

District Court of Queensland Regulation 2025

Explanatory notes for SL 2025 No. 103

Made under the

District Court of Queensland Act 1967

General Outline

District Court of Queensland Regulation 2025

Authorising law

Section 131 of the *District Court of Queensland Act 1967*

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The *District Court of Queensland Regulation 2015* (DCQ 2015 Regulation) declares the places at which the District Court is to be held, and the District Court districts for each place. Schedule 1, column 1 of the DCQ 2015 Regulation declares the places at which the District Court is to be held, and schedule 1, column 2 declares the Magistrates Courts district or districts which make up the District Court district for each place. For example, for the District Court held in Brisbane, the relevant Magistrates Courts districts are Brisbane, Caboolture, Cleveland and Redcliffe.

The DCQ 2015 Regulation will automatically expire on 1 September 2025 pursuant to section 54(2) of the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992*.

The Department of Justice undertook a sunset review ahead of the expiry of the existing Regulation and determined it is necessary to retain each of the existing provisions.

The *District Court of Queensland Regulation 2025* (DCQ 2025 Regulation) replaces the existing DCQ 2015 Regulation and continues to provide for the effective and undisturbed operationalisation of District Court districts by ensuring that proceedings are started in the appropriate court district.

The DCQ 2025 Regulation commences on notification on the Queensland Legislation website.

Achievement of policy objectives

The DCQ 2025 Regulation remakes and replaces the DCQ 2015 Regulation in substantially the same form with minor changes to reflect current drafting standards.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The DCQ 2025 Regulation is consistent with the policy objectives of the *District Court of Queensland Act 1967*.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The DCQ 2025 Regulation is not inconsistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

Benefits and costs of implementation

The DCQ 2025 Regulation will promote the efficient administration of justice by ensuring that proceedings are started in the appropriate court district.

There are no implementation costs associated with the DCQ 2025 Regulation.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The DCQ 2025 Regulation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

Relevant Heads of Jurisdiction were consulted as part of the sunset review of the DCQ 2015 Regulation. No concerns from an operational perspective were raised with remaking the DCQ 2015 Regulation in its current form.

An Impact Analysis Statement (IAS) was prepared as part of the sunset review of the DCQ 2015 Regulation. The IAS concluded that, as the proposal relates to the districts of the District Court and the administration of courts, no regulatory impact analysis is required.