (the *primary sentence*).

*Note* Pt 5.3 deals with whether the primary sentence is to be served concurrently or consecutively (or partly concurrently and partly consecutively) with the existing sentence.

- (2) Section 65 (Nonparole periods—court to set) applies as if the court that imposes the primary sentence had sentenced the person to imprisonment for a term equal to the total of the terms of the existing sentence and the primary sentence.
- (3) The imposition of the primary sentence automatically cancels any nonparole period set for the existing sentence.

- (4) Any nonparole period set for the primary sentence must not make the offender eligible to be released on parole earlier than if the primary sentence had not been imposed.

**67      Nonparole periods—recommended conditions**

In sentencing the offender to imprisonment, the court may recommend conditions for the offender's parole.

*Note*      The sentence administration board must have regard to any condition recommended by the sentencing court (see *Crimes (Sentencing Administration) Act 2005*, s 130 (3)).

**68      Nonparole periods—review of decision on nonparole period**

- (1) This section applies if the court fails to set, or fails to set properly, a nonparole period for a sentence of imprisonment.
- (2) The court may set a nonparole period on the application of any of the following people:
- (a) the Attorney-General;
  - (b) the director of public prosecutions;
  - (c) the secretary of the sentence administration board;
  - (d) the offender.



## Part 5.3                      Imprisonment—concurrent and consecutive sentences

### 69                      Definitions—pt 5.3

In this part:

*existing sentence*—see section 70 (1).

*fine*—see the *Crimes (Sentence Administration) Act 2005*, section 116A.

*primary sentence*—see section 70 (1).

### 70                      Application—pt 5.3

- (1) This part applies to a sentence of imprisonment (a *primary sentence*) imposed by a court on an offender if—
  - (a) any of the following apply in relation to the offender:
    - (i) when the primary sentence is imposed, the offender is serving another sentence of imprisonment (an *existing sentence*);
    - (ii) the offender has been sentenced to another sentence of imprisonment (also an *existing sentence*) but, when the primary sentence is imposed, the other sentence has not yet started;
    - (iii) the offender is sentenced to another sentence of imprisonment (also an *existing sentence*) in the same proceeding; and
  - (b) the existing sentence is for an offence against a territory law; and
  - (c) the primary sentence is not fully suspended.

- (2) In this section:

*sentence of imprisonment* does not include any nonparole period that has been set for the primary sentence.

## **71 Concurrent and consecutive sentences—general rule**

- (1) In the absence of a direction under subsection (2), the primary sentence must be served concurrently with the existing sentence.
- (2) The court may direct that the primary sentence be served consecutively (or partly concurrently and partly consecutively) with the existing sentence.
- (3) This section is subject to the following provisions:
- (a) section 38 (Sentences of imprisonment and uncompleted young offender orders);
  - (b) section 72 (Concurrent and consecutive sentences—offences while in custody or unlawfully absent);
  - (c) section 73 (Concurrent and consecutive sentences—fine default offences);
  - (d) section 80 (Intensive correction orders—concurrent and consecutive periods).

## **72 Concurrent and consecutive sentences—offences while in custody or unlawfully absent**

- (1) This section applies if the primary sentence is imposed on the offender for any of the following offences:
- (a) an offence committed while the offender was in lawful custody;
  - (b) an offence committed while the offender was unlawfully absent from a correctional centre or other place during the term of the offender's sentence of imprisonment;

(c) an offence involving an escape from lawful custody.

**Example of unlawful absence for par (b)**

the offender fails to return to a correctional centre as required after community service work or approved leave

*Note* An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see [Legislation Act](#), s 126 and s 132).

- (2) In the absence of a direction under subsection (3), the primary sentence must be served consecutively with the existing sentence of imprisonment.
- (3) The court may direct that the primary sentence be served concurrently (or partly concurrently and partly consecutively) with the existing sentence.
- (4) Unless the court considers that special circumstances apply, the court must not give a direction under subsection (3) if the primary sentence is an offence that involves causing harm, or threatening to cause harm, to a corrections officer.

**73 Concurrent and consecutive sentences—fine default offences**

- (1) This section applies if the primary sentence is imposed in default of payment of a fine.
- (2) In the absence of a direction under subsection (3), the primary sentence must be served—
  - (a) consecutively with an existing sentence in default of payment of a fine; and
  - (b) concurrently with any other existing sentence.
- (3) The court may direct that the primary sentence be served concurrently or consecutively (or partly concurrently and partly consecutively) with the existing sentence.

**74 Amendment of start of sentences on setting aside or amending other sentences**

- (1) If a court sets aside or amends a sentence of imprisonment imposed on the offender (whether on appeal or otherwise), the court may amend the starting day of any other sentence that has been imposed on the offender by the court or another court.
- (2) If the offender is subject to 2 or more sentences, this section applies to each of them.
- (3) The court may amend the starting day of a sentence under this section on its own initiative, or the application of a party to the proceeding on the setting aside or amendment of the other sentence.
- (4) An appeal does not lie only because the starting day of a sentence is amended under this section.
- (5) The term of a sentence, or the nonparole period of a sentence, must not be amended under this section.

**75 Previous sentences to be noted in new sentence**

- (1) If the court imposes the primary sentence consecutively (or partly concurrently and partly consecutively) with an existing sentence, the court must include in the record of the primary sentence details of each existing sentence, including—
  - (a) the starting day of the existing sentence (or the likely starting day of a sentence that has not yet started); and
  - (b) the term of the existing sentence.
- (2) Failure to comply with this section does not invalidate the primary sentence or the existing sentence.

## **Part 5.4 Intensive correction orders**

### **Division 5.4.1 Intensive correction orders—eligibility and suitability**

#### **76 Application—pt 5.4**

This part applies if a court is considering whether to make an intensive correction order for an offender for an offence.

#### **77 Intensive correction orders—eligibility**

- (1) The court must not make an intensive correction order for the offender unless satisfied that—
  - (a) an intensive correction order is suitable for the offender under section 78; and
  - (b) it is appropriate for the offender to serve the sentence by intensive correction; and
  - (c) the offender has given informed consent to serving the sentence by intensive correction.
- (2) An offender gives informed consent for subsection (1) (c) if the offender consents after the offender is given—
  - (a) a clear explanation of the intensive correction order that contains sufficient information to enable the offender to make a balanced judgment about whether or not to consent to serve the sentence by intensive correction; and
  - (b) an opportunity to ask any questions about the order, and those questions have been answered and the offender appears to have understood the answers.

*Note* An intensive correction order may not be made for a young offender (see s 11).

## 78      Intensive correction orders—suitability

- (1) The court must not make an intensive correction order for the offender unless—
  - (a) the court has considered any pre-sentence report prepared for the offender in the proceeding and is satisfied, having considered possible alternatives, that only a term of imprisonment of not more than 4 years is appropriate for the offender; and
  - (b) after the court has considered any pre-sentence report mentioned in paragraph (a)—an assessment by the director-general about whether an intensive correction order is suitable for the offender (an *intensive correction assessment*) is given to the court.

*Note*      The court cannot make an intensive correction order if the court sentences the offender to a term of imprisonment of more than 4 years (see s 11).
- (2) The intensive correction assessment must address the matters mentioned in section 79.
- (3) In deciding whether to make an intensive correction order for the offender, the court must consider the following:
  - (a) the intensive correction assessment;
  - (b) any medical report about the offender given to the court;
  - (c) any evidence given by the person who prepared the intensive correction assessment;
  - (d) any evidence given by a corrections officer about the offender.
- (4) Subsection (3) does not limit the matters that the court may consider.
- (5) In considering the intensive correction assessment, the court must consider any indicators of unsuitability mentioned in table 79, column 3 that are stated in the assessment to apply to the offender.

- (6) The court may make, or decline to make, an intensive correction order for the offender despite—
- (a) any recommendation in the intensive correction assessment; or
  - (b) any evidence given by the person who prepared the intensive correction assessment or a corrections officer.
- (7) The court must record reasons for its decision to make, or decline to make, an intensive correction order for the offender if the intensive correction assessment recommends that the offender—
- (a) is suitable but the court decides not to make an intensive correction order for the offender; or
  - (b) is not suitable but the court decides to make an intensive correction order for the offender.
- (8) Failure to comply with subsection (7) does not invalidate the intensive correction order.
- (9) A regulation may make provision in relation to the preparation of an intensive correction assessment.

## **79 Intensive correction orders—intensive correction assessment matters**

For section 78 (2), the matters for assessing the offender’s suitability to serve a sentence by intensive correction order are the matters mentioned in table 79, column 2.

**Table 79 Assessment of suitability—intensive correction order**

<b>column 1 item</b>	<b>column 2 matter</b>	<b>column 3 indication of unsuitability</b>
1	degree of dependence on alcohol or a controlled drug	major problem with alcohol or a controlled drug

<b>column 1 item</b>	<b>column 2 matter</b>	<b>column 3 indication of unsuitability</b>
2	psychiatric or psychological condition	major psychiatric or psychological disorder
3	medical condition	potential unfitness to comply with an intensive correction order
4	criminal record and response to previous court orders	serious criminal record or substantial noncompliance with previous court orders
5	employment and personal circumstances	potential impracticability of compliance with intensive correction order
6	participation and degree of compliance with intensive correction assessment	substantial noncompliance with assessment
7	living circumstances of the offender	member of offender's household does not consent to living with the offender while the offender is serving intensive correction someone with parental responsibility or guardianship for a person who is a member of the offender's household does not consent to the person living with the offender while the offender is serving intensive correction

## **80 Intensive correction orders—concurrent and consecutive periods**

- (1) A court must not make an intensive correction order with intensive correction to be served concurrently or consecutively with a sentence of full-time imprisonment, a suspended sentence of imprisonment, a sentence of default imprisonment or a good behaviour order.



- (2) However, a court may make an intensive correction order with intensive correction to be served concurrently with a good behaviour order if—
  - (a) an offender is under a good behaviour order but not under a suspended sentence order; and
  - (b) the offender is convicted of an offence that was committed before the offence to which the order relates.
- (3) If subsection (2) applies, the sentencing court may sentence the offender to serve a term of imprisonment by intensive correction to be served concurrently with the offender's good behaviour order.
- (4) A court may also make an intensive correction order if—
  - (a) an offender is under a suspended sentence order but not in full-time detention; and
  - (b) the offender is convicted of an offence that was committed before the offence to which the order relates.
- (5) If the sentencing court makes an order under subsection (4), the court must cancel the offender's suspended sentence order and re-sentence the offender to serve a term of imprisonment by intensive correction.

## **Division 5.4.2 Intensive correction orders— community service conditions**

### **80A Meaning of *community service condition*—div 5.4.2**

In this division:

***community service condition***, of an intensive correction order for an offender, means a condition included in the order that the offender perform community service work.

**80B      Application—div 5.4.2**

This division applies if a court is considering whether to include a community service condition in an intensive correction order for an offender.

**80C      Intensive correction orders—community service—eligibility**

- (1) The court must not include a community service condition in the intensive correction order unless satisfied that—
  - (a) community service work is suitable for the offender under section 80D; and
  - (b) it is appropriate that the offender be required to perform community service work.
- (2) The court may decline to include a community service condition in the intensive correction order if—
  - (a) the court asks the offender to undergo a medical examination by a doctor, as directed by the court; and
  - (b) the offender fails to comply with the direction.

**80D      Intensive correction order—community service—suitability**

- (1) The court must not include a community service condition in the intensive correction order unless an assessment by the director-general about whether a community service condition is suitable for the offender (an *intensive correction assessment*) is given to the court.
- (2) In deciding whether to include a community service condition in the intensive correction order, the court must consider the following:
  - (a) the intensive correction assessment;
  - (b) any medical report about the offender given to the court;

- (c) any evidence given by the person who prepared the intensive correction assessment;
  - (d) any evidence given by a corrections officer about the offender.
- (3) Subsection (2) does not limit the matters the court may consider.
- (4) In considering the intensive correction assessment, the court must consider any of the following indicators of unsuitability that are stated in the assessment to apply to the offender:
- (a) any major problem with alcohol or a controlled drug;
  - (b) any major psychiatric or psychological disorder;
  - (c) any serious criminal record;
  - (d) any potential impracticability of regular reporting for community service work;
  - (e) any potential unfitness to perform community service work.
- (5) The court may include, or decline to include, a community service condition in an intensive correction order for the offender despite—
- (a) any recommendation in the intensive correction assessment about the offender's suitability to serve a sentence (or a part of a sentence) by performing community service work; or
  - (b) any evidence given by the person who prepared the intensive correction assessment or a corrections officer.
- (6) The court must record reasons for its decision to include, or decline to include, a community service condition in the intensive correction order if the intensive correction assessment recommends that the offender—
- (a) is suitable but the court decides not to include a community service condition; or
  - (b) is not suitable but the court decides to include a community service condition.

- (7) Failure to comply with subsection (6) does not invalidate the intensive correction order.

