



Australian Capital Territory

Children and Young People Amendment Regulation 2025 (No 1)

Subordinate Law SL2025-13

The Australian Capital Territory Executive makes the following regulation under the *Children and Young People Act 2008*.

Dated 3 July 2025.

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Minister



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1 Name of regulation

This regulation is the *Children and Young People Amendment Regulation 2025 (No 1)*.

2 Commencement

This regulation commences on the later of—

- (a) the commencement of the [Children and Young People Amendment Act 2024 \(No 2\)](#), part 3; and

- (b) the day after its notification day.

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

3 Legislation amended

This regulation amends the [Children and Young People Regulation 2009](#).

4 Schedule 1, section 1.1, new definitions

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long-term decision, in relation to a child or young person—

- (a) means a decision that will or is likely to have implications for the child’s or young person’s long-term wellbeing; but
- (b) does not include—
 - (i) a decision that is routine in nature or of temporary effect; or
 - (ii) a decision that has been reviewed, or is reviewable, by another entity.

Examples—par (b) (i)

- 1 arrangements for the temporary care of the child or young person
- 2 decision that child or young person not attend an event due to temporary illness
- 3 taking child or young person to routine GP or dental appointments
- 4 administering over-the-counter medication for a temporary illness or prescribed medication

significant cultural decision, in relation to a child or young person—

- (a) means a long-term decision about a child’s or young person’s cultural identity; and
- (b) includes a decision that would result in either or both of the following:

- (i) the child or young person regularly participating in activities for the purpose of observing a particular cultural group;
- (ii) the child or young person regularly participating in education associated with a particular cultural group.

significant education decision, in relation to a child or young person—

- (a) means a long-term decision about the education of the child or young person; and
- (b) includes a decision to do any of the following:
 - (i) enrol, or change the enrolment of, the child or young person in a school, training program or apprenticeship;
 - (ii) register the child or young person for home education under the [Education Act 2004](#), part 5.2;
 - (iii) apply for an exemption certificate for the child or young person under the [Education Act 2004](#), part 2.3.

significant religious decision, in relation to a child or young person—

- (a) means a long-term decision about the religion of a child or young person; and
- (b) includes a decision that would result in any of the following:
 - (i) the child or young person being initiated into a particular religion;
 - (ii) the child or young person regularly participating in activities for the purpose of observing a particular religion;
 - (iii) the child or young person regularly participating in education associated with a particular religion.

Example—par (b) (i)

baptism

Examples—par (b) (ii)

attending church services, following religious dietary practices

5 Schedule 1, part 1.2

substitute

Part 1.2 Care and protection decisions

column 1 item	column 2 function	column 3 decision	column 4 prescribed person
1	short-term parental responsibility provision	long-term decision in relation to support or service to be given to parent of child or young person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> parent of child or young person
2	contact provision in relation to deciding who may have contact with child or young person	long-term decision or other significant decision about person to have contact with child or young person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> person to have contact child or young person parent of child or young person carer of child or young person
3	contact provision in relation to deciding who may have contact with child or young person	long-term decision or other significant decision about person not to have contact with child or young person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> person not to have contact child or young person parent of child or young person carer of child or young person

column 1 item	column 2 function	column 3 decision	column 4 prescribed person
4	contact provision in relation to deciding any conditions for person's contact with child or young person	long-term decision or other significant decision to place condition on person's contact with child or young person in relation to frequency or duration of contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • person with condition placed on contact • child or young person • parent of child or young person • carer of child or young person
5	drug use provision in relation to giving directions about undergoing drug testing	any direction given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • parent subject to provision
6	residence provision to decide where or with whom child or young person must live	long-term decision or other significant decision about placement of child or young person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • child or young person • parent of child or young person • carer of child or young person
7	daily care responsibility under Act , s 512	long-term decision or other significant decision about placement of child or young person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • child or young person • parent of child or young person • carer of child or young person
8	supervision provision	long-term decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • parent subject to provision
9	parental responsibility provision	significant cultural decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • child or young person • parent of child or young person

Section 5

column 1 item	column 2 function	column 3 decision	column 4 prescribed person
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • carer of child or young person
10	parental responsibility provision	significant education decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • child or young person • parent of child or young person • carer of child or young person
11	parental responsibility provision	long-term decision about child or young person's health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • child or young person • parent of child or young person • carer of child or young person
12	parental responsibility provision	significant religious decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • child or young person • parent of child or young person • carer of child or young person
13	Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander cultural plan	proposal about preservation and enhancement of identity of child or young person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • child or young person • parent of child or young person • carer of child or young person
14	parental responsibility provision in relation to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander cultural plan	long-term decision about implementation of plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • child or young person • parent of child or young person • carer of child or young person

column 1 item	column 2 function	column 3 decision	column 4 prescribed person
15	Act , s 513	long-term decision or other significant decision about placement of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander child or young person in accordance with Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander cultural plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • child or young person • parent of child or young person • carer of child or young person

6 Dictionary, new definitions

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long-term decision, in relation to a child or young person, for schedule 1 (Internally reviewable decisions—care and protection)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

significant cultural decision in relation to a child or young person, for schedule 1 (Internally reviewable decisions—care and protection)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

significant education decision, in relation to a child or young person, for schedule 1 (Internally reviewable decisions—care and protection)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

significant religious decision, in relation to a child or young person, for schedule 1 (Internally reviewable decisions—care and protection)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

Endnotes

1 Notification

Notified under the [Legislation Act](#) on 3 July 2025.

2 Republications of amended laws

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