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## **A Bill for**

An Act to amend legislation about crime, and for other purposes

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The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

1 **Part 1 Preliminary**

2 **1 Name of Act**

3 This Act is the *Crimes (Policing) Legislation Amendment Act 2021*.

4 **2 Commencement**

5 (1) This Act (other than sections 35 and 36 and part 5) commences on the  
6 day after its notification day.

7 *Note* The naming and commencement provisions automatically commence on  
8 the notification day (see [Legislation Act](#), s 75 (1)).

9 (2) Sections 35 and 36 and part 5 (Firearms Regulation 2008) commence  
10 12 months after this Act's notification day.

11 **3 Legislation amended**

12 This Act amends the following legislation:

- 13 • [Crimes \(Child Sex Offenders\) Act 2005](#)  
14 • [Crimes \(Child Sex Offenders\) Regulation 2005](#)  
15 • [Firearms Act 1996](#)  
16 • [Firearms Regulation 2008](#).

17 **4 Legislation repealed**

18 The [Firearms \(Amnesty\) Declaration 2021](#) (NI2021-398) is repealed.

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1 **Part 2** **Crimes (Child Sex Offenders)**  
2 **Act 2005**

3 **5** **What is a *reporting obligation*?**  
4 **Section 19, definition of *reporting obligation***

5 *omit*

6 reporting offence provision

7 *substitute*

8 reporting obligation provision

9 **6** **Section 20**

10 *substitute*

11 **20** **What is a *reporting obligation provision*?**

12 In this Act, each of the following is a *reporting obligation provision*:

- 13 (a) section 22 (Offender in custody at commencement of Act must  
14 report);
- 15 (b) section 23 (Offender must report after sentencing);
- 16 (c) section 24 (Offender entering ACT must report);
- 17 (d) section 25 (Prescribed corresponding offender must report);
- 18 (e) section 28 (Offender later sentenced for registrable offence must  
19 report);
- 20 (f) section 29 (Offender who later becomes prescribed  
21 corresponding offender must report);
- 22 (g) section 30 (Offender whose reporting suspension ceases must  
23 report);
- 24 (h) section 34 (Offender entering ACT must make contact);

Section 7

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- 1 (i) section 37 (Offender must report annually);
- 2 (j) section 42 (Offender leaving ACT must report travel details);
- 3 (k) section 45 (Offender outside ACT must report travel details);
- 4 (l) section 46 (Offender outside ACT must report change of travel
- 5 details);
- 6 (m) section 47 (Offender must report return to ACT);
- 7 (n) section 48 (Offender must report decision not to leave ACT);
- 8 (o) section 49 (Offender must report regular travel);
- 9 (p) section 54 (Offender in ACT must report change of details);
- 10 (q) section 55 (Offender returning to ACT must report change of
- 11 details);
- 12 (r) section 56 (Offender leaving custody must report).

**7 Sections 22 to 25**

14 *substitute*

**22 Offender in custody at commencement of Act must report**

- 16 (1) This section applies to a registrable offender who—
- 17 (a) was in government custody immediately before the
- 18 commencement of this Act; and
- 19 (b) later stops being in government custody in the ACT.
- 20 (2) The registrable offender must report the offender's personal details,
- 21 in person, to the chief police officer at an approved reporting place—
- 22 (a) within 7 days after the day the offender stops being in
- 23 government custody (excluding days in government custody);
- 24 or



1 (b) if the offender leaves the ACT (other than in government  
2 custody) within the 7 days—before leaving the ACT.

3 (3) This section does not apply if the registrable offender's reporting  
4 period has ended before the end of the 7 days mentioned in  
5 subsection (2) (a).

6 *Note 1* For the offender's personal details, see s 59.

7 *Note 2* A registrable offender reports in person at a place only if the offender  
8 reports by personally attending at the place (see dict, def *in person*).  
9 However, special provision has been made for young offenders and  
10 offenders with a disability (see s 65 and s 66).

11 *Note 3* For approved reporting places, see s 64.

## 12 **23 Offender must report after sentencing**

13 (1) A registrable offender who is sentenced in the ACT for a registrable  
14 offence must report the offender's personal details, in person, to the  
15 chief police officer at an approved reporting place—

16 (a) if the offender is not in, or does not begin, full-time government  
17 custody on the day the offender is sentenced for the registrable  
18 offence—within 7 days after the day the offender is sentenced  
19 for the registrable offence (excluding days in government  
20 custody); or

21 (b) if the offender is in, or begins, full-time government custody on  
22 the day the offender is sentenced for the registrable offence and  
23 later stops being in full-time government custody in the ACT—  
24 within 7 days after the day the offender stops being in full-time  
25 government custody (excluding days in government custody);  
26 or

27 (c) if the offender leaves the ACT (other than in government  
28 custody) within the 7 days mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b)—  
29 before leaving the ACT.

- 1 (2) This section does not apply if the registrable offender's reporting  
2 period has ended before the end of the period within which the report  
3 must be given.

4 *Note 1* For the offender's personal details, see s 59.