**80E Intensive correction orders—community service—hours to be performed**

- (1) The number of hours of community service work required to be performed for a community service condition in the intensive correction order must be at least 20 hours and not more than 500 hours.
- (2) The period during which the community service work is required to be completed under the community service condition must be at least—
- (a) if less than 125 hours work is required—6 months; or
  - (b) if 125 or more hours work but less than 250 hours work is required—12 months; or
  - (c) if 250 or more hours work is required—24 months.

**80F Intensive correction orders—community service—concurrent and consecutive orders**

- (1) This section applies if the offender is currently subject to a community service condition under an intensive correction order or a good behaviour order (an *existing order*).
- (2) If the court makes a further intensive correction order that includes a community service condition (a *new order*), the court may direct that the hours of community service work to be performed by the offender under the new order run concurrently or consecutively, or partly concurrently and partly consecutively, with the hours of community service work remaining to be performed under the existing order.

- (3) However, the total of the hours to be performed under the new order and those remaining to be performed under the existing order must not be more than 500.

### **Division 5.4.3 Intensive correction orders— rehabilitation program conditions**

#### **80G Definitions—div 5.4.3**

In this division:

*rehabilitation program*, for an intensive correction order, means a program prescribed by regulation for the rehabilitation of offenders.

*rehabilitation program condition*, of an intensive correction order for an offender, means a condition included in the order that the offender undertake a rehabilitation program.

#### **80H Application—div 5.4.3**

This division applies if a court is considering whether to include a rehabilitation program condition in an intensive correction order for an offender.

#### **80I Intensive correction orders—rehabilitation programs— eligibility**

- (1) The court must not include a rehabilitation program condition in the intensive correction order unless satisfied that—
- (a) a rehabilitation program of a particular kind is suitable for the offender; and
  - (b) it is appropriate that the offender undertake a rehabilitation program of that kind; and
  - (c) a place for the offender in a program of that kind is available or will become available within a reasonable time.

- (2) The court may decline to include a rehabilitation program condition in the intensive correction order if—
  - (a) the court directs the offender to undergo a medical examination by a doctor; and
  - (b) the offender does not undergo the examination in accordance with the direction.

#### **80J Intensive correction orders—rehabilitation programs—suitability**

- (1) The court must not include a rehabilitation program condition in the intensive correction order unless—
  - (a) an assessment by the director-general about whether a rehabilitation program condition is suitable for the offender (an *intensive correction assessment*) is given to the court; or
  - (b) there is some other information (*relevant sentencing information*) before the court about the nature of the program and its suitability for the offender that justifies including the condition in the intensive correction order.

*Note* For an example of relevant sentencing information, see s 97 (1) (b) (Good behaviour orders—rehabilitation programs—suitability).

- (2) In deciding whether to include a rehabilitation program condition in the intensive correction order, the court must consider the following:
  - (a) the intensive correction assessment;
  - (b) any medical report about the offender given to the court;
  - (c) any evidence given by the person who prepared the intensive correction assessment;
  - (d) any evidence given by a corrections officer about the offender.

- (3) Subsection (2) does not limit the matters that the court may consider.
- (4) The court may include, or decline to include, a rehabilitation program condition in the intensive correction order despite—
  - (a) any recommendation in the intensive correction assessment about the offender's suitability to serve a sentence (or part of a sentence) by taking part in a rehabilitation program; or
  - (b) any evidence given by the person who prepared the intensive correction assessment for the offender or who gave relevant sentencing information to the court; or
  - (c) any evidence given by a corrections officer.
- (5) The court must record reasons for its decisions to include, or decline to include, a rehabilitation program condition in the intensive correction order if the intensive correction assessment recommends that the offender—
  - (a) is suitable but the court decides not to include a rehabilitation program condition; or
  - (b) is not suitable but the court decides to include a rehabilitation program condition.
- (6) Failure to comply with subsection (5) does not invalidate the intensive correction order.

**80K Intensive correction orders—rehabilitation programs—maximum period**

A rehabilitation program condition included in the intensive correction order must not require the offender to take part in a rehabilitation program for longer than 2 years.

**80L      Intensive correction orders—rehabilitation programs—  
concurrent and consecutive orders**

- (1) This section applies if the offender is currently subject to a rehabilitation condition under an intensive correction order or a good behaviour order (an *existing order*).
- (2) If the court makes a further intensive correction order that includes a rehabilitation program condition (a *new order*), the court may direct that the new order operate concurrently or consecutively, or partly concurrently and partly consecutively, with the existing order.
- (3) However, the new order must not be stated to end later than 2 years after the day the new order is made, irrespective of when the order is to take effect.



## Part 5.5 Imprisonment—explanation and information

### 81 Application—pt 5.5

This part applies if—

- (a) an offender is convicted of an offence; and
- (b) a court sentences the offender to imprisonment for the offence; and
- (c) the sentence of imprisonment is not fully suspended.

### 82 Imprisonment—explanation to offender

- (1) The court must ensure that reasonable steps are taken to explain to the offender (and in language the offender can readily understand)—
  - (a) the reason why the sentence of imprisonment is imposed, and why no penalty other than imprisonment is appropriate; and
  - (b) the purpose of the sentence; and
  - (c) if the offender is to serve all or part of the sentence by full-time detention at a correctional centre or detention place—in general terms, the offender’s obligations as a full-time detainee under the *Crimes (Sentence Administration) Act 2005* and the consequences if the offender breaches the obligations; and

*Note* An offender may breach the obligations by failing to comply with them (see *Legislation Act*, dict, pt 1, def *breach*).

  - (d) if the court makes an intensive correction order—in general terms, the offender’s obligations under the *Crimes (Sentence Administration) Act 2005* and the consequences if the offender breaches the obligations; and

- (e) the day when the sentence starts or is taken to have started; and

*Note* For examples of the operation of this paragraph, see the end of this subsection.

- (f) if a suspended sentence order is made for the offender suspending the sentence in part—in general terms, the effect of the suspension of the sentence; and

*Note* Explanations for the offender and any surety of the effect of entering into a good behaviour order are required under pt 6.3.

- (g) the earliest day (on the basis of the information currently available to the court) that the offender will become entitled to be released from detention or be eligible to be released on parole, having regard to—

(i) each sentence of imprisonment to which the offender is subject; and

(ii) any applicable nonparole period; and

- (h) if a nonparole period is set for the sentence—that, if the offender is released on parole, the offender’s release will be subject to a parole order and any conditions included in the order.

**Examples for par (e)**

- 1 A court sentences Rick to 7 days imprisonment. The sentence is imposed on a Monday. Rick is not subject to any other sentence of imprisonment.

To comply with paragraph (e), the court should explain to Rick that the sentence starts on the Monday when it is imposed and that the earliest day when Rick will become entitled to be released from detention is the following Monday.

- 2 A court sentences Ken to 12 months imprisonment. The sentence is imposed on 5 May 2005. The court has set a nonparole period of 9 months. Ken is not subject to any other sentence of imprisonment. Because Ken has been remanded in custody for sentencing since 27 April 2005, the court has backdated the start of the sentence to that date.

To comply with paragraph (e), the court should explain to Ken that the sentence is taken to have started on 27 April 2005 and that the earliest date when Ken will become eligible to be released on parole is 27 January 2006.

- 3 On 1 July 2004, Colleen began serving a 2-year sentence of imprisonment for an offence. The nonparole period for the sentence was 18 months (Colleen would be eligible to be released on parole on 1 January 2006). Colleen is later convicted of another offence, with a further sentence of 2 years to start from 1 January 2005, to be served partly concurrently and partly consecutively with the first sentence (under s 71 (Concurrent and consecutive sentences—general rule)). The court cancels the first nonparole period and sets a new nonparole period of 18 months from 1 January 2005 (under s 66 (Nonparole periods—setting if sentence currently being served)).
- To comply with paragraph (e), the court should explain to Colleen that the sentence for the 2nd offence starts on 1 January 2005 and ends on 1 January 2007, that it will be served partly concurrently and partly consecutively with her current sentence, and that the earliest date when Colleen will become eligible to be released on parole is now 1 July 2006.

*Note* An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see [Legislation Act](#), s 126 and s 132).

- (2) Failure to comply with this section does not invalidate the sentence of imprisonment.

### **83 Imprisonment—written record of explanation**

- (1) The court must ensure that a written record of the explanation under section 82 is given to the offender or the offender's lawyer as soon as practicable after (but no later than 10 working days after the day) the explanation is given under that section.

#### **Example of written record**

a copy of the transcript of the explanation

*Note* An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see [Legislation Act](#), s 126 and s 132).

- (2) Failure to comply with this section does not invalidate the sentence of imprisonment.

## **84 Imprisonment—official notice of sentence**

- (1) As soon as practicable after (but no later than 10 working days after the day) the court makes the order sentencing the offender to imprisonment, the court must ensure that written notice of the order, together with a copy of the order, is given to—

- (a) the offender; and
- (b) the director-general; and
- (c) if the court sets a nonparole period for the sentence—the secretary of the sentence administration board.

*Note 1* If a form is approved under the [Court Procedures Act 2004](#) for this provision, the form must be used (see that Act, s 8 (2)).

*Note 2* For a young offender who is under 18 years old, the notice and order must also be given to a parent or person with parental responsibility (see s 133J).

*Note 3* If the order is part of a combination sentence, a single notice may be given for the sentences (see [Legislation Act](#), s 49).

- (2) The notice must include the following information:
- (a) when the sentence starts or is taken to have started;
  - (b) when the sentence ends;
  - (c) whether the sentence is to be served as full-time detention or by intensive correction;
  - (d) if the sentence includes more than 1 kind of imprisonment—when each kind of imprisonment starts and ends;
  - (e) if a suspended sentence order is made for a part of the sentence—when the suspended part of the sentence starts and ends;
  - (f) if the court makes an intensive correction order—any conditions made by the court for the intensive correction order;

- (g) if a nonparole period is set for the sentence—the nonparole period and when it starts and ends;
  - (h) the earliest day (on the basis of the information currently available to the court) that the offender will become entitled to be released from detention or be eligible to be released on parole.
- (3) If the court makes an intensive correction order for the offender, the court may remand the offender in custody until the offender is given the notice.
  - (4) Failure to comply with this section does not invalidate the sentence of imprisonment.
  - (5) In this section:
    - director-general* means—
      - (a) for an order made for a young offender—the CYP director-general; and
      - (b) for any other order—the director-general responsible for this Act.

## Chapter 6 Good behaviour orders

### Part 6.1 Good behaviour orders— community service conditions

#### 85 Good behaviour orders—meaning of *community service condition*

In this Act:

*community service condition*, of a good behaviour order for an offender, means a condition included in the order that the offender perform community service work.

*Note 1* The number of hours that may be required to be performed for a community service condition is at least 20 hours and not more than 500 hours or, for a young offender, not more than 200 hours (see s 91 and s 133L).

*Note 2* *Community service work* is work declared by regulation under the *Crimes (Sentence Administration) Act 2005* (see that Act, s 316).

#### 86 Application—pt 6.1

This part applies if a court is considering whether to include a community service condition in a good behaviour order for an offender.

#### 87 Good behaviour orders—community service—convicted offenders only

The court must not include a community service condition in the good behaviour order unless the offender is convicted of the offence for which the order is made.

*Note* A good behaviour order under s 17 (2) (b) (Non-conviction orders—general) cannot include a community service condition because the offender is found guilty, but not convicted, of the offence.

**88 Good behaviour orders—community service—eligibility**

- (1) The court must not include a community service condition in the good behaviour order unless satisfied that—
  - (a) community service work is suitable for the offender (see section 89); and
  - (b) it is appropriate that the offender be required to perform community service work.
- (2) The court may decline to include a community service condition in the good behaviour order if—
  - (a) the court asks the offender to undergo a medical examination by a doctor, as directed by the court; and
  - (b) the offender does not undergo the examination in accordance with the direction.

**89 Good behaviour orders—community service—suitability**

- (1) The court must not include a community service condition in the good behaviour order unless a pre-sentence report is given to the court about the offender's suitability to serve a sentence (or a part of a sentence) by performing community service work.
- (2) In deciding whether to include a community service condition in the good behaviour order, the court must consider the following:
  - (a) the pre-sentence report;
  - (b) any medical report about the offender given to the court;
  - (c) any evidence given by the person who prepared the pre-sentence report;
  - (d) any evidence given by a corrections officer about the offender.
- (3) Subsection (2) does not limit the matters that the court may consider.

- (4) In considering the pre-sentence report, the court must consider any indicators of unsuitability mentioned in table 90, column 3 that are stated in the report to apply to the offender.
- (5) The court may include, or decline to include, a community service condition in a good behaviour order for the offender despite—
  - (a) any recommendation in the pre-sentence report about the offender’s suitability to serve a sentence (or a part of a sentence) by performing community service work; or
  - (b) any evidence given by the person who prepared the pre-sentence report or a corrections officer.
- (6) The court must record reasons for its decision to include, or decline to include, a community service condition in the good behaviour order if—
  - (a) the pre-sentence report recommends that the offender is suitable but the court decides not to include a community service condition; or
  - (b) the pre-sentence report recommends that the offender is not suitable but the court decides to include a community service condition.
- (7) Failure to comply with subsection (6) does not invalidate the good behaviour order.

