

Statutory Instruments (Exemptions from Expiry) Amendment Regulation 2025

Explanatory notes for SL 2025 No. 115

made under the

Statutory Instruments Act 1992

General Outline

Short title

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Authorising law

Sections 56, 56A and 59 of the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992*

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

Part 7 of the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992* (the Act) is designed to require regular review of Queensland's subordinate legislation by causing most subordinate legislation to automatically expire on 1 September first occurring after the tenth anniversary of the day of its making.

Section 56(1) of the Act allows a regulation to be made to exempt uniform subordinate legislation complementary with Commonwealth or another State's laws from expiry for a stated period of not more than five years after the uniform subordinate legislation would otherwise expire.

Uniform subordinate legislation previously exempted from expiry under section 56(1) may be further exempted from expiry for periods up to five years under section 56(2) of the Act.

Section 56A(1) of the Act allows a regulation to be made to exempt subordinate legislation from expiry for one year on the following grounds:

- replacement subordinate legislation is being drafted and is proposed to be made before the stated period ends (section 56A(1)(a)(i));
- the subordinate legislation is not proposed to be replaced or preserved when it expires at the end of the stated period (section 56A(1)(a)(ii)); or

- the Act or provision under which or in relation to which the subordinate legislation or part of the subordinate legislation is made or preserved is subject to review (section 56A(1)(b)).

Subordinate legislation previously extended under section 56A(1)(b) may be further extended for periods of not more than one year under section 56A(2) of the Act.

The *Statutory Instruments (Exemptions from Expiry) Amendment Regulation 2025* (the Regulation) ensures that subordinate legislation may be exempted from expiry or further exempted from expiry where appropriate grounds exist under sections 56 and 56A of the Act.

Achievement of policy objectives

The policy objective to encourage regular review of Queensland's subordinate legislation is achieved by requesting government departments to assess the relevancy of expiring subordinate legislation and consider the necessity of reviewing the relevant parent Act. As a result of this process, the Regulation will amend the *Statutory Instruments Regulation 2022* to exempt:

- one item of uniform subordinate legislation due to expire on 31 August 2025, for a further period of one year;
- one item of uniform subordinate legislation due to expire on 31 August 2025, for a further period of five years;
- one item of uniform subordinate legislation due to expire on 1 September 2025, for a period of one year;
- two items of uniform subordinate legislation due to expire on 1 September 2025, for a period of five years;
- one item of uniform subordinate legislation due to expire on 1 September 2025, for a further period of five years;
- four items of subordinate legislation due to expire on 1 September 2025, for a period of one year as replacement subordinate legislation is being drafted and is proposed to be made before the stated period ends;
- 13 items of subordinate legislation due to expire for the first time on 1 September 2025, the tenth anniversary of their making, for a period of one year as the Act or provisions under which the subordinate legislation, or part of the subordinate legislation, is made or preserved, is subject to review; and
- 53 items of subordinate legislation due to expire on 31 August 2025, for a further period of one year on the grounds that government departments are reviewing associated Acts prior to finalising amendments to the subordinate legislation.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The Regulation is consistent with the main objects of the Act as it supports regular review of Queensland subordinate legislation and encourages government departments to proactively remake, replace or allow to lapse expiring subordinate legislation.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The Regulation is not inconsistent with the policy objectives of other legislation, including the *Human Rights Act 2019*.

Benefits and costs of implementation

The Regulation provides a benefit as it encourages government departments to regularly review the relevancy of subordinate legislation and take action to remake, replace or allow to lapse expiring subordinate legislation in a timely manner.

There are no costs to government in implementing the Regulation as it is administrative in nature.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The Regulation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles as set out in the *Legislative Standards Act 1992*. The Regulation does not breach fundamental legislative principles as it is administrative in nature ensuring subordinate legislation remains current and relevant.

Consultation

As the Regulation is of an administrative nature, no external consultation was required.

In accordance with *The Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy* (the Policy), an Impact Analysis Statement has been prepared which identifies that the proposed amendments are considered machinery in nature, do not add to the burden of regulation, are unlikely to result in significant adverse impacts and that no further regulatory impact analysis is required under the Policy.