5 *Note 2* A registrable offender reports in person at a place only if the offender  
6 reports by personally attending at the place (see dict, def *in person*).  
7 However, special provision has been made for young offenders and  
8 offenders with a disability (see s 65 and s 66).

9 *Note 3* For approved reporting places, see s 64.

## 10 **24 Offender entering ACT must report**

- 11 (1) This section applies to a registrable offender who—
- 12 (a) enters the ACT, and remains in the ACT for 7 or more  
13 consecutive days (excluding days in government custody); and
- 14 (b) has not previously reported the offender's personal details to the  
15 chief police officer.
- 16 (2) The registrable offender must report the offender's personal details,  
17 in person, to the chief police officer at an approved reporting place—
- 18 (a) if the offender is not in government custody on the day the  
19 offender has been in the ACT for 7 consecutive days (excluding  
20 days in government custody)—within 7 days after that day  
21 (excluding days in government custody); or
- 22 (b) if the offender is in government custody on the day the offender  
23 has been in the ACT for 7 consecutive days (excluding days in  
24 government custody), and later stops being in government  
25 custody in the ACT—within 7 days after the day the offender  
26 stops being in government custody (excluding days in  
27 government custody); or
- 28 (c) if the offender leaves the ACT (other than in government  
29 custody) within the 7 days mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b)—  
30 before leaving the ACT.

- 1 (3) This section does not apply if the registrable offender's reporting  
2 period has ended before the end of the period within which the report  
3 must be given.

4 *Note 1* For the offender's personal details, see s 59.

5 *Note 2* A registrable offender reports in person at a place only if the offender  
6 reports by personally attending at the place (see dict, def *in person*).  
7 However, special provision has been made for young offenders and  
8 offenders with a disability (see s 65 and s 66).

9 *Note 3* For approved reporting places, see s 64.

## 10 **25 Prescribed corresponding offender must report**

- 11 (1) This section applies to a prescribed corresponding offender who—
- 12 (a) is in the ACT on the day the offender becomes a prescribed  
13 corresponding offender; and
- 14 (b) has not previously reported the offender's personal details to the  
15 chief police officer.
- 16 (2) The prescribed corresponding offender must report the offender's  
17 personal details, in person, to the chief police officer at an approved  
18 reporting place—
- 19 (a) if the offender is not in government custody on the day the  
20 offender becomes a prescribed corresponding offender—within  
21 7 days after the day the offender becomes a prescribed  
22 corresponding offender (excluding days in government  
23 custody); or
- 24 (b) if the offender is in government custody on the day the offender  
25 becomes a prescribed corresponding offender and later stops  
26 being in government custody in the ACT—within 7 days after  
27 the day the offender stops being in government custody  
28 (excluding days in government custody); or

1 (c) if the offender leaves the ACT (other than in government  
2 custody) within the 7 days mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b)—  
3 before leaving the ACT.

4 (3) This section does not apply if the prescribed corresponding offender's  
5 reporting period has ended before the end of the period within which  
6 the report must be given.

7 *Note 1* For the offender's personal details, see s 59.

8 *Note 2* A registrable offender reports in person at a place only if the offender  
9 reports by personally attending at the place (see dict, def *in person*).  
10 However, special provision has been made for young offenders and  
11 offenders with a disability (see s 65 and s 66).

12 *Note 3* For approved reporting places, see s 64.

## 13 **8 Sections 28 to 30**

14 *substitute*

### 15 **28 Offender later sentenced for registrable offence must** 16 **report**

17 (1) A registrable offender whose reporting period has ended and is later  
18 sentenced in the ACT for a registrable offence (the *later registrable*  
19 *offence*) must report the offender's personal details, in person, to the  
20 chief police officer at an approved reporting place—

21 (a) if the offender is not in government custody on the day the  
22 offender is sentenced for the later registrable offence—within  
23 7 days after the day the offender is sentenced for the later  
24 registrable offence (excluding days in government custody); or

25 (b) if the offender is in government custody on the day the offender  
26 is sentenced for the later registrable offence and later stops being  
27 in government custody in the ACT—within 7 days after the day  
28 the offender stops being in government custody (excluding days  
29 in government custody); or

1 (c) if the offender leaves the ACT (other than in government  
2 custody) within the 7 days mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b)—  
3 before leaving the ACT.

4 (2) This section does not apply if the registrable offender's reporting  
5 period in relation to the later registrable offence has ended before the  
6 end of the period within which the report must be given.

7 *Note 1* For the offender's personal details, see s 59.

8 *Note 2* A registrable offender reports in person at a place only if the offender  
9 reports by personally attending at the place (see dict, def *in person*).  
10 However, special provision has been made for young offenders and  
11 offenders with a disability (see s 65 and s 66).

12 *Note 3* For approved reporting places, see s 64.

13 **29 Offender who later becomes prescribed corresponding**  
14 **offender must report**

15 (1) This section applies to a registrable offender if—

16 (a) the offender's reporting has ended; and

17 (b) the offender is in the ACT on the day the offender later becomes  
18 a prescribed corresponding offender; and

19 (c) the offender has not previously reported the offender's personal  
20 details to the chief police officer.