**90 Good behaviour orders—community service—pre-sentence report matters**

For section 42 (3) (Pre-sentence reports by assessors), the matters for assessing the offender’s suitability to serve a sentence (or a part of a sentence) by performing community service work are the matters mentioned in table 90, column 2.



Table 90 column 1 item	Assessment of suitability—community service work column 2 matter	column 3 indication of unsuitability
1	degree of dependence on alcohol or a controlled drug	major problem with alcohol or a controlled drug
2	psychiatric or psychological condition	major psychiatric or psychological disorder
3	medical condition	potential unfitness to perform community service work
4	criminal record	serious criminal record
5	employment and personal circumstances	potential impracticability of regular reporting for community service work

**91 Good behaviour orders—community service—hours to be performed**

- (1) The number of hours of community service work required to be performed for a community service condition in the good behaviour order must be at least 20 hours and not more than 500 hours.

*Note* For a young offender, the maximum is 200 hours (see s 133L).

- (2) The period during which the community service work is required to be completed under the community service condition must be at least—
- (a) if fewer than 250 hours work is required—12 months; or
  - (b) if 250 or more hours work is required—24 months.

**92 Good behaviour orders—community service—concurrent and consecutive orders**

- (1) This section applies if the offender is currently subject to a community service condition under a good behaviour order (an *existing order*).
- (2) If the court makes a further good behaviour order that includes a community service condition (a *new order*), the court may direct that the hours of community service work to be performed by the offender under the new order run concurrently or consecutively, or partly concurrently and partly consecutively, with the hours of community service work remaining to be performed under the existing order.
- (3) However, the total of the hours to be performed under the new order and those remaining to be performed under the existing order must not be more than 500.

*Note* For a young offender, the maximum is 200 hours (see s 133L).



- (b) it is appropriate that the offender undertake a rehabilitation program of that kind; and
  - (c) a place for the offender in a program of that kind is available or will become available within a reasonable time.
- (2) The court may decline to include a rehabilitation program condition in the good behaviour order if—
- (a) the court asks the offender to undergo a medical examination by a doctor, as directed by the court; and
  - (b) the offender does not undergo the examination in accordance with the direction.

**97 Good behaviour orders—rehabilitation programs—suitability**

- (1) The court must not include a rehabilitation program condition in the good behaviour order unless—
- (a) a pre-sentence report is given to the court about the offender’s suitability to take part in a rehabilitation program; or
  - (b) there is some other information (*relevant sentencing information*) before the court about the nature of the program and its suitability for the offender that justifies including the condition in the good behaviour order.

**Example of relevant sentencing information that may justify making an order**

a letter offering the offender a place in a rehabilitation program that explains the nature of the program and why it would be suitable for the offender

*Note* An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see [Legislation Act](#), s 126 and s 132).

- (2) In deciding whether to include a rehabilitation program condition in the good behaviour order, the court must consider the following:
  - (a) any pre-sentence report or relevant sentencing information for the offender given to the court;
  - (b) any medical report about the offender given to the court;
  - (c) any evidence given by the person who prepared a pre-sentence report for the offender or who gave relevant sentencing information to the court;
  - (d) any evidence given by a corrections officer about the offender.
- (3) Subsection (2) does not limit the matters that the court may consider.
- (4) The court may include, or decline to include, a rehabilitation program condition in the good behaviour order despite—
  - (a) any recommendation in any pre-sentence report, or indication in relevant sentencing information, about the offender's suitability to serve a sentence (or a part of a sentence) by taking part in a rehabilitation program; or
  - (b) any evidence given by the person who prepared any pre-sentence report for the offender or who gave relevant sentencing information to the court; or
  - (c) any evidence given by a corrections officer.
- (5) The court must record reasons for its decision to include, or decline to include, a rehabilitation program condition in the good behaviour order if—
  - (a) any pre-sentence report recommends, or relevant sentencing information indicates, that the offender is suitable but the court decides not to include a rehabilitation program condition; or

- (b) any pre-sentence report recommends, or relevant sentencing information indicates, that the offender is not suitable but the court decides to include a rehabilitation program condition.
- (6) Failure to comply with subsection (5) does not invalidate the good behaviour order.

**98 Good behaviour orders—rehabilitation programs—pre-sentence report matters**

For section 42 (4) (Pre-sentence reports by assessors), the matters for assessing the offender's suitability to serve a sentence (or a part of a sentence) by taking part in a rehabilitation program are whether the offender was—

- (a) under the influence of alcohol or a controlled drug when the offence was committed; or
- (b) motivated to commit the offence by a desire—
  - (i) to administer a controlled drug to himself or herself; or
  - (ii) to obtain a controlled drug for self-administration; or
  - (iii) to obtain resources to enable the offender to obtain a controlled drug for self-administration.

**99 Good behaviour orders—rehabilitation programs—maximum period**

A rehabilitation program condition included in the good behaviour order must not require the offender to take part in a rehabilitation program for longer than 3 years.

**100 Good behaviour orders—rehabilitation programs—concurrent and consecutive orders**

- (1) This section applies if the offender is currently subject to a rehabilitation program condition under a good behaviour order (an *existing order*).

- (2) If the court makes a further good behaviour order that includes a rehabilitation program condition (a *new order*), the court may direct that the new order operate concurrently or consecutively, or partly concurrently and partly consecutively, with the existing order.
- (3) However, the new order must not be stated to end later than 3 years after the day the new order is made, irrespective of when the order is to take effect.

## Part 6.3 Good behaviour orders— explanations and official notice

### 101 Application—pt 6.3

This part applies if a court makes a good behaviour order for an offender.

### 102 Good behaviour orders—explanation to offenders

- (1) The court must ensure that reasonable steps are taken to explain to the offender in general terms (and in language the offender can readily understand)—
  - (a) the nature and conditions of the good behaviour order; and
  - (b) the offender’s good behaviour obligations under the *Crimes (Sentence Administration) Act 2005*; and
  - (c) the consequences if the offender breaches the obligations.

*Note* An offender may breach the obligations by failing to comply with them (see *Legislation Act*, dict, pt 1, def *breach*).

- (2) Failure to comply with this section does not invalidate the good behaviour order.

### 103 Good behaviour orders—official notice of order

- (1) As soon as practicable after the court makes the good behaviour order, the court must ensure that written notice of the order, together with a copy of the order, is given to—
  - (a) the offender; and
  - (b) if the order includes a community service condition, probation condition or rehabilitation program condition—the director-general.

*Note 1* If the order is part of a combination sentence, a single notice may be given for the sentences (see *Legislation Act*, s 49).



*Note 2* For a young offender who is under 18 years old, the notice and order must also be given to a parent or person with parental responsibility (see s 133J).

- (2) The notice must include the following information:
- (a) the term of the good behaviour order;
  - (b) if the good behaviour order includes a community service condition—
    - (i) the number of hours of community service work the offender is to perform; and
    - (ii) the period during which the work is to be completed; and
    - (iii) where the offender must present himself or herself for the administration of the condition to start; and
    - (iv) when, or the period within which, the offender must present;
  - (c) if the good behaviour order includes a probation condition—
    - (i) the probation supervisor for the offender; and
    - (ii) where the offender must present himself or herself for the administration of the condition to start; and
    - (iii) when, or the period within which, the offender must present;
  - (d) if the good behaviour order includes a rehabilitation program condition—
    - (i) the rehabilitation program the offender is to take part in; and
    - (ii) the period for which the offender is to take part in the program; and
    - (iii) where the offender must present himself or herself for the administration of the condition to start; and

- (iv) when or the period within which the offender must present;
  - (e) any other conditions included in the good behaviour order.
- (3) Failure to comply with this section does not invalidate the good behaviour order.
- (4) In this section:
- director-general* means—
- (a) for an order made for a young offender—the CYP director-general; and
  - (b) for any other order—the director-general responsible for this Act.

#### 104 Good behaviour orders—explanation and notice to sureties

- (1) This section applies if the good behaviour order includes a condition that a surety give security for the offender.
- (2) The court must ensure that reasonable steps are taken to explain to the surety in general terms (and in language the surety can readily understand)—
- (a) the nature and the conditions of the order (including the amount of the security); and
  - (b) the offender’s good behaviour obligations under the *Crimes (Sentencing Administration) Act 2005*; and
  - (c) the consequences for the offender and the surety if the offender breaches the obligations.
- Note* An offender may breach the obligations by failing to comply with them (see *Legislation Act*, dict, pt 1, def *breach*).
- (3) The court must also ensure that reasonable steps are taken to give a copy of the good behaviour order to the surety.

- (4) Failure to comply with this section does not invalidate the good behaviour order or the security.

## Part 6.4 Good behaviour orders—other provisions

### 105 Good behaviour—consequences of failure to sign undertaking

- (1) This section applies if an offender fails to sign the undertaking mentioned in section 13 (2) for a good behaviour order made in relation to the offender.
- (2) The court that made the good behaviour order may re-sentence the offender, or convict and sentence the offender, as if the order had not been made.
- (3) To remove any doubt, if the offender is re-sentenced by the court under this section, the offender has the same rights of appeal as the offender would have had if the good behaviour order had not been made.

### 106 Good behaviour—maximum amount of security

- (1) The maximum amount of security that may be required to be given by an offender or a surety under a good behaviour order is—
  - (a) if the offence is punishable by a fine—the maximum fine that may be imposed for the offence; or
  - (b) if the offence is not punishable by a fine—
    - (i) for the Supreme Court—\$10 000; or
    - (ii) for the Magistrates Court—\$2 000.
- (2) However, a good behaviour order made by the Magistrates Court must not include a condition that the offender or a surety give security unless—
  - (a) the offence is punishable by imprisonment for longer than 6 months; or

(b) a suspended sentence order has been made for the offence.

## Chapter 7      Reparation orders

### 107      Application—ch 7

This part applies if a court is considering whether to make, or makes, a reparation order for an offender for an offence.

### 108      Reparation orders—no agreement about amount of loss etc

- (1) If the offender and the director of public prosecutions (or any other applicant for the reparation order) do not agree about the amount the offender is to be ordered to pay under the reparation order, the court must decide the amount.
- (2) To remove any doubt, section 110 (Reparation orders—evidential basis for orders) applies in relation to facts about the amount the offender is to be ordered to pay under the reparation order.

### 109      Reparation orders—payment by instalments

If the court makes a reparation order for the payment of money, the court may, in addition, order that—

- (a) the amount be paid by stated instalments; and
- (b) the offender give security, with or without sureties, to the satisfaction of a stated officer of the court for the payment of the amount or of each instalment of the amount.

### 110      Reparation orders—evidential basis for orders

- (1) A reparation order must not be made for the offence unless the court considers that the order should be made on the basis of facts established by—
  - (a) evidence given at the trial; or
  - (b) available documents; or

- (c) admissions by the offender; or
- (d) submissions made by or for anyone (including the director of public prosecutions).

(2) In this section:

**available documents**, in relation to the offence, means any of the following:

- (a) any written statements or admissions made for use as evidence at a trial that would have been admissible as evidence at the trial for the offence;
- (b) depositions taken at any committal proceeding for the offence;
- (c) any written statements or admissions used as evidence in any committal proceeding for the offence;
- (d) any other relevant written documents.

**Example for par (d)**

If the value of an object, or the cost of its repair, is relevant to the proceeding for the reparation order, an affidavit by a valuer or repairer about the value of the object or the cost of its repair would be a relevant written document.

*Note* An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see [Legislation Act](#), s 126 and s 132).

## **110A Reparation orders—enforcing non-money order**

(1) This section applies if the reparation order does not require the payment of money.

*Note* An offender may breach a reparation order by failing to comply with it (see [Legislation Act](#), dict, pt 1, def *breach*).

(2) If the offender breaches the reparation order, the person in whose favour the order was made may apply to the court for an order under this section to be made against the offender.

- (3) On an application under subsection (2), the court may make an order for the payment of money against the offender in substitution for the breached order.

### 111      **Reparation orders—power to make other orders etc**

To remove any doubt, the power to make a reparation order under a provision of this Act is additional to the court's other powers under this Act or any other territory law, including its power to make a reparation order under another provision of this Act or any other territory law.

#### **Example**

Stan broke into Alice's house and stole property belonging to Alice. None of the property was recovered. Stan is convicted of the theft of the property. The court may make reparation orders ordering Stan to pay Alice—

- the value of the stolen property (see s 20); and
- the costs of repairing the damage caused during the break-in (see s 19).

*Note*      An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see [Legislation Act](#), s 126 and s 132).

