

## **Crown Proceedings Act 1980**

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## **Crown Proceedings Act 1980**

[as amended by all amendments that commenced on or before 5 October 2001]

An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to proceedings by or against the Crown and the recovery of certain debts due to the Crown and for related purposes

## Part 1 Preliminary

#### 1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the Crown Proceedings Act 1980.

#### 5 Application

This Act applies to all proceedings instituted after the commencement of this Act and in respect of any claim made in respect of or based upon a cause of action whether arising before or after the commencement of this Act.

#### 6 Crown bound

- (1) This Act binds the Crown.
- (2) Save as provided in sections 8 and 19, this Act has effect notwithstanding anything in any Act or enactment or rule of law, practice or procedure.

#### 7 Interpretation

In this Act—

*appeal* includes a rehearing or review.

approved form see section 20.1

*court* includes a tribunal.

*Crown* means the Crown in right of the State of Queensland and includes a corporation representing the Crown, constituted by or under any Act or incorporated or registered under the Corporations Act.

judgment includes any decree, order or award.

*police service* means the Queensland Police Service.

*proceeding* means any action, suit or proceeding of a civil nature.

proper officer, when used in relation to a court, means-

- (a) in the case of the Supreme Court or the District Court—the registrar;
- (b) in the case of a Magistrates Court—the clerk of the court.

# Part 2 Proceedings by or against the Crown

#### 8 Mode of proceeding

- (1) Subject to this Act and any other Act or law, a claim by or against the Crown may be made and enforced by a proceeding by or against the Crown under the title the 'State of Queensland'.
- (2) This section does not apply to a claim by or against a corporation representing the Crown, constituted by or under any Act or incorporated or registered under the Corporations Act.

<sup>1</sup> Section 20 (Approval of forms)

#### 9 Procedure

- (1) A proceeding by or against the Crown—
  - (a) shall be instituted in the court that would have jurisdiction if the proceeding were between subject and subject;
  - (b) shall be instituted and proceeded with in accordance with the procedure of the court specifically applicable thereto or, if there is no such procedure, as nearly as possible in accordance with the procedure applicable to a proceeding between subject and subject.
- (2) In a proceeding by or against the Crown—
  - (a) the rights of parties including rights of appeal shall as nearly as possible be the same; and
  - (b) judgment may be given and costs awarded;

as in a proceeding between subject and subject.

(3) To remove any doubt, it is declared that this section does not require the Crown to comply with a provision (other than a procedural provision) of an Act or law that does not otherwise bind the Crown.

#### 10 Nature of relief

In a proceeding by or against the Crown, the court shall, subject to this Act, have power to give all such judgment as it has power to give in proceedings between subject and subject and otherwise to give such appropriate relief as a particular case requires.

#### 11 Satisfaction of judgment

- (1) A judgment for or of money, damages or costs in a proceeding against the Crown shall be satisfied by the Treasurer by payment out of money—
  - (a) in the Treasurer's hands for the time being, lawfully applicable thereto; or
  - (b) that may be appropriated by Parliament for that purpose.

- (2) Where a payment specified in subsection (1) is not duly made by the Treasurer, execution may be had and levied by distress and sale on any property vested in Her Majesty in right of the State of Queensland other than—
  - (a) all property used, held, occupied or enjoyed or intended so to be by the Governor for the time being;
  - (b) the parliamentary buildings at Brisbane and all property therein or appertaining thereto or used or occupied therewith for the purposes of Parliament or of the Legislative Assembly;
  - (c) Supreme Court houses and other court houses and offices appertaining thereto;
  - (d) all corrective services facilities within the meaning of the *Corrective Services Act 2000* and all property therein or appertaining thereto or used or occupied therewith.

# Part 3 Recovery by the Crown of certain debts

#### 12 Procedure on recovery of certain fines

- (1) Where a penalty by way of a fine is imposed upon a person otherwise than by a judgment or conviction of a court, a judge or the chairperson of the court by which or the justice or 1 of the justices by whom the fine is imposed shall, if the fine is not paid immediately, furnish to the Attorney-General a certificate in the approved form, setting forth—
  - (a) the fact that the fine has been imposed;
  - (b) the full name and place of residence or business of the person on whom the fine has been imposed;
  - (c) the reason for and the amount of the fine.
- (2) Upon receipt of the certificate specified in subsection (1), the Attorney-General shall cause final judgment in the approved

form to be entered in a court of competent jurisdiction for the amount of the fine and the costs of entering judgment.

- (2A) A judgment entered pursuant to subsection (2) is for all purposes a judgment of the court in which it has been entered.
  - (3) An appeal does not lie in respect of a judgment entered pursuant to subsection (2).

## Part 4 General provisions

#### 19 Service of documents

- (1) Subject to any other Act or law or any practice, a document or other writing required to be served on the Crown for the purposes of or in connection with a proceeding by or against the Crown shall be served on the crown solicitor and service of a document or other writing in accordance with this subsection shall be duly effected if it is left at the office of the crown solicitor with some responsible person.
- (2) Save as prescribed by subsection (1), a notice, order or other writing authorised or required by this Act to be given to or served on any person shall be duly given or served if—
  - (a) it is served personally on the person to whom it is directed;
  - (b) it is left at the place of residence or business of the person to whom it is directed last known to the person who gives it;
  - (c) it is sent by post to the place of residence or business of the person to whom it is directed last known to the person who gives it.

#### 20 Approval of forms

- (1) The chief executive may approve forms for—
  - (a) anything for which this Act requires or permits an approved form to be used; or

- (b) another use under this Act.
- (2) Subsection (1)(b) does not apply to forms for court proceedings.