21 (2) The registrable offender must report the offender's personal details,  
22 in person, to the chief police officer at an approved reporting place—

23 (a) if the offender is not in government custody on the day the  
24 offender later becomes a prescribed corresponding offender—  
25 within 7 days after the day the offender later becomes a  
26 prescribed corresponding offender (excluding days in  
27 government custody); or

- 1 (b) if the offender is in government custody on the day the offender  
2 later becomes a prescribed corresponding offender and later  
3 stops being in government custody in the ACT—within 7 days  
4 after the day the offender stops being in government custody  
5 (excluding days in government custody); or
- 6 (c) if the offender leaves the ACT (other than in government  
7 custody) within the 7 days mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b)—  
8 before leaving the ACT.
- 9 (3) This section does not apply if the registrable offender’s reporting  
10 period for the later offence has ended before the end of the period  
11 within which the report must be given.

12 *Note 1* For the offender’s personal details, see s 59.

13 *Note 2* A registrable offender reports in person at a place only if the offender  
14 reports by personally attending at the place (see dict, def *in person*).  
15 However, special provision has been made for young offenders and  
16 offenders with a disability (see s 65 and s 66).

17 *Note 3* For approved reporting places, see s 64.

### 18 **30 Offender whose reporting suspension ceases must report**

- 19 (1) This section applies to a registrable offender if—
- 20 (a) the offender’s reporting obligations are suspended by a  
21 suspension order, or an equivalent order under a corresponding  
22 law; and
- 23 (b) the offender is in the ACT on the day the suspension order  
24 ceases to have effect under section 101 (Suspension order ceases  
25 if offender reoffends) or an equivalent provision of a  
26 corresponding law.

- 1           (2) The registrable offender must report the offender's personal details,  
2           in person, to the chief police officer at an approved reporting place—
- 3           (a) if the offender is not in government custody on the day the  
4           suspension order ceases to have effect—within 7 days after the  
5           day the suspension order ceases to have effect (excluding days  
6           in government custody); or
- 7           (b) if the offender is in government custody on the day the  
8           suspension order ceases to have effect and later stops being in  
9           government custody in the ACT—within 7 days after the day  
10          the offender stops being in government custody (excluding days  
11          in government custody); or
- 12          (c) if the offender leaves the ACT (other than in government  
13          custody) within the 7 days mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b)—  
14          before leaving the ACT.
- 15          (3) This section does not apply if the registrable offender's reporting  
16          period has ended before the end of the period within which the report  
17          must be given.
- 18          *Note 1* For the offender's personal details, see s 59.
- 19          *Note 2* A registrable offender reports in person at a place only if the offender  
20          reports by personally attending at the place (see dict, def *in person*).  
21          However, special provision has been made for young offenders and  
22          offenders with a disability (see s 65 and s 66).
- 23          *Note 3* For approved reporting places, see s 64.

- 1 **9 Section 34**
- 2 *substitute*
- 3 **34 Offender entering ACT must make contact**
- 4 (1) This section applies to a registrable offender (other than a protected
- 5 registrable offender) who—
- 6 (a) has, at any time, been required to report under this Act or a
- 7 corresponding law; and
- 8 (b) enters the ACT, and remains in the ACT for 7 or more
- 9 consecutive days (excluding days in government custody).
- 10 (2) The registrable offender must—
- 11 (a) either—
- 12 (i) contact a contact person (by telephone or another way
- 13 prescribed by regulation); or
- 14 (ii) report the offender’s personal details, in person, to the
- 15 chief police officer at an approved reporting place; and
- 16 (b) must make the contact or report—
- 17 (i) if the offender is not in government custody on the day the
- 18 offender has been in the ACT for 7 consecutive days
- 19 (excluding days in government custody)—within 7 days
- 20 after that day (excluding days in government custody); or
- 21 (ii) if the offender is in government custody on the day the
- 22 offender has been in the ACT for 7 consecutive days
- 23 (excluding days in government custody), and later stops
- 24 being in government custody in the ACT—within 7 days
- 25 after the day the offender stops being in government
- 26 custody (excluding days in government custody); or



1 (iii) if the offender leaves the ACT (other than in government  
2 custody) within the 7 days mentioned in subparagraph (i)  
3 or (ii)—before leaving the ACT.

4 (3) This section does not apply if the offender's reporting period has  
5 ended before the end of the period within which the report must be  
6 given.

7 *Note 1* For the offender's personal details, see s 59.

8 *Note 2* A registrable offender reports in person at a place only if the offender  
9 reports by personally attending at the place (see dict, def *in person*).  
10 However, special provision has been made for young offenders and  
11 offenders with a disability (see s 65 and s 66).

12 *Note 3* For approved reporting places, see s 64.

13 **10 Section 37 heading**

14 *substitute*

15 **37 Offender must report annually**

16 **11 Section 37 (2) and (3)**

17 *omit*

18 **12 Section 42**

19 *substitute*

20 **42 Offender leaving ACT must report travel details**

21 (1) This section applies to a registrable offender who—

22 (a) leaves the ACT; and

23 (b) intends to travel—

24 (i) outside the ACT but within Australia for 7 or more  
25 consecutive days; or

26 (ii) outside Australia.