### 112      **Reparation orders—Confiscation of Criminal Assets Act**

- (1) The court must not order the offender to make reparation to a person only because the person's property is subject to a restraining order or forfeiture order under the [Confiscation of Criminal Assets Act 2003](#) (the *Confiscation Act*).
- (2) To remove any doubt—
- (a) an amount payable under a reparation order cannot be recovered from property that has been restrained or forfeited under the [Confiscation Act](#); and
- (b) a reparation order for the restoration of property cannot be made for property that has been restrained or forfeited under the [Confiscation Act](#).



*Note 1* Restrained property may be dealt with only in accordance with the [Confiscation Act](#) (see that Act, s 19, def *restraining order* and s 33 (1)). For the exclusion of restrained property from forfeiture, see the [Confiscation Act](#), pt 6.

*Note 2* For applications by a person who had an interest in forfeited property for the property's return or for compensation, see the [Confiscation Act](#), div 9.5.

(3) In this section:

*restrained*—property that has been *restrained* under the [Confiscation Act](#) includes—

- (a) property in relation to which an application for a restraining order has been made under that Act; and
- (b) property in relation to which an application for a conviction forfeiture order has been made under that Act; and
- (c) property subject to forfeiture under that Act.

### 113 **Reparation orders—official notice of order**

- (1) This section applies if the court makes a reparation order for the offender.
- (2) As soon as practicable after the court makes the reparation order, the court must ensure that written notice of the order, together with a copy of the order, is given to—
  - (a) the offender; and
  - (b) the person in whose favour the order is made.

*Note 1* If the order is part of a combination sentence, a single notice may be given for the sentences (see [Legislation Act](#), s 49).

*Note 2* For a young offender who is under 18 years old, the notice and order must also be given to a parent or person with parental responsibility (see s 133J).

- (3) Failure to comply with this section does not invalidate the reparation order.

## Chapter 8 Deferred sentence orders

### Part 8.1 Deferred sentence orders—making

#### 114 Application—pt 8.1

This chapter applies if a court is considering whether to make, or makes, a deferred sentence order for an offender.

#### 115 Meaning of *deferred sentence obligations*

In this Act:

*deferred sentence obligations*, for an offender—see section 120 (Deferred sentence orders—obligations).

#### 116 Deferred sentence orders—eligibility

- (1) The court must not make a deferred sentence order for the offender unless it considers that—
  - (a) releasing the offender on bail would allow the offender to address his or her criminal behaviour and anything that has contributed to the behaviour; and
  - (b) if the offender were to comply with the order, and any bail conditions, the court might not impose as severe a sentence for the offence.
- (2) The court may make a deferred sentence order whether or not it considers that the seriousness of the offence justifies a sentence of imprisonment.

**117 Deferred sentence orders—suitability**

- (1) In deciding whether to make a deferred sentence order for the offender, the court must consider the following:
  - (a) any pre-sentence report about the offender;  
*Note* The court may order a pre-sentence report under s 41.
  - (b) any evidence given by the person who prepared a pre-sentence report for the offender;
  - (c) any evidence given by a corrections officer about the offender.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not limit the matters that the court may consider.
- (3) The court may make, or decline to make, a deferred sentence order despite—
  - (a) any recommendation in any pre-sentence report about the offender's suitability for a deferred sentence order; or
  - (b) any evidence given by the person who prepared any pre-sentence report for the offender or a corrections officer.
- (4) The court must record reasons for its decision to make a deferred sentence order if—
  - (a) any pre-sentence report recommends that the offender is suitable but the court decides not to make a deferred sentence order; or
  - (b) any pre-sentence report recommends that the offender is not suitable but the court decides to make a deferred sentence order.
- (5) Failure to comply with subsection (4) does not invalidate a deferred sentence order.

**118 Deferred sentence orders—indication of penalties**

If the court makes a deferred sentence order for the offender, the court must state, in general terms—

- (a) the penalty that the offender might receive if the offender complies with the order and any bail conditions; and
- (b) the penalty that the offender might receive if the offender does not comply with the order or a bail condition.

**119 Deferred sentence orders—review requirements in orders**

If the court makes a deferred sentence order for the offender, the court may require the offender to appear before the court at the times (before the time stated in the order under section 27 (2)), and at the places, stated in the order for the purpose of reviewing the offender's compliance with the order.

*Note* The court may also review the offender's bail at any time, see the [Bail Act 1992](#), s 41A.

**120 Deferred sentence orders—obligations**

The offender's obligations (the *deferred sentence obligations*) while subject to a deferred sentence order are—

- (a) to comply with the order (including any conditions of the order); and
- (b) to comply with the offender's bail conditions.

**121 Deferred sentence orders—explanation and official notice**

- (1) If the court makes a deferred sentence order for the offender, the court must ensure that reasonable steps are taken to explain to the offender in general terms (and in language the offender can readily understand)—

- (a) the nature and conditions of the order and the offender's bail under the [Bail Act 1992](#); and

- (b) the offender's obligations under the order and the *Bail Act 1992*; and
- (c) the consequences if the offender breaches the obligations.

*Note* An offender may breach the obligations by failing to comply with them (see *Legislation Act*, dict, pt 1, def *breach*).

- (2) As soon as practicable after the court makes the deferred sentence order, the court must ensure that written notice of the order, together with a copy of the order, is given to the offender.

*Note 1* The offender must also be given written notice of any bail conditions (see *Bail Act 1992*, s 34).

*Note 2* For a young offender who is under 18 years old, the notice and order must also be given to a parent or person with parental responsibility (see s 133J).

- (3) Failure to comply with this section does not invalidate the deferred sentence order.

## **122 Deferred sentence orders—period of effect**

- (1) A deferred sentence order must not state a time (the *sentencing time*) under section 27 (2) (Deferred sentence orders—making) that is more than 12 months after the day the order is made.
- (2) A deferred sentence order—
  - (a) starts on the day it is made; and
  - (b) ends—
    - (i) at the sentencing time; or
    - (ii) if the order is earlier cancelled under section 128 (Deferred sentence orders—court's powers on review) or section 132 (Deferred sentence orders—automatic cancellation on bail revocation)—on the day the court cancels it.

## Part 8.2 Deferred sentence orders— supervision

### 123 Application—pt 8.2

This part applies if a court (the *sentencing court*) makes a deferred sentence order for an offender.

### 124 Deferred sentence orders—arrest without warrant

- (1) This section applies if a police officer believes, on reasonable grounds, that the offender has breached the offender's deferred sentence obligations.
- (2) The police officer may arrest the offender without a warrant.
- (3) If the police officer arrests the offender, the police officer must bring the offender before—
  - (a) the sentencing court; or
  - (b) if the sentencing court is not sitting—a magistrate.

### 125 Deferred sentence orders—arrest warrant

- (1) If a judge or magistrate is satisfied by information on oath that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that the offender has breached, or will breach, the offender's deferred sentence obligations, the judge or magistrate may issue a warrant for the offender's arrest.

*Note* For the arrest of an offender who breaches bail, see the [Bail Act 1992](#), s 56A and s 56B.

- (2) The warrant must—
  - (a) be in writing signed by the judge or magistrate; and
  - (b) be directed to all police officers or a named police officer; and
  - (c) state briefly the matter on which the information is based; and

- (d) order the offender's arrest and bringing the offender before the sentencing court.
- (3) If a police officer arrests the offender under this section, the police officer must, as soon as practicable, bring the offender before—
  - (a) the sentencing court; or
  - (b) if the sentencing court is not sitting—a magistrate.

## **126 Deferred sentence orders—review**

- (1) The sentencing court may review the offender's deferred sentence order at any time.

*Note* The court may also review the offender's bail at any time, see the [Bail Act 1992](#), s 41A.

- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), the sentencing court may review the deferred sentence order to consider whether the offender has breached, or may breach, the offender's deferred sentence obligations.
- (3) The sentencing court may review the deferred sentence order—
  - (a) on its own initiative; or
  - (b) on application by—
    - (i) the offender; or
    - (ii) the director-general; or
    - (iii) the director of public prosecutions.
- (4) A person mentioned in subsection (3) (b) may appear at a review.
- (5) In this section:  
***director-general*** means—
  - (a) if the offender is under 18 years old when the application is made—the CYP director-general; and

- (b) in any other case—the director-general responsible for this Act.

**127 Deferred sentence orders—notice of review**

- (1) The sentencing court must give a written notice of a proposed review of the offender’s deferred sentence order to the offender, the director-general and the director of public prosecutions.
- (2) The notice must set out—
  - (a) the reasons for the review; and
  - (b) the time and place fixed for the review.
- (3) In this section:  
*director-general* means—
  - (a) if the offender is under 18 years old when the notice is given—the CYP director-general; and
  - (b) in any other case—the director-general responsible for this Act.



## **Part 8.3**                      **Deferred sentence orders— amendment or cancellation**

### **128**                      **Deferred sentence orders—court’s powers on review**

After reviewing the offender’s deferred sentence order, the sentencing court may do any of the following:

- (a) take no further action;
- (b) give the offender a warning about the need to comply with the offender’s deferred sentence obligations (including any bail conditions);
- (c) by order, amend any of the deferred sentence order’s conditions;
- (d) by order, cancel the deferred sentence order if—
  - (i) the offender has applied for its cancellation; or
  - (ii) the court is satisfied that the offender has breached the offender’s deferred sentence obligations.

### **129**                      **Deferred sentence orders—when amendments take effect**

- (1) This section applies if the sentencing court makes an order (an *amendment order*) under section 128 (1) (c) amending the offender’s deferred sentence order’s conditions.
- (2) The court must record its reasons for the decision.
- (3) The amendment order must state when it takes effect.
- (4) The date of effect must be—
  - (a) the date when the sentencing court gives the offender written notice of the amendment order; or
  - (b) if a later date of effect is stated in the amendment order—the date stated.

- (5) As soon as practicable after the sentencing court makes the amendment order, the court must ensure that written notice of the order, together with a copy of the order, is given to the offender, the director-general and the director of public prosecutions.

*Note* For a young offender who is under 18 years old, the notice and order must also be given to a parent or person with parental responsibility (see s 133J).

- (6) Failure to comply with subsection (5) does not invalidate the amendment order.

- (7) In this section:

*director-general* means—

- (a) if the offender is under 18 years old when the amendment order is made—the CYP director-general; and  
(b) in any other case—the director-general responsible for this Act.

### **130 Deferred sentence orders—when cancellation takes effect**

- (1) This section applies if the sentencing court makes an order (a *cancellation order*) under section 128 (Deferred sentence orders—court's powers on review) cancelling the offender's deferred sentence order.
- (2) The court must record its reasons for the decision.
- (3) The cancellation order takes effect on the day it is made.
- (4) As soon as practicable after the sentencing court makes the cancellation order, the court must ensure that written notice of the order, together with a copy of the order, is given to the offender, the director-general and the director of public prosecutions.

*Note* For a young offender who is under 18 years old, the notice and order must also be given to a parent or person with parental responsibility (see s 133J).

- (5) Failure to comply with subsection (4) does not invalidate the cancellation order.
- (6) In this section:
- director-general* means—
- (a) if the offender is under 18 years old when the cancellation order is made—the CYP director-general; and
  - (b) in any other case—the director-general responsible for this Act.

### **131 Deferred sentence orders—effect of cancellation**

- (1) This section applies if the sentencing court makes an order (a *cancellation order*) under section 128 (Deferred sentence orders—court’s powers on review) cancelling the offender’s deferred sentence order.
- (2) The offender’s bail in relation to which the deferred sentence order was made is automatically revoked on the making of the cancellation order.
- (3) The sentencing court must sentence the offender for all offences for which the court may sentence the offender, whether or not they are punishable by imprisonment.

## Part 8.4 Deferred sentence orders—other provisions

### 132 Deferred sentence orders—automatic cancellation on bail revocation

The offender's deferred sentence order is automatically cancelled if the offender's bail in relation to which the order was made is revoked.

### 133 Deferred sentence orders—relationship with Bail Act

(1) A requirement in a deferred sentence order under section 27 (2) (Deferred sentence orders—making) or section 119 (Deferred sentence orders—review requirements in orders) for an offender to appear before the sentencing court—

(a) does not affect a court's power under the *Bail Act 1992* to require the offender to appear before the court under that Act; and

(b) applies to the offender despite the *Bail Act 1992*, section 6 (2) (b) (Rights following grant of bail).

*Note* The *Bail Act 1992*, s 6 (2) (b) provides a bailed person is entitled to remain at liberty in relation to the offence until required to appear before a court in accordance with the person's undertaking to appear under that Act.

(2) To remove any doubt, section 27 (5) does not limit, and is not limited by, the *Bail Act 1992*, section 25 (Conditions on which bail may be granted to adults).

(3) To remove any doubt, section 128 (1) (c) (Deferred sentence orders—court's powers on review) does not limit, and is not limited by, any provision of the *Bail Act 1992* about varying an offender's bail conditions.

