

REGISTRATION ORDINANCE 1927-1942.*

An Ordinance relating to the Registration of Deeds and Documents.

Short title.
Short title
amended:
No. 17, 1938,
s. 4.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Registration Ordinance 1927-1942*.*

Commence-
ment.

2. This Ordinance shall be deemed to have commenced on the first day of March One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

Repeal.

3. After the commencement of this Ordinance the Ordinances of the Northern Territory set forth in the Schedule to this Ordinance shall cease to apply to North Australia.

Establishment
of registration
office.

Amended by
No. 12, 1928,
s. 2; No. 23,
1935, s. 2;
N. 19, 1938,
s. 2; and No. 8,
1942, s. 2.

4. There shall be a Lands Titles Registration and General Registry Office for the Northern Territory, which office shall be situated at Alice Springs, or at such other place as the Minister, by notice published in the *Gazette*, specifies from time to time.

Registrar-
General and
Deputy
Registrar-
General.

Sub-section (1.)
amended by
No. 23, 1935,
s. 3.

5.—(1.) There shall be a Registrar-General and a Deputy Registrar-General for the Northern Territory, who shall be appointed by the Governor-General, and shall hold office during his pleasure.

Amended by
N. 23, 1935,
s. 3.

(2.) Whenever, by any law in force in the Northern Territory, anything is appointed or authorized to be done by the Registrar-General, the same may be lawfully done by the Deputy Registrar-General.

Amended by
No. 23, 1935,
s. 3.

(3.) The persons who, at the commencement of the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1931* held office as the Registrar-General and the Deputy Registrar-General for North Australia shall be deemed to have been respectively

* The *Registration Ordinance 1927-1942* comprises the *Registration Ordinance 1927* as amended. Particulars of the Principal Ordinance and of the amending Ordinances are set out in the following table:—

Ordinance.	Number and Year.	Date notified in <i>Commonwealth Gazette</i> .	Date of Commencement.
<i>Registration Ordinance 1927</i> ..	No. 2, 1927	9th June, 1927 ..	1st March, 1927
<i>Registration Ordinance 1928</i> ..	No. 12, 1928	21st June, 1928 ..	21st June, 1928
<i>Registration Ordinance 1935</i> ..	No. 23, 1935	19th December, 1935 ..	19th December, 1935
<i>Registration Ordinance 1938</i> ..	No. 19, 1938	22nd December, 1938 ..	22nd December, 1938
<i>Registration Ordinance 1942</i> ..	No. 8, 1942	3rd September, 1942 ..	3rd September, 1942

appointed to the offices of Registrar-General and Deputy Registrar-General for the Northern Territory as from the commencement of that Act.

6. The Registrar-General for the Northern Territory shall have and may exercise or execute in relation to the Northern Territory all the powers, functions, and duties of the Registrar-General for the State of South Australia under the law in force in the Northern Territory immediately prior to the acceptance of that Territory by the Commonwealth, together with such other powers, functions and duties as are from time to time conferred on the Registrar-General by any law of the Northern Territory.

Powers and duties of Registrar-General.
Amended by No. 23, 1935, s. 4.

7. The Registrar-General shall have and use a seal of office, and every instrument bearing the imprint of that seal and purporting to be signed or issued by the Registrar-General shall be received in evidence and shall be deemed to be signed or issued by, or under the direction of, the Registrar-General, without further proof, unless the contrary is shown.

Seal of office.

8. Every Registrar-General, Deputy Registrar-General, and Acting Registrar-General who is appointed after the commencement of this section, shall, before entering upon the execution of his office, make the following declaration before the Judge of the Northern Territory, or before such other person as the Minister directs:—

Declaration to be made on taking office.
Amended by No. 23, 1935, s. 5.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will faithfully, and to the best of my ability, pursuant to the *Registration Ordinance 1927*, and to any other law for the time being in force in the Northern Territory, execute and perform the office and duties of Registrar-General (or Deputy Registrar-General, or Acting Registrar-General, as the case may be) for the Northern Territory.

9. No acts, matters or things done, or documents signed or issued, by the Registrar-General, Deputy Registrar-General, or Acting Registrar-General of the Northern Territory during the period between the first day of January One thousand nine hundred and eleven and the tenth day of September One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four shall be deemed invalid on the ground merely that the officer concerned had not made the declaration required by section twenty of the *Real Property Act 1886* of the State of South Australia in its application to the Northern Territory.

Validation of certain acts and documents.

10.—(1.) Where owing to any error or omission on the part of an officer of the Department administering the Northern Territory or to circumstances which the Registrar-General or

Power to remedy omission to register.
Sub-section (1.) amended by No. 23, 1935, s. 6.

the Deputy Registrar-General for the Northern Territory is satisfied were beyond the control of the person for whose benefit the registration, if effected, would have operated, any document, which is required by any law in force in the Northern Territory to be registered within a specified time, has not been registered within that time, the Registrar-General or Deputy Registrar-General for the Northern Territory may, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any law in force in the Northern Territory—

- (a) by endorsement on the document extend for such time as he thinks fit the time for the registration of the document; and
- (b) register the document within the time so extended.

Amended by
No. 23, 1935,
s. 6.

(2.) The time prescribed by any law in force in the Northern Territory for registering any document may be extended under this section although the time has expired.

Amended by
No. 23, 1935,
s. 6.

(3.) A document registered under this section, which but for this section would not have been valid as regards registration or capable of registration, shall be as valid and effectual as regards registration as if it had been registered within the time specified in any law, other than this Ordinance, in force in the Northern Territory.

The Schedule.

THE SCHEDULE.

- Registration Ordinance 1911 (No. 10 of 1911).*
- Registration Ordinance 1911 (No. 2) (No. 12 of 1911).*
- Registration Ordinance 1924 (No. 20 of 1924).*
- Registration Ordinance 1925 (No. 12 of 1925).*