- 1           (2) The registrable offender must report the following details (the *travel*  
2           *details*), in person, to the chief police officer at least 7 days before  
3           leaving:
- 4           (a) each State, Territory or foreign country where the offender  
5           intends to go while outside the ACT;
- 6           (b) the approximate dates when the offender intends to be in each  
7           State, Territory or foreign country;
- 8           (c) each address or location in each State, Territory or foreign  
9           country where the offender intends to live (to the extent that they  
10          are known) and the approximate dates when the offender intends  
11          to live at the addresses or locations;
- 12          (d) if the offender intends to return to the ACT—the approximate  
13          date when the offender intends to return;
- 14          (e) if the offender does not intend to return to the ACT—a statement  
15          of that intention.
- 16          (3) This section does not apply if the registrable offender’s reporting  
17          period has ended before the offender leaves the ACT.
- 18           *Note 1* For the offender’s personal details, see s 59.
- 19           *Note 2* A registrable offender reports in person at a place only if the offender  
20           reports by personally attending at the place (see dict, def *in person*).  
21           However, special provision has been made for young offenders and  
22           offenders with a disability (see s 65 and s 66).
- 23           *Note 3* For approved reporting places, see s 64.

1 **13 Defence—impracticable to report 7 days before leaving**  
2 **Section 43**

3 *omit*

4 section 42

5 *substitute*

6 section 58A (Offence—fail to report as required), in relation to a  
7 reporting obligation under section 42,

8 **14 Section 44**

9 *substitute*

10 **44 Offender not to be punished twice for failing to report**  
11 **travel**

12 A registrable offender is not liable to be punished for an offence  
13 against section 58A (Offence—fail to report as required), in relation  
14 to a reporting obligation under section 42, for travel outside the ACT  
15 if, in relation to that travel, the offender has been punished for failing  
16 to report the offender's presence in a foreign jurisdiction as required  
17 under a corresponding law.

18 **15 Sections 45 to 49**

19 *substitute*

20 **45 Offender outside ACT must report travel details**

21 (1) This section applies to a registrable offender who—

22 (a) is outside the ACT; and

23 (b) decides to stay outside the ACT but within Australia for 7 or  
24 more days.

- 1           (2) The registrable offender must report the offender's travel details  
2           (including details about the travel that has already been completed) to  
3           the chief police officer, in a way required under subsection (3), within  
4           7 days after the day the decision to stay outside the ACT is made.
- 5           (3) The registrable offender must make the report in 1 of the following  
6           ways:
- 7               (a) by sending it by prepaid post, addressed as required by  
8               regulation;
- 9               (b) by faxing it to a fax number prescribed by regulation;
- 10              (c) by emailing it to an email address prescribed by regulation;
- 11              (d) in another way prescribed by regulation.
- 12           (4) This section does not apply if the registrable offender's reporting  
13           period has ended before the end of the period within which the report  
14           must be given.
- 15           (5) In this section:
- 16               *travel details*, for travel by a registrable offender—see section 42 (2).

17 **46           Offender outside ACT must report change of travel**  
18 **details**

- 19           (1) This section applies to a registrable offender if the offender—
- 20               (a) is outside the ACT; and
- 21               (b) decides to change any of the travel details given to the chief  
22               police officer.
- 23           (2) The registrable offender must report the changed travel details to the  
24           chief police officer, in a way required under subsection (3), within  
25           7 days after the day the decision to change the travel details is made.

- 1 (3) The registrable offender must make the report in 1 of the following  
2 ways:
- 3 (a) by sending it by prepaid post, addressed as required by  
4 regulation;
- 5 (b) by faxing it to a fax number prescribed by regulation;
- 6 (c) by emailing it to an email address prescribed by regulation;
- 7 (d) in another way prescribed by regulation.
- 8 (4) This section does not apply if the registrable offender's reporting  
9 period has ended before the end of the period within which the report  
10 must be given.

11 **47 Offender must report return to ACT**

- 12 (1) This section applies to a registrable offender who—
- 13 (a) reported the offender's travel details under section 42 (Offender  
14 leaving ACT must report travel details); and
- 15 (b) leaves the ACT; and
- 16 (c) returns to the ACT and remains in the ACT for 7 consecutive  
17 days (excluding days in government custody).
- 18 (2) The registrable offender must, within 7 days after returning to the  
19 ACT—
- 20 (a) report the offender's return to the ACT to the chief police  
21 officer, in an approved way; and

22 *Note* For approved ways of reporting, see s 63. Special provision is made  
23 for young offenders and offenders with a disability (see s 65 and  
24 s 66).

- 1 (b) if the offender travelled outside Australia—give the chief police  
2 officer a copy of the offender’s passport and documents that  
3 verify or support the offender’s travel details.

4 **Examples—documents**

- 5 1 an airline ticket  
6 2 a receipt for payment of accommodation

- 7 (3) This section does not apply if the registrable offender’s reporting  
8 period has ended before the end of the 7 days mentioned in  
9 subsection (2).