- (4) To remove any doubt, section 126 (Deferred sentence orders—review) does not limit, and is not limited by, any provision of the *Bail Act 1992*, part 6 (Review of bail decisions) about review of an offender's bail.

## Chapter 8A Sentencing young offenders

### Part 8A.1 General

#### 133A Purpose—ch 8A

- (1) The purpose of this chapter is to set out particular provisions that apply to the sentencing of young offenders.
- (2) Except as provided in this chapter or otherwise in this Act, this Act applies to young offenders in the same way as it applies to other offenders.

#### 133B Meaning of *young offender*

In this Act:

*young offender* means a person who—

- (a) has been convicted or found guilty of an offence by a court; and
- (b) was under 18 years old when the offence was committed.

#### 133C Young offenders—purposes of sentencing

- (1) Despite section 7 (2), in sentencing a young offender, a court must consider the purpose of promoting the rehabilitation of the young offender and may give more weight to that purpose than it gives to any of the other purposes stated in section 7 (1).
- (2) Also, in sentencing a young offender, a court must have particular regard to the common law principle of individualised justice.

#### 133D Young offenders—sentencing—additional relevant considerations

- (1) In deciding how a young offender should be sentenced (if at all) for an offence, a court must consider the following matters:

- (a) the young offender's culpability for the offence having regard to his or her maturity;
  - (b) the young offender's state of development;
  - (c) the past and present family circumstances of the young offender.
- (2) This section applies in addition to section 33 (Sentencing—relevant considerations).

**133E Young offenders—pre-sentence report matters**

- (1) Each of the following is a *pre-sentence report matter* in relation to a young offender:
- (a) the young offender's culpability for the offence having regard to his or her maturity;
  - (b) the young offender's state of development;
  - (c) the past and present family circumstances of the young offender.
- (2) This section applies in addition to section 40A (Pre-sentence report matters).

**133F Young offenders—director-general may give court information about availability of resources**

The CYP director-general may give the court information about the availability of resources that would be needed to give effect to an order the court may make in relation to a young offender under this Act.

**133G Young offenders—sentences of imprisonment**

- (1) This section applies if a court is sentencing a young offender to imprisonment under section 10.

*Note* Section 10 allows a court to sentence an offender to imprisonment if satisfied that no other penalty is appropriate.

- (2) The sentence of imprisonment must be a last resort and for the shortest appropriate term.
- (3) The court must consider making a combination sentence consisting of—
  - (a) the sentence of imprisonment; and
  - (b) a good behaviour order with a supervision condition.

*Note* There is no provision for the setting of a nonparole period for a sentence of imprisonment imposed on a young offender (see s 64 (2), def *excluded sentence of imprisonment*).

- (4) The court must not sentence the young offender to imprisonment for life.

### **133H Young offenders—imprisonment to be at detention place**

- (1) This section applies (instead of section 10 (3)) if a court sentences a young offender to imprisonment and the young offender is under 21 years old when the sentence is imposed.
- (2) The sentence must be served by full-time detention at a detention place unless the young offender is—
  - (a) released from full-time detention under this Act or another territory law; or
  - (b) transferred to a correctional centre under the *Children and Young People Act 2008*.

### **133I Young offenders—non-association and place restriction orders**

A court must not make a non-association order or place restriction order for a young offender unless satisfied that the order would not—



- (a) interfere with the young offender's access to appropriate education or training; or
- (b) disproportionately interfere with the young offender's access to public transport or accommodation.

*Note* Pt 3.4 makes provision for non-association orders and place restriction orders for offenders.

### **133J Young offenders—notice of orders to parent etc**

- (1) This section applies if written notice of an order and a copy of the order is required to be given to a young offender under any of the following:
  - (a) section 12 (4) (Suspended sentences);
  - (b) section 14 (7) (Fines—orders to pay);
  - (c) section 16 (4) (Driver licence disqualification orders—motor vehicle theft);
  - (d) section 17 (5) (Non-conviction orders—general);
  - (e) section 25 (2) (Non-association and place restriction orders—explanation and official notice);
  - (f) section 84 (1) (Imprisonment—official notice of sentence);
  - (g) section 103 (1) (Good behaviour orders—official notice of order);
  - (h) section 113 (2) (Reparation orders—official notice of order);
  - (i) section 121 (2) (Deferred sentence orders—explanation and official notice of effect);
  - (j) section 129 (5) (Deferred sentence orders—when amendments take effect);
  - (k) section 130 (4) (Deferred sentence orders—when cancellation takes effect).

- (2) If the young offender is under 18 years old, the court must ensure that the notice and a copy of the order is also given to a parent of the young offender and anyone else who has parental responsibility for the young offender under the *Children and Young People Act 2008*.

**133K Young offenders—references to corrections officer**

A reference in this Act to a corrections officer is, in relation to a young offender, a reference to a youth detention officer under the *Children and Young People Act 2008*.

## **Part 8A.2            Young offenders—good behaviour orders**

### **Division 8A.2.1      Young offenders—good behaviour orders generally**

#### **133L      Young offenders—community service—hours to be performed**

- (1) The number of hours of community service work required to be performed for a community service condition in a good behaviour order for a young offender—
  - (a) must be at least 20 hours and not more than 200 hours; and
  - (b) must not interfere with the young offender's access to appropriate education or training.
- (2) The period during which the community service work is required to be completed under the community service condition must be not longer than 12 months.
- (3) Section 92 (3) (Good behaviour orders—community service—concurrent and consecutive orders) applies in relation to a young offender as if the reference to 500 hours were a reference to 200 hours.

#### **133M      Young offenders—good behaviour orders—conditions**

- (1) A good behaviour order for a young offender must not include a condition mentioned in section 13 (3) (a) (which is about giving security for compliance with an order).
- (2) In addition to the conditions mentioned in section 13 (3) (b) to (g), a good behaviour order for a young offender may include—

- (a) an education and training condition; and

*Note* An education and training condition must not be included in the order unless the young offender is convicted or found guilty of the offence (see s 133P).

- (b) a supervision condition.

## **Division 8A.2.2 Good behaviour orders—education and training conditions**

### **133N Meaning of *education and training condition***

In this Act:

*education and training condition*, of a good behaviour order for a young offender, means a condition included in the order that the young offender undertake education or training.

### **133O Application—div 8A.2.2**

This division applies if a court is considering whether to include an education and training condition in a good behaviour order for a young offender.

### **133P Education and training conditions—for young offenders convicted or found guilty**

A good behaviour order cannot include an education and training condition unless the young offender has been convicted or found guilty of the offence for which the order is made.

### **133Q Education and training conditions—eligibility**

The court must not include an education and training condition in the good behaviour order unless satisfied that—

- (a) education or training of a particular kind is suitable for the young offender; and

- (b) it is appropriate that the young offender undertake education or training of that kind; and
- (c) a place for the young offender in education or training of that kind is available or will become available within a reasonable time.

**133R Education and training conditions—suitability**

- (1) In deciding whether to include an education and training condition in the good behaviour order, the court must consider the following:
  - (a) any pre-sentence report or relevant sentencing information for the young offender given to the court;
  - (b) any medical report about the young offender given to the court;
  - (c) any evidence given by the person who prepared a pre-sentence report for the young offender or who gave relevant sentencing information to the court;
  - (d) any evidence given by the CYP director-general about the young offender.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not limit the matters that the court may consider.
- (3) The court may include, or decline to include, an education and training condition in the good behaviour order for the young offender despite—
  - (a) any recommendation in any pre-sentence report, or indication in relevant sentencing information, about the suitability of the young offender to serve a sentence (or a part of a sentence) by taking part in education or training; or
  - (b) any evidence given by the person who prepared any pre-sentence report for the young offender or who gave relevant sentencing information to the court; or

- (c) any evidence given by the CYP director-general about the young offender.
- (4) The court must record reasons for its decision to include, or not include, an education and training condition in the good behaviour order if—
  - (a) a pre-sentence report recommends, or relevant sentencing information indicates, that the young offender is suitable but the court decides not to include an education and training condition; or
  - (b) a pre-sentence report recommends, or relevant sentencing information indicates, that the young offender is not suitable but the court decides to include an education and training condition.
- (5) Failure to comply with subsection (4) does not invalidate the good behaviour order.

**133S Education and training conditions—maximum period**

An education and training condition included in the good behaviour order must not require the young offender take part in education or training for longer than 3 years.

**133T Education and training conditions—2 or more good behaviour orders**

- (1) This section applies if—
  - (a) a young offender is currently subject to an education and training condition under a good behaviour order (an *existing order*); and
  - (b) the court makes a further good behaviour order that includes an education and training condition (a *new order*).
- (2) The court may direct how the new order and the existing order work together.

- (3) However, the new order must not require the young offender to undergo education or training as stated in the order for more than 3 years.

### **Division 8A.2.3 Good behaviour orders—supervision conditions**

#### **133U Meaning of *supervision condition***

- (1) In this Act:

*supervision condition*, of a good behaviour order for a young offender, means a condition included in the order that—

- (a) requires the young offender to comply with all reasonable directions given by the director-general; and
- (b) allows the director-general to require information from entities directly supervising the young offender.

- (2) In this section:

*director-general* means—

- (a) if the offender is under 18 years old when the direction is given or the requirement is made—the CYP director-general; and
- (b) in any other case—the director-general responsible, under the *Crimes (Sentence Administration) Act 2005*, for the administration of the good behaviour order to which the direction relates.

#### **133V Supervision conditions—when required**

- (1) A court must include a supervision condition in a good behaviour order for a young offender if the court has made, or proposes to make, a good behaviour order that includes—
- (a) a community service condition; or
  - (b) a rehabilitation program condition; or

(c) an education and training condition.

- (2) Subsection (1) does not limit the circumstances in which the court may include a supervision condition in a good behaviour order.

**133W Supervision conditions—maximum period**

A supervision condition included in the good behaviour order must not require the young offender to comply with all reasonable directions given by the director-general for longer than 3 years.

**133X Supervision conditions—2 or more good behaviour orders**

- (1) This section applies if—
- (a) a young offender is currently subject to a supervision condition under a good behaviour order (an *existing order*); and
  - (b) the court makes a further good behaviour order that includes a supervision condition (a *new order*).
- (2) The court may direct how the new order and the existing order work together.
- (3) However, the new order must not require the young offender to be supervised as stated in the order for longer than 3 years.



## Part 8A.3                      Young offenders— accommodation orders

### 133Y        **Meaning of *accommodation order***

(1) In this Act:

*accommodation order*, in relation to a young offender, means an order made by a court requiring the young offender to live at the place or with the person, whether within or outside the ACT—

- (a) stated in the order; or
- (b) that the director-general from time to time directs.

(2) In this section:

*director-general* means—

- (a) if the offender is under 18 years old when the direction is given—the CYP director-general; and
- (b) in any other case—the director-general responsible, under the *Crimes (Sentence Administration) Act 2005*, for the young offender to whom the direction relates.

### 133Z        **Accommodation orders—for young offenders convicted or found guilty**

If a young offender has been convicted or found guilty of an offence, the court may make an accommodation order for the young offender.

### 133ZA      **Accommodation orders—eligibility**

The court must not make an accommodation order for a young offender unless satisfied that—

- (a) the order would be suitable for the young offender; and

- (b) if the order states that the young offender is to live at a place—  
the person in charge of the place agrees to accommodate the  
young offender at the place; and
- (c) if the order states that the child is to live with a person—
  - (i) the person is a suitable person to accommodate the young  
offender; and
  - (ii) the person agrees to the young offender living with the  
person.

**133ZB Accommodation orders—suitability**

- (1) In deciding whether to make an accommodation order for a young  
offender, the court must consider the following:
  - (a) any pre-sentence report or relevant sentencing information for  
the young offender given to the court;
  - (b) any medical report about the young offender given to the court;
  - (c) any evidence given by the person who prepared a pre-sentence  
report for the young offender or who gave relevant sentencing  
information to the court;
  - (d) any evidence given by the CYP director-general about the  
young offender.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not limit the matters that the court may  
consider.
- (3) The Court may make, or decline to make, an accommodation order,  
for a young offender despite—
  - (a) any recommendation in any pre-sentence report, or indication  
in relevant sentencing information, about the appropriateness  
of an accommodation order for the young offender; or

- (b) any evidence given by the person who prepared any pre-sentence report for the young offender or who gave relevant sentencing information to the court; or
  - (c) any evidence given by the CYP director-general about the young offender.
- (4) The Court must record reasons for its decision in relation to a young offender if—
- (a) a pre-sentence report recommends, or relevant sentencing information indicates, that an accommodation order be made for the young offender but the court does not make an accommodation order; or
  - (b) a pre-sentence report recommends, or relevant sentencing information indicates, that an accommodation order not be made for the young offender but the court makes an accommodation order.
- (5) Failure to comply with subsection (4) does not invalidate the accommodation order.

**133ZC Accommodation orders—maximum period**

An accommodation order must not be longer than 3 years.

