

Australian Capital Territory Legislation Register

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The Australian Capital Territory Legislation Register was created by the *Legislation Act (2001)*. It was created for several reasons

in an attempt to encourage access to legislation via the Internet (while at the same time maintaining access to printed legislation); to simplify the making, publication, and operation of the legislation; and assist those using the site to find, read, and use the legislation.

As from 12 September 2001, the Register may be located on the Internet at www.legislation.act.gov.au. This website has been created as the approved site for the Register, and will be maintained by the ACT Parliamentary Counsel's Office.

The Register has two main functions:

1. To make authorised versions of new and up-to-date ACT legislation available on the net; and
2. To provide a means in which to electronically advise of new laws that have come in to force, replacing the need to do so in the government Gazette.

Information that may be found on the Register includes, among other things, authorised republications of laws in force, Acts and instruments that are made, and resolutions that are passed by

the Legislative Assembly.

Authorised versions of the legislation are published in PDF format. This means that a high level of security protects the documents that are published on the net. Such security means that the original format and design of the documents featuring on the Register are retained and cannot be tampered with.

Given the large number of Acts and laws that are in force in the ACT, it has become increasingly difficult to provide reasonable access to copies in a printed form. The introduction of the Register is expected to be able to eliminate such problems. It has been designed to facilitate quick and easy access to current law to any one with access to the Internet.

Perhaps the greatest benefit associated with the Register, is the knowledge that not only are all ACT Acts accessible at the touch of a button, but that you can be assured that they are current and applicable on the day that you are using the Register. The legislation is updated with the new amendments, as soon as is possible from the time they come in to force, thereby reducing the risk of referring to law that has been superseded or appealed.

This brief summary has been prepared essentially from information contained on the approved website created under the provisions of the Act. ■

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