10 **48 Offender must report decision not to leave ACT**

- 11 (1) This section applies to a registrable offender if the offender—  
12 (a) reported the offender’s travel details under section 42 (Offender  
13 leaving ACT must report travel details) in relation to a proposed  
14 departure from the ACT; and  
15 (b) later decides not to leave the ACT.  
16 (2) The registrable offender must report the change of decision to the  
17 chief police officer, in an approved way, within 7 days after the  
18 offender decides not to leave the ACT.

19 *Note* For approved ways of reporting, see s 63. Special provision is made for  
20 young offenders and offenders with a disability (see s 65 and s 66).

- 21 (3) This section does not apply if the registrable offender’s reporting  
22 period has ended before the end of the 7 days mentioned in  
23 subsection (2).

24 **49 Offender must report regular travel**

- 25 (1) This section applies to a registrable offender who—  
26 (a) is required to make a report under a reporting obligation  
27 provision; and

1 (b) when making the report, intends to travel outside the ACT, but  
2 within Australia, on an average of at least once a month  
3 (irrespective of the length of the absence).

4 (2) The registrable offender must report the frequency and destination of  
5 the travel, in general terms, to the chief police officer in an approved  
6 way.

7 *Note 1 Reporting obligation provision*—see s 20.

8 *Note 2* For approved ways of reporting, see s 63. Special provision is made for  
9 young offenders and offenders with a disability (see s 65 and s 66).

## 10 **16 Sections 54 to 56**

11 *substitute*

### 12 **54 Offender in ACT must report change of details**

13 (1) If a registrable offender's personal details change while the offender  
14 is in the ACT, the offender must report the change to the chief police  
15 officer, in the way required under subsection (2)—

16 (a) for personal details mentioned in section 59 (1) (e)—within  
17 24 hours after the day the change happens (excluding days in  
18 government custody); or

19 (b) for any other personal details—within 7 days after the day the  
20 change happens (excluding days in government custody).

21 (2) The registrable offender must report the change—

22 (a) in person, at an approved reporting place, if the report is about a  
23 change in relation to—

24 (i) the address of any of the premises where the offender  
25 generally lives or, if the offender does not generally live at  
26 a particular premises, the name of any of the localities  
27 where the offender can generally be found; or

- 1 (ii) details of any tattoo or permanent distinguishing mark that  
2 the offender has (including details of a tattoo or mark that  
3 has been acquired or removed); or
- 4 (b) for any other change—in an approved way.
- 5 **Examples—other changes in personal details**
- 6 1 ceasing employment with a particular employer
- 7 2 starting new employment
- 8 *Note 1* The personal details in s (2) (a) (i) and (ii) are required under s 59 (1), def  
9 **personal details**, par (d) and (i).
- 10 *Note 2* A registrable offender reports in person at a place only if the offender  
11 reports by personally attending at the place (see dict, def **in person**).  
12 However, special provision has been made for young offenders and  
13 offenders with a disability (see s 65 and s 66).
- 14 *Note 3* For approved reporting places, see s 64.
- 15 *Note 4* For approved ways of reporting, see s 63.
- 16 (3) A change happens in the following personal details only at the end of  
17 the relevant 7 days or 3 days mentioned in section 60:
- 18 (a) the premises where the offender generally lives;
- 19 (b) the household in which the offender and a child generally live;
- 20 (c) when the offender has unsupervised contact with a child;
- 21 (d) the premises where the offender is generally employed;
- 22 (e) the motor vehicle that the offender generally drives.
- 23 (4) The [Legislation Act](#), section 151A (Periods of time ending on  
24 non-working days) does not apply to subsection (1) (a).
- 25 (5) This section does not apply if the registrable offender’s reporting  
26 period has ended before the end of the period within which the report  
27 must be given.



- 1 **55 Offender returning to ACT must report change of details**
- 2 (1) This section applies to a registrable offender if—
- 3 (a) any of the offender’s personal details change while the offender  
4 is outside the ACT; and
- 5 (b) the offender enters the ACT, and remains in the ACT for 7 or  
6 more consecutive days (excluding days in government custody).
- 7 (2) The registrable offender must report the change to the chief police  
8 officer, in the way required under subsection (3)—
- 9 (a) for personal details mentioned in section 59 (1) (e)—within  
10 24 hours after the day the offender has been in the ACT  
11 for 7 consecutive days (excluding days in government custody);  
12 or
- 13 (b) for any other personal details—within 7 days after the day the  
14 offender has been in the ACT for 7 consecutive days (excluding  
15 days in government custody).
- 16 *Note* For the offender’s personal details, see s 59.
- 17 (3) The registrable offender must report the change—
- 18 (a) in person, at an approved reporting place, if the report is about a  
19 change in relation to—
- 20 (i) the address of any of the premises where the offender  
21 generally lives or, if the offender does not generally live at  
22 a particular premises, the name of any of the localities  
23 where the offender can generally be found; or
- 24 (ii) details of any tattoo or permanent distinguishing mark that  
25 the offender has (including details of a tattoo or mark that  
26 has been acquired or removed); or

1 (b) for any other change—in an approved way.