**133ZD Accommodation orders—2 or more orders**

- (1) This section applies if—
- (a) a young offender is currently subject to an accommodation order (an *existing order*); and
  - (b) the court makes a further accommodation order (a *new order*).
- (2) The court may direct how the new order and the existing order work together.
- (3) However, the new order must not require the young offender to be accommodated as stated in the order for longer than 3 years.

## Chapter 9 Miscellaneous

### 134 Operation of ancillary and restitution orders

(1) In this section:

*finalised*—proceedings in relation to an appeal are *finalised* if—

- (a) the appeal is dismissed, withdrawn or struck out or ends without a retrial being ordered and the period for making any further appeal against that decision ends; or
- (b) if a retrial is ordered—the proceedings on the retrial are finalised within the meaning of paragraph (a).

*relevant order* means—

- (a) an ancillary order under—
  - (i) section 18 (Non-conviction orders—ancillary orders); or
  - (ii) section 58 (Ancillary orders relating to offences taken into account in sentencing); or
- (b) a reparation order.

(2) A relevant order takes effect on the day after—

- (a) the end of the period for appealing against the conviction or finding of guilt to which the relevant order relates; or
- (b) if an appeal in relation to the conviction or finding of guilt is made within the period for making the appeal—the day proceedings in relation to the appeal are finalised.

(3) However, an appeal court may, on application or its own initiative, if satisfied it is in the interests of justice, order that a relevant order take effect on a stated day earlier than the day fixed under subsection (2).

- (4) A court may, on application or its own initiative, by order, give such directions as it considers appropriate for—
  - (a) the custody of property to which a relevant order relates; or
  - (b) the giving of security, with or without sureties, for payment of an amount under a relevant order.
- (5) If a conviction or finding of guilt is set aside—
  - (a) any relevant order to which the conviction or finding of guilt relates is set aside; and
  - (b) an appeal court may make any order it considers appropriate in the interests of justice consequent on any order given under subsection (4).
- (6) An application under this section may be made by the director of public prosecutions or a person whose interests are affected by a relevant order.
- (7) This section is subject to section 61 (Reopening proceedings to correct penalty errors).

### **135      Reparation—other actions for recovery**

- (1) This Act does not abolish or otherwise affect any cause of action that anyone may have—
  - (a) to recover goods or property; or
  - (b) to recover damages for, or be indemnified against, any loss or expense.
- (2) However, in a proceeding in relation to any loss or expense that resulted from the commission of an offence, a court must consider any amount paid under a reparation order in relation to the commission of the offence.

**136 Information exchanges between criminal justice entities**

- (1) This section applies to any information in relation to an offence (including an alleged offence) in a record of a criminal justice entity, including information about—
  - (a) a person charged with the offence; and
  - (b) a victim of the offence; and
  - (c) a person convicted or found guilty of the offence.
- (2) The criminal justice entity may give the information to another criminal justice entity for the purposes of the other entity.
- (3) This section is additional to any other Act that provides for information to be given by, or to, a criminal justice entity.

*Note* A reference to an Act includes a reference to the statutory instruments made or in force under the Act, including any regulation (see [Legislation Act](#), s 104).

- (4) In this section:

***criminal justice entity*** means any of the following:

- (a) the Supreme Court;
- (b) the Magistrates Court;
- (c) the director-general responsible for this Act;
- (d) the CYP director-general;
- (e) the sentence administration board;
- (f) the director of public prosecutions;
- (g) the chief police officer;
- (h) the victims of crime commissioner;
- (i) any other entity prescribed by regulation.

***victim***, of an offence—see section 47.

**137 Reduction of sentence—appeal if assistance undertaking breached**

- (1) This section applies if a court imposed a lesser penalty (including a shorter nonparole period) on an offender under section 36 (Reduction of sentence—assistance to law enforcement authorities) having regard to assistance undertaken to be provided by the offender to law enforcement authorities.
- (2) If, after the sentence is imposed, the offender does not assist law enforcement authorities in accordance with the undertaking, the director of public prosecutions may, at any time during the term of the sentence, appeal against the inadequacy of the sentence.
- (3) The director of public prosecutions must not appeal unless the director is of the opinion that the appeal is in the interests of the administration of justice.
- (4) If the court hearing the appeal is satisfied that the offender has completely failed to assist law enforcement authorities in accordance with the undertaking, the court must substitute for the reduced sentence the sentence that it would otherwise have imposed.
- (5) If the court hearing the appeal is satisfied that the offender has partly failed to assist law enforcement authorities in accordance with the undertaking, the court may substitute for the reduced sentence the sentence it considers appropriate.
- (6) The sentence that may be substituted under subsection (5) must not exceed the sentence that may be substituted under subsection (4) if the offender had completely failed to assist law enforcement authorities in accordance with the undertaking.

**138 Effect of failure to comply with Act**

A failure to comply with this Act may be considered by an appeal court in any appeal against sentence even if this Act declares that the failure to comply does not invalidate the sentence.

**139      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](#).



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## Dictionary

(see s 3)

*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:

- administrative unit
- adult
- director-general (see s 163)
- director of public prosecutions
- doctor
- entity
- found guilty
- head of service
- law (of the Territory)
- lawyer
- may (see s 146)
- must (see s 146)
- oath
- police officer
- road transport authority
- sentence administration board
- statutory office-holder
- territory authority
- victims of crime commissioner
- working day.

***accommodation order***—see section 133Y.

***additional offence***, for part 4.4 (Taking additional offences into account)—see section 55.

***assessor***, for part 4.2 (Pre-sentence reports)—see section 41 (8).

***at***, in relation to a correctional centre or detention place, includes in the correctional centre or detention place.

**bail condition**—see the [Bail Act 1992](#), dictionary.

**because of**, an offence, for part 4.3 (Victim impact statements)—see section 47.

**combination sentence**—see section 29 (1) (Combination sentences—offences punishable by imprisonment) and section 30 (1) (Combination sentences—offences punishable by fine).

**community service condition**—

- (a) of a good behaviour order for an offender, for this Act generally—see section 85; and
- (b) of an intensive correction order for an offender, for division 5.4.2 (Intensive correction orders—community service conditions)—see section 80A.

**community service work**—see the [Crimes \(Sentence Administration\) Act 2005](#), section 316.

**controlled drug** means a controlled drug under the [Criminal Code](#), chapter 6 (Serious drug offences).

**correctional centre** means—

- (a) a correctional centre under the [Corrections Management Act 2007](#); or
- (b) a NSW correctional centre.

**corrections officer**—see the [Corrections Management Act 2007](#), section 20.

**court**—if a **court** has sentenced an offender, made an order or given a direction, means the same court, however constituted.

**CYP director-general** means the director-general responsible for the [Children and Young People Act 2008](#).

**deferred sentence obligations**, for an offender—see section 120.

**deferred sentence order**—see section 27 (2).

**detention place** means a detention place under the *Children and Young People Act 2008*.

**domestic violence offence**—see the *Domestic Violence and Protection Orders Act 2008*, section 13 (2).

**driver licence disqualification order**—see section 16 (2).

**education and training condition**—see section 133N.

**existing sentence**, for part 5.3 (Imprisonment—concurrent and consecutive sentences)—see section 70 (1).

**fine**, for part 5.3 (Imprisonment—concurrent and consecutive sentences)—see section 69.

**fine order**—see section 14 (2).

**good behaviour order**—see section 13 (2).

**harm**, for part 4.3 (Victim impact statements)—see section 47.

**intensive correction** means intensive correction in the community under an intensive correction order.

**intensive correction order**—see section 11.

**list of additional offences**, for part 4.4 (Taking additional offences into account)—see section 55.

**non-association order**—see section 21.

**non-conviction order**—see section 17 (2).

**nonparole period**, for a sentence of imprisonment—

- (a) see section 65 (2) (Nonparole periods—court to set); and
- (b) if the nonparole period of the sentence is amended—means the nonparole period as amended.

**offender**—see section 8.

**parole order**—see the *Crimes (Sentence Administration) Act 2005*, section 117.

***place restriction order***—see section 21.

***pre-sentence report*** means a report—

- (a) for use in a criminal proceeding; and
- (b) prepared by the director-general.

***pre-sentence report matter***—

- (a) for part 4.2 (Pre-sentence reports)—see section 40A; and
- (b) for a young offender—see section 133E.

***primary sentence***, for part 5.3 (Imprisonment—concurrent and consecutive sentences)—see section 70 (1).

***primary victim***, for part 4.3 (Victim impact statements)—see section 47, definition of ***victim***, paragraph (a).

***principal offence***, for part 4.4 (Taking additional offences into account)—see section 55.

***probation condition***, of a good behaviour order for an offender, means a condition included in the order that, during the period of the order, or for a part of that period stated in the order, the offender is—

- (a) to be on probation subject to the supervision of a person appointed under the order; and
- (b) to obey all reasonable directions of the appointed person.

**Example of directions for par (b)**

that the offender comply with a condition mentioned in section 13 (3) (g), examples, even if the condition is not a condition of the order

*Note* An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see [Legislation Act](#), s 126 and s 132).

***rehabilitation program***—

- (a) for a good behaviour order, for this Act generally—see section 93; and
- (b) for an intensive correction order, for division 5.4.3 (Intensive correction orders—rehabilitation program conditions)—see section 80G.

***rehabilitation program condition***—

- (a) of a good behaviour order for an offender, for this Act generally—see section 93; and
- (b) of an intensive correction order for an offender, for division 5.4.3 (Intensive correction orders—rehabilitation program conditions)—see section 80G.

***reparation order*** means an order under—

- (a) section 19 (3) (Reparation orders—losses and expenses generally); or
- (b) section 20 (3) or (4) (Reparation orders—stolen property).

***sentence*** means—

- (a) when used as a noun—the penalty imposed for an offence; or
- (b) when used as a verb—to impose a penalty for an offence.

***sentence of imprisonment*** includes—

- (a) a sentence of imprisonment that has been imposed but is yet to start; and
- (b) a combination sentence that imposes a penalty of imprisonment together with another penalty.

***sentence-related order***, for part 4.4 (Taking additional offences into account)—see section 55.

**sentencing court**, for part 8.2 (Deferred sentence orders—supervision) and part 8.3 (Deferred sentence orders—amendment or cancellation)—see section 123.

**supervision condition**—see section 133U.

**surety**, for a good behaviour order for an offender, means a person other than the offender who gives security for complying with the order.

**suspended sentence order**—see section 12 (2).

**term**—if the term of a sentence is amended under the [Crimes \(Sentence Administration\) Act 2005](#), the **term** of the sentence as amended.

**victim**, of an offence, for part 4.3 (Victim impact statements)—see section 47.

**victim impact statement**, for an offence, for part 4.3 (Victim impact statements)—see section 47.

**young offender**—see section 133B.

## 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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#### **Crimes (Sentencing) Act 2005 A2005-58**

notified LR 2 December 2005

s 1, s 2 commenced 2 December 2005 (LA s 75 (1))

remainder commenced 2 June 2006 (s 2 and LA s 79)

as amended by

#### **Sentencing Legislation Amendment Act 2006 A2006-23 sch 1 pt 1.11**

notified LR 18 May 2006

s 1, s 2 commenced 18 May 2006 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 1 pt 1.11 commenced 2 June 2006 (s 2 (1) and see [Crimes](#)

[\(Sentence Administration\) Act 2005 A2005-59 s 2](#), [Crimes](#)

[\(Sentencing\) Act 2005 A2005-58](#), s 2 and LA s 79)

as modified by

#### **Crimes (Sentencing) Regulation 2006 SL2006-22 sch 1 (as am by SL2006-25 s 8)**

taken to have been notified LR 18 May 2006 ([A2006-23](#), s 4 (3) (a))

s 1 taken to have commenced 18 May 2006 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 1 commenced 2 June 2006 ([A2006-23](#) s 4 (3) (b) and see [Crimes](#)

[\(Sentencing\) Act 2005 A2005-58](#), s 2 and LA s 79)

#### **Crimes (Sentencing) Amendment Regulation 2006 (No 1) SL2006-25 s 8**

notified LR 1 June 2006

s 1, s 2 commenced 1 June 2006 (LA s 75 (1))

s 8 commenced 2 June 2006 (s 2 and see [Crimes \(Sentencing\) Act](#)

[2005 A2005-58](#), s 2 and LA s 79)

*Note* This regulation only amends the [Crimes \(Sentencing\) Regulation 2006 SL2006-22](#).

as amended by

#### **Corrections Management Act 2007 A2007-15 sch 1 pt 1.2**

notified LR 18 June 2007

s 1, s 2 commenced 18 June 2007 (LA s 75 (1))

s 230 commenced 1 August 2007 (LA s 75AA)

sch 1 pt 1.2 commenced 1 August 2007 (s 2 and [CN2007-6](#))



**Victims of Crime Amendment Act 2007 A2007-44 sch 1 pt 1.1**

notified LR 13 December 2007

s 1, s 2 commenced 13 December 2007 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 1 pt 1.1 commenced 20 December 2007 (s 2)

