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Magistrates Court Act 1930

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About this republication

The republished law

This is a republication of the *Magistrates Court (Public Health (COVID-19) Infringement Notices) Regulation 2020*, made under the *Magistrates Court Act 1930* (including any amendment made under the *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 (Editorial changes)) as in force on 6 July 2021. It also includes any commencement, amendment, repeal or expiry affecting this republished law to 6 July 2021.

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

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Penalties

At the republication date, the value of a penalty unit for an offence against this law is \$160 for an individual and \$810 for a corporation (see *Legislation Act 2001*, s 133).



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1 Name of regulation

This regulation is the *Magistrates Court (Public Health (COVID-19) Infringement Notices) Regulation 2020*.

3 Dictionary

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

Note 1 The dictionary at the end of this regulation defines certain terms used in this regulation.

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

4 Notes

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

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

5 Purpose of regulation

The purpose of this regulation is to provide for infringement notices under the *Magistrates Court Act 1930*, part 3.8 for certain offences against the *Public Health Act 1997*.

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

6 Administering authority

The administering authority for an infringement notice offence against the *Public Health Act 1997* is the director-general for that Act.

7 Infringement notice offences

The *Magistrates Court Act 1930*, part 3.8 applies to an offence against the *Public Health Act 1997*, section 120 (4), but only if—

- (a) the offence is in relation to a direction given in relation to a declaration made because of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2; and
- (b) the offence is committed by—
 - (i) for an offence for failing to comply with a face mask direction—a person who is 16 years old or older; or
 - (ii) in any other case—a person who is 18 years old or older.

8 Infringement notice penalties

- (1) The penalty payable for an offence against the *Public Health Act 1997*, section 120 (4), under an infringement notice for an offence, is—
 - (a) for an offence for failing to comply with a face mask direction—
 - (i) for an individual—\$200; and
 - (ii) for a corporation—\$1 000; or
 - (b) in any other case—
 - (i) for an individual—\$1 000; and
 - (ii) for a corporation—\$5 000.
- (2) The cost of serving a reminder notice for an infringement notice offence against the *Public Health Act 1997* is \$34.

9 Contents of infringement notices—identifying authorised person

An infringement notice served on a person by an authorised person for an infringement notice offence against the *Public Health Act 1997* must identify the authorised person by—

- (a) for an authorised person who is a police officer—the person’s police officer service number; or
- (b) for any other authorised person—
 - (i) the authorised person’s full name, or surname and initials; or
 - (ii) any unique number given, for this regulation, to the authorised person by the administering authority.

10 Contents of infringement notices—other information

- (1) An infringement notice served on a company by an authorised person for an infringement notice offence against the *Public Health Act 1997* must include the company’s ACN.

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

- (2) In this section:

company means a company registered under the *Corporations Act*.

11 Contents of reminder notices—identifying authorised person

A reminder notice served on a person by an authorised person for an infringement notice offence against the *Public Health Act 1997* must identify the authorised person by—

- (a) for an authorised person who is a police officer—the person’s police officer service number; or
- (b) for any other authorised person—
 - (i) the authorised person’s full name, or surname and initials; or
 - (ii) any unique number given, for this regulation, to the authorised person by the administering authority.

12 Authorised people for infringement notice offences

An authorised person may serve the following:

- (a) an infringement notice for an infringement notice offence against the *Public Health Act 1997*;
- (b) a reminder notice for an infringement notice offence against the *Public Health Act 1997*.

13 Expiry—regulation

- (1) This regulation expires at the end of a 12-month period during which no COVID-19 emergency has been in force.
- (2) In this section:

COVID-19 emergency means—

- (a) a state of emergency declared under the *Emergencies Act 2004*, section 156 because of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); or

- (b) an emergency declared under the *Public Health Act 1997*, section 119 (including any extension or further extension) because of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Dictionary

(see s 3)

Note 1 The [Legislation Act](#) contains definitions and other provisions relevant to this regulation.

Note 2 For example, the [Legislation Act](#), dict, pt 1, defines the following terms:

- corporation
- Corporations Act
- director-general (see s 163)
- individual.

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

- administering authority
- infringement notice
- infringement notice offence
- infringement notice penalty
- reminder notice.

authorised person means—

- (a) a public health officer authorised to exercise a function under the [Public Health Act 1997](#), section 121; or
- (b) a person authorised under the [Public Health Act 1997](#), section 121 (2); or
- (c) a police officer.

face mask direction means a direction—

- (a) to wear or carry a face mask; or
- (b) that otherwise relates to wearing or carrying a face mask.

Example—par (b)

a direction that a person who owns a business ensure their workers wear or carry a face mask

Endnotes

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Amending and modifying laws are annotated in the legislation history and the amendment history. Current modifications are not included in the republished law but are set out in the endnotes.

Not all editorial amendments made under the *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 are annotated in the amendment history. Full details of any amendments can be obtained from the Parliamentary Counsel's Office.

Uncommenced amending laws 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

3 Legislation history

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notified LR 2 April 2020

s 1, s 2 commenced 2 April 2020 (LA s 75 (1))

remainder commenced 3 April 2020 (s 2)

Note Regulation exp at the end of a 12-month period during which no COVID-19 emergency has been in force (s 13)

as amended by

Magistrates Court (Public Health (COVID-19) Infringement Notices) Amendment Regulation 2021 (No 1) SL2021-6

notified LR 1 April 2021

s 1, s 2 commenced 1 April 2021 (LA s 75 (1))

remainder commenced 2 April 2021 (s 2)

Magistrates Court (Public Health (COVID-19) Infringement Notices) Amendment Regulation 2021 (No 2) SL2021-17

notified LR 5 July 2021

s 1, s 2 commenced 5 July 2021 (LA s 75 (1))

remainder commenced 6 July 2021 (s 2)

4 Amendment history

Commencement

s 2 om LA s 89 (4)

Infringement notice offences

s 7 am [SL2021-17](#) s 4

Infringement notice penalties

s 8 am [SL2021-17](#) s 5

Expiry—regulation

s 13 sub [SL2021-6](#) s 4

Dictionary

dict def *face mask direction* ins [SL2021-17](#) s 6

Endnotes

5 Earlier republications

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

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Republication No and date	Effective	Last amendment made by	Republication for
R1 3 Apr 2020	3 Apr 2020– 29 Apr 2020	not amended	new regulation
R2 30 Apr 2020	30 Apr 2020– 1 Apr 2021	not amended	includes editorial amendments under Legislation Act
R3 2 April 2021	2 April 2021– 5 July 2021	SL2021-6	amendments by SL2021-6

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