2 *Note 1* The personal details in s (3) (a) (i) and (ii) are required under s 59 (1), def  
3 **personal details**, par (d) and (i).

4 *Note 2* A registrable offender reports in person at a place only if the offender  
5 reports by personally attending at the place (see dict, def **in person**).  
6 However, special provision has been made for young offenders and  
7 offenders with a disability (see s 65 and s 66).

8 *Note 3* For approved reporting places, see s 64.

9 *Note 4* For approved ways of reporting, see s 63.

10 (4) This section does not apply if the registrable offender's reporting  
11 period has ended before the end of the period within which the report  
12 must be given.

## 13 **56 Offender leaving custody must report**

14 (1) This section applies to a registrable offender who—

15 (a) is in government custody for 7 or more consecutive days; and

16 (b) leaves government custody in the ACT.

17 (2) The registrable offender must report the offender's personal details,  
18 in person, to the chief police officer at an approved reporting place—

19 (a) within 7 days after the day the offender stops being in  
20 government custody in the ACT (excluding days in government  
21 custody); or

22 (b) if the offender leaves the ACT (other than in government  
23 custody) within the 7 days mentioned in paragraph (a)—before  
24 leaving the ACT.

25 *Note 1* For the offender's personal details, see s 59.

26 *Note 2* A registrable offender reports in person at a place only if the offender  
27 reports by personally attending at the place (see dict, def **in person**).  
28 However, special provision has been made for young offenders and  
29 offenders with a disability (see s 65 and s 66).

30 *Note 3* For approved reporting places, see s 64.

- 1 (3) This section does not apply if the registrable offender's reporting  
2 period has ended before the end of the period within which the report  
3 must be given.

4 **17 New division 3.3.4**

5 *insert*

6 **Division 3.3.4 Failing to report**

7 **58A Offence—fail to report as required**

- 8 (1) A registrable offender commits an offence if the offender—  
9 (a) is required to report under a reporting obligation provision; and  
10 (b) is reckless as to whether the offender is required to report; and  
11 (c) fails to report as required by the reporting obligation provision.

12 Maximum penalty: 500 penalty units, imprisonment for 5 years or  
13 both.

- 14 (2) Strict liability applies to subsection (1) (c).

- 15 (3) This section does not apply if the registrable offender has a reasonable  
16 excuse for failing to report as required by a reporting obligation  
17 provision.

18 *Note* The defendant has an evidential burden in relation to the matters  
19 mentioned in s (3) (see [Criminal Code](#), s 58).

- 20 (4) In deciding whether a registrable offender has a reasonable excuse for  
21 failing to report as required by a reporting obligation provision, the  
22 court must have regard to the following:

- 23 (a) the offender's age;  
24 (b) whether the offender had, at the time of the failure to report, a  
25 disability that affected the offender's ability to understand, or to  
26 comply with, the reporting provision;

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- 1 (c) whether the form of notice given to the offender about the  
2 reporting provision was adequate to tell the offender about the  
3 offender's obligations under the reporting obligation provision,  
4 having regard to the offender's circumstances;
- 5 (d) any other matter the court considers appropriate.

6 **18 Meaning of employment in s 59**  
7 **New section 61 (1) (ca)**

- 8 *insert*
- 9 (ca) carries out work for a business without pay or as a volunteer; or

10 **19 New section 61 (2) (c)**

- 11 *insert*
- 12 (c) engages the offender to carry out work without pay or as a  
13 volunteer.

14 **20 Offence—offender reporting in person must provide**  
15 **identification etc**  
16 **Section 70 (a)**

- 17 *omit*
- 18 reporting offence provision
- 19 *substitute*
- 20 reporting obligation provision

21 **21 Section 70, note**

- 22 *omit*

**22 New section 70 (2)**

2 *insert*

3 (2) In deciding whether a registrable offender took all reasonable steps to  
4 comply with subsection (1) (c), the court must have regard to the  
5 following:

6 (a) the offender's age;

7 (b) whether the offender had, at the time of failing to comply with  
8 subsection (1) (c), a disability that affected the offender's ability  
9 to understand, or to comply with, that subsection;

10 (c) whether the form of notice given to the offender about the  
11 offender's obligation under subsection (1) (c) was adequate to  
12 tell the offender about the obligation, having regard to the  
13 offender's circumstances;

14 (d) any other matter the court considers appropriate.

**23 Offence—person reporting in person for offender must  
16 provide identification  
17 Section 71 (a)**

18 *omit*

19 reporting offence provision

20 *substitute*

21 reporting obligation provision

**24 Section 71, note 2**

23 *omit*

**25 New section 71 (2)**

*insert*

(2) In deciding whether a person took all reasonable steps to comply with subsection (1) (c), the court must have regard to the following:

(a) the person's age;

(b) whether the person had a disability that affected the person's ability to understand, or to comply with, subsection (1) (c);

(c) whether the form of notice given to the person about the person's obligation under subsection (1) (c) was adequate to tell the person about the obligation, having regard to the person's circumstances;

(d) any other matter the court considers appropriate.