**Children and Young People Act 2008 A2008-19 sch 1 pt 1.5**

notified LR 17 July 2008

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

sch 1 pt 1.5 commenced 27 February 2009 (s 2 and [CN2008-17](#) (and see [CN2008-13](#)))

**Children and Young People (Consequential Amendments) Act 2008 A2008-20 sch 1 pt 1.4, sch 3 pt 3.10, sch 4 pt 4.12**

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 1 pt 1.4, sch 4 pt 4.12 commenced 27 February 2009 (s 2 (5) and see [Children and Young People Act 2008 A2008-19](#), s 2 and [CN2008-13](#))

sch 3 pt 3.10 commenced 27 October 2008 (s 2 (4) and see [Children and Young People Act 2008 A2008-19](#), s 2 and [CN2008-17](#) (and see [CN2008-13](#)))

**Justice and Community Safety Legislation Amendment Act 2008 (No 2) A2008-22 sch 1 pt 1.4**

notified LR 8 July 2008

s 1, s 2 commenced 8 July 2008 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 1 pt 1.4 commenced 29 July 2008 (s 2)

**Crimes Legislation Amendment Act 2008 A2008-44 sch 1 pt 1.5**

notified LR 9 September 2008

s 1, s 2 commenced 9 September 2008 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 1 pt 1.5 commenced 30 May 2009 (s 2 and [CN2009-4](#))

**Domestic Violence and Protection Orders Act 2008 A2008-46 sch 3 pt 3.6**

notified LR 10 September 2008

s 1, s 2 commenced 10 September 2008 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 3 pt 3.6 commenced 30 March 2009 (s 2)

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### **Justice and Community Safety Legislation Amendment Act 2009**

#### **A2009-7 sch 1 pt 1.4**

notified LR 5 March 2009  
s 1, s 2 commenced 5 March 2009 (LA s 75 (1))  
sch 1 pt 1.4 commenced 6 March 2009 (s 2 (3))

### **Crimes Legislation Amendment Act 2009 A2009-24 sch 1 pt 1.5**

notified LR 3 September 2009  
s 1, s 2 commenced 3 September 2009 (LA s 75 (1))  
sch 1 pt 1.5 commenced 4 September 2009 (s 2)

### **Justice and Community Safety Legislation Amendment Act 2009**

#### **(No 3) A2009-44 sch 1 pt 1.6**

notified LR 24 November 2009  
s 1, s 2 commenced 24 November 2009 (LA s 75 (1))  
sch 1 pt 1.6 commenced 25 November 2009 (s 2 (1))

### **Health Legislation Amendment Act 2010 A2010-2 sch 1 pt 1.3**

notified LR 16 February 2010  
s 1, s 2 commenced 16 February 2010 (LA s 75 (1))  
sch 1 pt 1.3 commenced 16 August 2010 (s 2 and LA s 79)

### **Crimes (Sentence Administration) Amendment Act 2010 A2010-21**

#### **sch 1 pt 1.4**

notified LR 30 June 2010  
s 1, s 2 commenced 30 June 2010 (LA s 75 (1))  
sch 1 pt 1.4 commenced 1 July 2010 (s 2)

### **Victims of Crime Amendment Act 2010 A2010-29 sch 1 pt 1.1**

notified LR 31 August 2010  
s 1, s 2 commenced 31 August 2010 (LA s 75 (1))  
sch 1 pt 1.1 commenced 28 February 2011 (s 2 and LA s 79)

### **Crimes Legislation Amendment Act 2011 A2011-7 pt 3**

notified LR 16 March 2011  
s 1, s 2 commenced 16 March 2011 (LA s 75 (1))  
pt 3 commenced 17 March 2011 (s 2)

### **Courts Legislation Amendment Act 2011 A2011-13 sch 1 pt 1.3**

notified LR 11 May 2011  
s 1, s 2 commenced 11 May 2011 (LA s 75 (1))  
sch 1 pt 1.3 commenced 25 July 2011 (s 2 and [CN2011-8](#))

**Administrative (One ACT Public Service Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2011 A2011-22 sch 1 pt 1.46**

notified LR 30 June 2011  
s 1, s 2 commenced 30 June 2011 (LA s 75 (1))  
sch 1 pt 1.46 commenced 1 July 2011 (s 2 (1))

**Corrections and Sentencing Legislation Amendment Act 2011 A2011-57 pt 4**

notified LR 14 December 2011  
s 1, s 2 commenced 14 December 2011 (LA s 75 (1))  
pt 4 commenced 15 December 2011 (s 2)

**Courts Legislation Amendment Act 2012 A2012-29 sch 1 pt 1.1**

notified LR 13 June 2012  
s 1, s 2 commenced 13 June 2012 (LA s 75 (1))  
amdt 1.3 commenced 13 June 2013 (s 2)  
sch 1 pt 1.1 remainder commenced 13 August 2012 (s 2 and CN2012-14)

**Crimes Legislation Amendment Act 2013 A2013-12 pt 4**

notified LR 17 April 2013  
s 1, s 2 commenced 17 April 2013 (LA s 75 (1))  
pt 4 commenced 24 April 2013 (s 2)

**Statute Law Amendment Act 2013 A2013-19 sch 3 pt 3.9**

notified LR 24 May 2013  
s 1, s 2 commenced 24 May 2013 (LA s 75 (1))  
sch 3 pt 3.9 commenced 14 June 2013 (s 2)

**Crimes (Sentencing) Amendment Act 2013 A2013-36**

notified LR 24 September 2013  
s 1, s 2 commenced 24 September 2013 (LA s 75 (1))  
remainder commenced 25 September 2013 (s 2)

**Crimes (Sentencing) Amendment Act 2014 A2014-58**

notified LR 4 December 2014  
s 1, s 2 commenced 4 December 2014 (LA s 75 (1))  
remainder commenced 5 December 2014 (s 2)

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### **Crimes Legislation Amendment Act 2015 A2015-3 pt 6**

notified LR 2 March 2015  
s 1, s 2 commenced 2 March 2015 (LA s 75 (1))  
pt 6 commenced 3 March 2015 (s 2 (1))

### **Crimes (Domestic and Family Violence) Legislation Amendment Act 2015 A2015-40 sch 1 pt 1.7**

notified LR 4 November 2015  
s 1, s 2 commenced 4 November 2015 (LA s 75 (1))  
sch 1 pt 1.7 commenced 4 May 2016 (s 2 (2))

### **Crimes (Sentencing and Restorative Justice) Amendment Act 2016 A2016-4 pt 2**

notified LR 24 February 2016  
s 1, s 2 commenced 24 February 2016 (LA s 75 (1))  
pt 2 commenced 2 March 2016 (s 2 (1))

### **Victims of Crime (Financial Assistance) Act 2016 A2016-12 sch 3 pt 3.2**

notified LR 16 March 2016  
s 1, s 2 commenced 16 March 2016 (LA s 75 (1))  
sch 3 pt 3.2 commenced 1 July 2016 (s 2 (1) (a))

### **Protection of Rights (Services) Legislation Amendment Act 2016 (No 2) A2016-13 sch 1 pt 1.16**

notified LR 16 March 2016  
s 1, s 2 commenced 16 March 2016 (LA s 75 (1))  
sch 1 pt 1.16 commenced 1 April 2016 (s 2 and see [Protection of Rights \(Services\) Legislation Amendment Act 2016 A2016-1 s 2](#))

### **Family Violence Act 2016 A2016-42 sch 2 pt 2.3, sch 3 pt 3.8**

notified LR 18 August 2016  
s 1, s 2 commenced 18 August 2016 (LA s 75 (1))  
sch 2 pt 2.3, sch 3 pt 3.8 commence 1 May 2017 (s 2)

### **Crimes (Serious and Organised Crime) Legislation Amendment Act 2016 A2016-48 pt 7**

notified LR 23 August 2016  
s 1, s 2 commenced 23 August 2016 (LA s 75 (1))  
pt 7 commenced 24 August 2016 (s 2 (1))

**Public Sector Management Amendment Act 2016 A2016-52 sch 1  
pt 1.19**

notified LR 25 August 2016

s 1, s 2 commenced 25 August 2016 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 1 pt 1.19 commenced 1 September 2016 (s 2)

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#### Purposes of sentencing

s 7 am [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.36

#### Meaning of *offender*

s 8 am [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.37

#### Imposition of penalties

s 9 am [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.136; [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.38, amdt 1.39;  
[A2016-4](#) s 4, s 5

#### Imprisonment

s 10 am [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.136; [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.40, amdt 1.41;  
[A2014-58](#) s 4; [A2016-4](#) s 5

#### Intensive correction orders

s 11 am [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.104; [A2014-58](#) s 5  
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#### Suspended sentences

s 12 am [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.42

#### Good behaviour orders

s 13 am [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.105; [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.43, amdt 1.44;  
[A2009-7](#) amdt 1.9; [A2010-2](#) amdt 1.4; [A2013-19](#) amdt 3.63

#### Fines—orders to pay

s 14 am [A2007-44](#) amdt 1.1; [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.45; [A2010-21](#)  
amdt 1.5; ss renum R14 LA

#### Fines—security for payment

s 15A ins [A2010-21](#) amdt 1.6

#### Driver licence disqualification orders—motor vehicle theft

s 16 am [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.46; [A2013-19](#) amdt 3.64

#### Non-conviction orders—general

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s 18 am [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.106

#### Reparation orders—losses and expenses generally

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[A2010-2](#) amdt 1.5; [A2014-58](#) ss 6-8; [A2016-4](#) ss 13-16; pars  
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[A2016-4](#) s 17, s 18; pars renum R30 LA

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s 42 am [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.107; pars renum [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.108  
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### **Pre-sentence reports—powers of assessors**

s 43 am [A2007-15](#) amdt 1.3; [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.56, amdt 1.57;  
pars and ss renum R8 LA; [A2011-13](#) amdt 1.3, amdt 1.4;  
pars renum R20 LA

### **Pre-sentence reports—availability of written reports**

s 45 am [A2011-57](#) s 15  
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### **Application—pt 4.3**

s 48 am [A2008-44](#) amdt 1.45, amdt 1.46  
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### **Victim impact statements—who may make**

s 49 am [A2008-20](#) amdt 3.22

### **Victim impact statements—form and contents**

s 51 am [A2015-3](#) s 27; ss renum R29 LA

### **Victim impact statements—use in court**

s 52 am [A2011-7](#) s 9; [A2013-12](#) s 22; [A2015-40](#) amdt 1.11,  
amdt 1.12

### **Start and end of sentences—general rule**

s 62 am [A2016-4](#) s 22; pars renum R30 LA

### **Application—pt 5.2**

s 64 am [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.58; [A2014-58](#) s 9; [A2016-4](#) s 23, s 24; ss  
renum R30 LA

### **Nonparole periods—court to set**

s 65 am [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.109

### **Nonparole periods—recommended conditions**

s 67 am [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.110

### **Nonparole periods—review of decision on nonparole period**

s 68 am [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.111; [A2016-4](#) s 25

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s 69 def *fine* sub [A2010-21](#) amdt 1.7

### **Application—pt 5.3**

s 70 am [A2008-20](#) amdt 4.35

### **Concurrent and consecutive sentences—general rule**

s 71 am [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.112; [A2016-4](#) s 26



**Concurrent and consecutive sentences—offences while in custody or unlawfully absent**

s 72 hdg sub [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.113  
 s 72 am [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.114

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s 76 sub [A2016-4](#) s 27

**Intensive correction orders—eligibility**

s 77 am [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.59; ss renum R8 LA  
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**Intensive correction orders—suitability**

s 78 am [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.115  
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**Intensive correction orders—intensive correction assessment matters**

s 79 am [A2007-15](#) amdt 1.4  
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s 80H ins [A2016-4](#) s 27

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s 80I ins [A2016-4](#) s 27

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### Intensive correction orders—rehabilitation programs—maximum period

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### Intensive correction orders—rehabilitation programs—concurrent and consecutive orders

s 80L ins [A2016-4](#) s 27

### Imprisonment—explanation to offender

s 82 am [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.136; [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.60; [A2016-4](#) s 28

### Imprisonment—official notice of sentence

s 84 am [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.61, amdt 1.62; [A2011-22](#) amdt 1.145, amdt 1.149; [A2014-58](#) s 84; [A2016-4](#) ss 29-32

### Good behaviour orders—meaning of *community service condition*

s 85 hdg sub [A2013-19](#) amdt 3.66; [A2016-4](#) s 33  
s 85 am [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.116; [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.63

### Good behaviour orders—community service—convicted offenders only

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### Good behaviour orders—community service—suitability

s 89 hdg sub [A2016-4](#) s 36

### Good behaviour orders—community service—pre-sentence report matters

s 90 hdg sub [A2016-4](#) s 37  
s 90 am [A2007-15](#) amdt 1.5

### Good behaviour orders—community service—hours to be performed

s 91 hdg sub [A2016-4](#) s 38  
s 91 am [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.64