#### 21 Regulation making power

The Governor in Council may make regulations under this Act.

#### 22 References to repealed Act

A reference in an Act or document to the *Crown Remedies Act* 1874 is taken to be a reference to this Act.

## Endnotes

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## 2 Date to which amendments incorporated

This is the reprint date mentioned in the Reprints Act 1992, section 5(c). Accordingly, this reprint includes all amendments that commenced operation on or before 5 October 2001. Future amendments of the Crown Proceedings Act 1980 may be made in accordance with this reprint under the Reprints Act 1992, section 49.

## 3 Key

Key to abbreviations in list of legislation and annotations

Key	Explanation	Key	Explanation
Key AIA amd ch def div exp gaz hdg ins lap notfd o in c	Explanation Acts Interpretation Act 1954 amended amendment chapter definition division expires/expired gazette heading inserted lapsed notified order in council	Key (prev) proc prov pt pubd R[X] RA reloc renum rep (retro) rv s	Explanation previously proclamation provision part published Reprint No.[X] Reprints Act 1992 relocated renumbered repealed retrospectively revised edition section
om orig p para prec pres prev	omitted original page paragraph preceding present previous	sch sdiv SIA SIR SL sub unnum	schedule subdivision Statutory Instruments Act 1992 Statutory Instruments Regulation 2002 subordinate legislation substituted unnumbered

### 4 Table of reprints

Reprints are issued for both future and past effective dates. For the most up-to-date table of reprints, see the reprint with the latest effective date.

If a reprint number includes a letter of the alphabet, the reprint was released in unauthorised, electronic form only.

Reprint No.	Amendments to	Effective	Reprint date
1	1994 Act No. 87	1 December 1994	27 January 1995
2	1995 Act No. 58	28 November 1995	15 December 1995
2A	1996 Act No. 79	28 February 1997	3 March 1997
2B	1999 Act No. 19	30 April 1999	24 August 1999
2C	2000 Act No. 63	27 November 2000	5 December 2000
2D	2001 Act No. 45	15 July 2001	27 July 2001
3	2001 Act No. 45	15 July 2001	5 October 2001

## 5 Tables in earlier reprints

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## 6 List of legislation

#### Crown Proceedings Act 1980 No. 2

date of assent 31 March 1980 remaining provisions commenced 1 July 1980 (proc pubd gaz 28 June 1980 p 1634)

amending legislation-

- Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No. 2) 1994 No. 87 ss 1–3 sch 2 date of assent 1 December 1994 commenced on date of assent
- Statute Law Revision Act (No. 2) 1995 No. 58 ss 1–2, 4 sch 1 date of assent 28 November 1995 commenced on date of assent
- Justice Legislation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1996 No. 79 pts 1, 8 date of assent 12 December 1996 pt 1 commenced on date of assent remaining provisions commenced 28 February 1997 (1997 SL No. 35)

Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1999 No. 19 ss 1–3 sch date of assent 30 April 1999 commenced on date of assent
State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999 No. 70 ss 1–2, 166 sch 1 date of assent 6 December 1999 ss 1–2 commenced on date of assent remaining provisions commenced 27 November 2000 (2000 SL No. 274)
Corrective Services Act 2000 No. 63 ss 1, 2(2), 276 sch 2 date of assent 24 November 2000 ss 1–2 commenced on date of assent remaining provisions commenced 1 July 2001 (2001 SL No. 88)
Corporations (Ancillary Provisions) Act 2001 No. 45 ss 1–2, 29 sch 3 date of assent 28 June 2001 ss 1–2 commenced on date of assent sch 3 commenced 15 July 2001 (see s 2(2) of Act 2001 No. 45 (Qld) and Corporations Act 2001 No. 50 (Cwlth) and proc pubd Cwlth of Australia gaz 13 July 2001, No. S285) remaining provisions commenced immediately before 15 July 2001 (see s 2(1) of Act 2001 No. 45 (Qld) and Corporations Act 2001 No. 50 (Cwlth) and proc pubd Cwlth of Australia gaz 13 July 2001, No. S285)
7 List of annotations
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#### Procedure

**s 9** amd 1996 No. 79 s 26

Satisfaction of judgment s 11 amd 2000 No. 63 s 276 sch 2

#### Procedure on recovery of certain fines

s 12 amd 1995 No. 58 s 4 sch 1

Recovery of s 13	of debts due by recognisance amd 1995 No. 58 s 4 sch 1 om 1999 No. 70 s 166 sch 1
Recovery of s 14	of amount undertaken by surety amd 1995 No. 58 s 4 sch 1 om 1999 No. 70 s 166 sch 1
	or rescission of order forfeiting recognisance or made against a surety to undertaking as to bail amd 1995 No. 58 s 4 sch 1; 1999 No. 19 s 3 sch om 1999 No. 70 s 166 sch 1
Execution s 16	of warrant om 1999 No. 70 s 166 sch 1
Duty of ke s 17	eper of prison om 1999 No. 70 s 166 sch 1
Applicatio s 18	n of Justices Act om 1999 No. 70 s 166 sch 1
Approval o s 20	of forms amd R1 (see RA s 39) sub 1995 No. 58 s 4 sch 1
Regulation s 21	n making power ins 1995 No. 58 s 4 sch 1
References s 22	<b>s to repealed Act</b> (prev s 21) ins 1994 No. 87 s 3 sch 2 renum 1995 No. 58 s 4 sch 1
Transition s 23	al provision about approved forms ins 1995 No. 58 s 4 sch 1 exp 28 May 1996 (see s 23(3))
SCHEDU	LE om R1 (see RA s 40)

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