**26 What is a reporting obligations notice?  
Section 103, definition of reporting obligations notice,  
paragraph (b)**

*substitute*

(b) the consequences that may arise if the offender does not comply with the obligations.

**27 Reasonable steps to comply with reporting obligations  
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*omit*

**28 Dictionary, new definition of reporting obligation  
provision**

*insert*

*reporting obligation provision*—see section 20.

1 **29 Dictionary, definitions of *reporting offence* and *reporting***  
2 ***offence provision***

3 *omit*

4 **30 Dictionary, definition of *travel details***

5 *omit*

6 section 42 (c)

7 *substitute*

8 section 42 (2)

1	<b>Part 3</b>	<b>Crimes (Child Sex Offenders)</b>
2		<b>Regulation 2005</b>
3	<b>31</b>	<b>Sections 5, 7, 8 and 11 headings</b>
4		<i>substitute</i>
5	<b>5</b>	<b>How offender entering ACT may contact contact person—</b>
6		<b>Act, s 34 (2) (a) (i)</b>
7	<b>7</b>	<b>How offender may report travel details—Act, s 45 (3)</b>
8	<b>8</b>	<b>How offender may report changed travel details—Act,</b>
9		<b>s 46 (3)</b>
10	<b>11</b>	<b>Identification documents for person reporting for</b>
11		<b>offender—Act, s 71 (1) (c)</b>
12	<b>32</b>	<b>Details to be included in reporting obligations notice—</b>
13		<b>Act, s 104 and s 137 (2) (b) and (f) (i)</b>
14		<b>Section 13 (c) (v)</b>
15		<i>substitute</i>
16		(v) the obligations of the registrable offender to report under
17		the following sections of the <a href="#">Act</a> (including the periods
18		within which the reports must be made):
19		• section 37 (Offender must report annually)
20		• section 42 (Offender leaving ACT must report travel
21		details)
22		• section 45 (Offender outside ACT must report travel
23		details)
24		• section 46 (Offender outside ACT must report change
25		of travel details)
26		• section 47 (Offender must report return to ACT)





1 **Part 4** **Firearms Act 1996**

2 **34** **Section 38**

3 *substitute*

4 **38** **Amnesty**

- 5 (1) A person who is not authorised by a licence or permit to possess a  
6 firearm may surrender the firearm to a police officer.
- 7 (2) A proceeding does not lie against a person in relation to the  
8 possession of a firearm under either of the following sections if the  
9 firearm is surrendered to a police officer under subsection (1):
- 10 (a) section 42 (Offence—unauthorised possession or use of  
11 prohibited firearms);
- 12 (b) section 43 (Offence—unauthorised possession or use of  
13 firearms other than prohibited firearms).

14 **35** **Offence—storage requirements for category C, D and H**  
15 **licences**  
16 **Section 182 (1)**

17 *after*

18 category H licence

19 *insert*

20 , other than the holder of a category H licence mentioned in  
21 subsection (1A),

**36 New section 182 (1A)**

*insert*

(1A) The holder of a category H licence that is an entity that carries on business in the ACT as a security organisation must comply with the following requirements in relation to each registered firearm held under the licence:

- (a) when the firearm is not being used or carried, it must be stored in a container prescribed by regulation;
- (b) any ammunition for the firearm must be stored in a locked container of a type approved by the registrar and that is kept separate from the container prescribed for paragraph (a);
- (c) the other requirements relating to security and safe storage that are prescribed by regulation.

Maximum penalty: imprisonment for 2 years.

**37 Section 262 heading**

*substitute*

**262 Destruction or disposal of seized or surrendered firearms****38 Section 262 (2)**

*omit*

A police officer

*substitute*

For a firearm other than a firearm mentioned in subsection (3A), a police officer

**39 New section 262 (3A) and (3B)**

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(3A) For a firearm surrendered under section 38 (Amnesty), the registrar may destroy or otherwise dispose of the firearm as soon as practicable after it is surrendered if—

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(a) the person surrendering the firearm—

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(i) stated, when surrendering it, that they did not intend to seek authority to possess the firearm; or

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(ii) made no statement about whether they would seek authority to possess the firearm; and

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(b) there are no circumstances that would preclude the destruction or disposal of the firearm.

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(3B) However, if on surrendering a firearm, the person surrendering it states that they intend to seek authority to possess the firearm, the registrar may only destroy or otherwise dispose of the firearm if—

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(a) the registrar has been in possession of the firearm for at least 6 months; and

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(b) the person who surrendered the firearm has not obtained authority to possess the firearm; and

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(c) there are no circumstances that would preclude the destruction or disposal of the firearm.

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## Part 5 Firearms Regulation 2008

### 40 New section 47A

*insert*

#### 47A Composite entity licence conditions, category H licences for safe storage of firearms by security organisations— Act, s 182 (1A) (a) and (c)

- (1) This section applies to the holder of a category H licence that is an entity that carries on business in the ACT as a security organisation.
- (2) If not more than 1 registered firearm is held under the licence—
- (a) when the firearm is not being used or carried, it must be—
    - (i) stored in a locked steel safe—
      - (A) of a type approved by the registrar; and
      - (B) bolted to the structure of the registered premises for the firearm; and
    - (ii) fitted with a trigger or barrel lock that prevents the firearm from being discharged; and
    - (iii) secured on, or in, a locked device within the safe; and
  - (b) the safe must be fitted with an alarm of a type that is—
    - (i) approved by the registrar; and
    - (ii) monitored at a place separate from the registered premises; and
  - (c) the registered premises must be approved by the registrar for storing the firearms.