### Good behaviour orders—community service—concurrent and consecutive orders

s 92 hdg sub [A2016-4](#) s 39  
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**Good behaviour orders—rehabilitation programs—probation condition required**

s 95 hdg sub [A2016-4](#) s 40  
s 95 am [A2009-7](#) amdt 1.10

**Good behaviour orders—rehabilitation programs—eligibility**

s 96 hdg sub [A2016-4](#) s 41

**Good behaviour orders—rehabilitation programs—suitability**

s 97 hdg sub [A2016-4](#) s 42

**Good behaviour orders—rehabilitation programs—pre-sentence report matters**

s 98 hdg sub [A2016-4](#) s 43  
s 98 am [A2007-15](#) amdt 1.6

**Good behaviour orders—rehabilitation programs—maximum period**

s 99 hdg sub [A2016-4](#) s 44

**Good behaviour orders—rehabilitation programs—concurrent and consecutive orders**

s 100 hdg sub [A2016-4](#) s 45

**Good behaviour orders—official notice of order**

s 103 am [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.66, amdt 1.67; [A2011-22](#) amdt 1.145, amdt 1.149

**Reparation orders—enforcing non-money order**

s 110A ins [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.117

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s 112 am [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.118

**Reparation orders—official notice of order**

s 113 am [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.68, amdt 1.69

**Meaning of *deferred sentence obligations***

s 115 hdg sub [A2013-19](#) amdt 3.66

**Deferred sentence orders—explanation and official notice**

s 121 am [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.70

**Deferred sentence orders—review**

s 126 am [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.71; [A2011-22](#) amdt 1.145, amdt 1.149

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s 127 am [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.72; [A2011-22](#) amdt 1.145, amdt 1.149

**Deferred sentence orders—when amendments take effect**

s 129 am [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.73, amdt 1.74; [A2011-22](#) amdt 1.145, amdt 1.149

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s 130 am [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.75, amdt 1.76; [A2011-22](#) amdt 1.145, amdt 1.149

### **Sentencing young offenders**

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#### **Meaning of *young offender***

s 133B hdg sub [A2013-19](#) amdt 3.66

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#### **Young offenders—purposes of sentencing**

s 133C ins [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.77

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s 133D ins [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.77

#### **Young offenders—pre-sentence report matters**

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#### **Young offenders—director-general may give court information about availability of resources**

s 133F hdg am [A2011-22](#) amdt 1.145

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#### **Young offenders—sentences of imprisonment**

s 133G ins [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.77

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s 133H ins [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.77

#### **Young offenders—non-association and place restriction orders**

s 133I ins [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.77

#### **Young offenders—notice of orders to parent etc**

s 133J ins [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.77

#### **Young offenders—references to corrections officer**

s 133K ins [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.77

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s 133L ins [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.77  
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**Young offenders—good behaviour orders—conditions**

s 133M ins [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.77  
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**Good behaviour orders—education and training conditions**

div 8A.2.2 hdg ins [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.77

**Meaning of *education and training condition***

s 133N hdg sub [A2013-19](#) amdt 3.66  
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s 133O ins [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.77

**Education and training conditions—for young offenders convicted or found guilty**

s 133P hdg sub [A2009-24](#) amdt 1.16  
s 133P ins [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.77

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s 133Q ins [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.77

**Education and training conditions—suitability**

s 133R ins [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.77  
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s 133T ins [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.77

**Good behaviour orders—supervision conditions**

div 8A.2.3 hdg ins [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.77

**Meaning of *supervision condition***

s 133U hdg sub [A2013-19](#) amdt 3.66  
s 133U ins [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.77  
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s 133V ins [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.77  
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**Supervision conditions—maximum period**

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### **Meaning of *accommodation order***

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### **Accommodation orders—for young offenders convicted or found guilty**

s 133Z hdg sub [A2009-24](#) amdt 1.17

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s 133ZA ins [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.77

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s 133ZB ins [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.77

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s 133ZC ins [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.77

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s 134 am [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.119; [A2007-15](#) amdt 1.7

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s 136 am [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.120, amdt 1.121; [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.78;  
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amdt 1.145, amdt 1.149; [A2016-13](#) amdt 1.50

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### **Application of Act to offenders charged before and after commencement**

s 140 hdg sub [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.122

s 140 am [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.123, amdt 1.124

exp 2 June 2011 (s 147 (1) (LA s 88 declaration applies))

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s 141 am [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.125-1.127  
exp 2 June 2011 (s 147 (1) (LA s 88 declaration applies))

**Reparation orders—Crimes Act, s 350**

s 142 am [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.127  
exp 2 June 2011 (s 147 (1) (LA s 88 declaration applies))

**Transitional regulations**

s 143 am [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.128  
exp 2 June 2008 (s 143 (4))

**Common law disabilities of convictions abolished**

s 144 ins [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.129  
exp 2 June 2011 (s 147 (1) (LA s 88 declaration applies))

**Construction of outdated references**

s 145 ins [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.129  
exp 2 June 2011 (s 147 (1) (LA s 88 declaration applies))

**Application of Legislation Act, s 88**

s 146 ins [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.129  
exp 2 June 2011 (s 147 (1) (LA s 88 declaration applies))

**Expiry of ch 10**

s 147 ins [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.129  
exp 2 June 2011 (s 147 (1))

**Transitional—Children and Young People Act 2008**

ch 11 hdg ins [A2008-20](#) amdt 1.4  
exp 27 February 2014 (s 203 (1) (LA s 88 declaration applies))

**Meaning of commencement day—ch 11**

s 200 ins [A2008-20](#) amdt 1.4  
exp 27 February 2014 (s 203 (1) (LA s 88 declaration applies))

**Application of amendments**

s 201 ins [A2008-20](#) amdt 1.4  
exp 27 February 2014 (s 203 (1) (LA s 88 declaration applies))

**Transitional regulations**

s 202 ins [A2008-20](#) amdt 1.4  
exp 27 February 2011 (s 202 (4))

**Expiry—ch 11**

s 203 ins [A2008-20](#) amdt 1.4  
exp 27 February 2014 (s 203 (1) (LA s 88 declaration applies))

**Transitional—Crimes (Sentencing) Amendment Act 2014**

ch 12 hdg ins [A2014-58](#) s 11  
exp 1 July 2016 (s 205)

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### Application of amendments

s 204 ins [A2014-58](#) s 11  
exp 1 July 2016 (s 205)

### Expiry—ch 12

s 205 ins [A2014-58](#) s 11  
exp 1 July 2016 (s 205)

### Dictionary

dict am [A2011-22](#) amdt 1.146; [A2013-19](#) amdt 3.67; [A2016-13](#)  
amdt 1.51; [A2016-52](#) amdt 1.60  
def **accommodation order** ins [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.79  
def **assessor** am [A2007-15](#) amdt 1.8  
def **at** ins [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.130  
sub [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.80  
def **correctional centre** am [A2013-19](#) amdt 3.68  
def **chief executive (CYP)** ins [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.81  
om [A2011-22](#) amdt 1.147  
def **community service condition** sub [A2016-4](#) s 47  
def **community service work** sub [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.131  
def **corrections officer** sub [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.132  
def **CYP director-general** ins [A2011-22](#) amdt 1.148  
def **deferred sentence obligations** sub [A2013-19](#) amdt 3.69  
def **detention place** ins [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.81  
def **domestic violence offence** am [A2008-46](#) amdt 3.16  
def **education and training condition** ins [A2008-19](#)  
amdt 1.81  
def **intensive correction** ins [A2016-4](#) s 48  
def **intensive correction order** ins [A2016-4](#) s 48  
def **parole order** sub [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.133  
def **periodic detention** sub [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.134  
om [A2016-4](#) s 49  
def **periodic detention period** am [A2006-23](#) amdt 1.135  
om [A2016-4](#) s 49  
def **pre-sentence report matter** ins [A2007-15](#) amdt 1.9  
sub [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.82; [A2012-29](#) amdt 1.4  
def **pre-sentence report order** om [A2007-15](#) amdt 1.10  
def **rehabilitation program** sub [A2016-4](#) s 50  
def **rehabilitation program condition** sub [A2016-4](#) s 50  
def **supervision condition** ins [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.83  
def **young offender** ins [A2008-19](#) amdt 1.83



## 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 2 June 2006	2 June 2006– 31 July 2007	<a href="#">SL2006-25</a>	new Act, amendments by <a href="#">A2006-23</a> and modifications by <a href="#">SL2006-22</a> as amended by <a href="#">SL2006-25</a>
R2 1 Aug 2007	1 Aug 2007– 18 Dec 2007	<a href="#">A2007-15</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2007-15</a>
R3 19 Dec 2007	19 Dec 2007– 19 Dec 2007	<a href="#">A2007-44</a>	commenced expiry
R4 20 Dec 2007	20 Dec 2007– 2 June 2008	<a href="#">A2007-44</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2007-44</a>
R5 3 June 2008	3 June 2008– 28 July 2008	<a href="#">A2007-44</a>	commenced expiry
R6 29 July 2008	29 July 2008– 26 Oct 2008	<a href="#">A2008-22</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2008-22</a>
R7 27 Oct 2008	27 Oct 2008– 26 Feb 2009	<a href="#">A2008-46</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2008-20</a>
R8 27 Feb 2009	27 Feb 2009– 5 Mar 2009	<a href="#">A2008-46</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2008-19</a> and <a href="#">A2008-20</a>
R9 6 Mar 2009	6 Mar 2009– 29 Mar 2009	<a href="#">A2009-7</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2009-7</a>
R10 30 Mar 2009	30 Mar 2009– 29 May 2009	<a href="#">A2009-7</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2008-46</a>

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R11* 30 May 2009	30 May 2009– 3 Sept 2009	<a href="#">A2009-7</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2008-44</a>
R12 4 Sept 2009	4 Sept 2009– 24 Nov 2009	<a href="#">A2009-24</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2009-24</a>
R13 25 Nov 2009	25 Nov 2009– 30 June 2010	<a href="#">A2009-44</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2009-44</a>
R14 1 July 2010	1 July 2010– 15 Aug 2010	<a href="#">A2010-21</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2010-21</a>
R15 16 Aug 2010	16 Aug 2010– 27 Feb 2011	<a href="#">A2010-21</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2010-2</a>
R16 28 Feb 2011	28 Feb 2011– 16 Mar 2011	<a href="#">A2010-29</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2010-29</a> and expiry of provision (s 202)
R17 17 Mar 2011	17 Mar 2011– 2 June 2011	<a href="#">A2011-7</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2011-7</a>
R18 3 June 2011	3 June 2011– 30 June 2011	<a href="#">A2011-13</a>	expiry of transitional provisions (ch 10)
R19 1 July 2011	1 July 2011– 24 July 2011	<a href="#">A2011-22</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2011-22</a>
R20* 25 July 2011	25 July 2011– 14 Dec 2011	<a href="#">A2011-22</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2011-13</a>
R21 15 Dec 2011	15 Dec 2011– 12 Aug 2012	<a href="#">A2011-57</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2011-57</a>
R22 13 Aug 2012	13 Aug 2012– 23 Apr 2013	<a href="#">A2012-29</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2012-29</a>
R23 24 Apr 2013	24 Apr 2013– 12 June 2013	<a href="#">A2013-12</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2013-12</a>
R24 13 June 2013	13 June 2013– 13 June 2013	<a href="#">A2013-12</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2012-29</a>
R25 14 June 2013	14 June 2013– 24 Sept 2013	<a href="#">A2013-19</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2013-19</a>

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R26 25 Sept 2013	25 Sept 2013– 27 Feb 2014	<a href="#">A2013-36</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2013-36</a>
R27 28 Feb 2014	28 Feb 2014– 4 Dec 2014	<a href="#">A2013-36</a>	expiry of transitional provisions (ch 11)
R28 5 Dec 2014	5 Dec 2014– 2 Mar 2015	<a href="#">A2014-58</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2014-58</a>
R29 3 Mar 2015	3 Mar 2015– 1 Mar 2016	<a href="#">A2015-3</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2015-3</a>
R30 2 Mar 2016	2 Mar 2016– 31 Mar 2016	<a href="#">A2016-4</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2016-4</a>
R31 1 Apr 2016	1 Apr 2016– 3 May 2016	<a href="#">A2016-13</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2016-13</a>
R32 4 May 2016	4 May 2016– 30 June 2016	<a href="#">A2016-13</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2015-40</a>
R33 1 July 2016	1 July 2016– 1 July 2016	<a href="#">A2016-13</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2016-12</a>
R34 2 July 2016	2 July 2016– 23 Aug 2016	<a href="#">A2016-13</a>	expiry of transitional provisions (ch 12)
R35 24 Aug 2016	24 Aug 2016– 31 Aug 2016	<a href="#">A2016-48</a>	amendments by <a href="#">A2016-48</a>

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