- 1           (3) If more than 1, but not more than 5, registered firearms are held under  
2           the licence—
- 3           (a) when a firearm is not being used or carried, it must be—
- 4                 (i) stored in a safe of a type that meets the requirements  
5                 mentioned in paragraph (b); and
- 6                 (ii) fitted with a trigger or barrel lock that prevents the firearm  
7                 from being discharged; and
- 8                 (iii) secured individually on, or in, a locked device within the  
9                 safe; and
- 10          (b) the safe must be—
- 11                 (i) a steel safe weighing at least 150kg; and
- 12                 (ii) of a type approved by the registrar; and
- 13                 (iii) bolted to the structure of the registered premises for the  
14                 firearm; and
- 15                 (iv) fitted with an alarm of a type approved by the registrar  
16                 that—
- 17                         (A) is monitored at a place separate from the registered  
18                         premises; and
- 19                         (B) is separate from an alarm for the registered premises;  
20                         and
- 21                 (v) locked at all times except when accessed for the purpose  
22                 of distributing a firearm; and
- 23          (c) the registered premises must be approved by the registrar for  
24          storing the firearms.

- 1 (4) If more than 5, but not more than 15, registered firearms are held  
2 under the licence—
- 3 (a) when a firearm is not being used or carried, it must be—
- 4 (i) stored in a safe of a type that meets the requirements  
5 mentioned in paragraph (b); and
- 6 (ii) fitted with a trigger or barrel lock that prevents the firearm  
7 from being discharged; and
- 8 (iii) secured individually on, or in, a locked device within the  
9 safe; and
- 10 (b) the safe must be—
- 11 (i) a steel safe weighing at least 500kg; and
- 12 (ii) of a type approved by the registrar; and
- 13 (iii) bolted to the structure of the registered premises for the  
14 firearm; and
- 15 (iv) fitted with an alarm of a type approved by the registrar  
16 that—
- 17 (A) is monitored at a place separate from the registered  
18 premises; and
- 19 (B) is separate from an alarm for the registered premises;  
20 and
- 21 (v) locked at all times except when accessed for the purpose  
22 of distributing a firearm; and
- 23 (vi) fitted with 15-minute time delay locks; and
- 24 (c) the registered premises must be approved by the registrar for  
25 storing the firearms.

- 1           (5) If more than 15 registered firearms are held under the licence—
- 2           (a) when a firearm is not being used or carried, it must be—
- 3               (i) stored in—
- 4                   (A) a safe of a type that meets the requirements
- 5                   mentioned in paragraph (b); or
- 6                   (B) within a vault or control room of a type approved by
- 7                   the registrar; and
- 8               (ii) fitted with a trigger or barrel lock that prevents the firearm
- 9               from being discharged; and
- 10           (iii) secured individually on, or in, a locked device within the
- 11           safe, or vault or control room; and
- 12           (b) if a safe is used to store the firearms, the safe must be—
- 13               (i) a steel safe, weighing at least 500kg, of a type approved by
- 14               the registrar; and
- 15               (ii) bolted to the structure of the registered premises for the
- 16               firearm; and
- 17               (iii) fitted with an alarm of a type approved by the registrar
- 18               that—
- 19                   (A) is monitored at a place separate from the registered
- 20                   premises; and
- 21                   (B) is separate from an alarm for the registered premises;
- 22                   and
- 23               (iv) locked at all times except when accessed for the purpose
- 24               of distributing a firearm; and
- 25           (c) the registered premises must be approved by the registrar for
- 26           storing the firearms.



- 1           (6) The registrar must not approve registered premises for storing  
2 registered firearms under the licence unless—
- 3           (a) the registrar is satisfied that the premises are capable of being  
4 secured to prevent unauthorised entry; and
- 5           (b) the premises have an intruder alarm system that is monitored at  
6 a place separate from the registered premises in a way that the  
7 registrar considers appropriate; and
- 8           (c) if the registrar considers it necessary—the premises have a  
9 duress facility that is monitored at a place separate from the  
10 premises in a way that the registrar considers appropriate; and
- 11           (d) the registrar is satisfied that premises are suitable for the nature  
12 of the use of the firearm by the licensee; and
- 13           (e) the registrar is otherwise satisfied that the premises are suitable  
14 for use as a place for the safe storage of firearms.

15           *Note*       In determining the suitability of premises, the registrar must be  
16 satisfied that the place is suitable for the storage of firearms.

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## Endnotes

**1 Presentation speech**

Presentation speech made in the Legislative Assembly on 1 December 2021.

**2 Notification**

Notified under the [Legislation Act](#) on 2021.

**3 Republications of amended laws**

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