

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

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Regulations under the *Public Information Act 2010*

1 Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the *Public Information Regulations 2017*.

2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on the commencement of the *Public Information Amendment Act 2016*.

3 Purpose of public information to be in public interest

For section 6(2A) of the Act, the Ombudsman may consider the information is in the public interest if the information has a purpose that includes one of the following:

- (a) maximises compliance with the laws of the Territory;
- (b) achieves awareness of a new or amended law;
- (c) improves public safety or personal security;
- (d) encourages responsible behaviour;
- (e) preserves order in the event of an emergency;
- (f) promotes awareness of rights, responsibilities, duties or entitlements;
- (g) encourages usage of, or familiarity with, government products or services;
- (h) informs the public of new, existing or proposed government programs, policies or projects;
- (i) reports on performance in relation to government undertakings;
- (j) communicates functions of government;

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- (k) communicates on matters of social cohesion, civic pride, community spirit or tolerance.

Examples for paragraph (j)

Education campaigns, recruitment, community engagement, expressions of interest and future plans.

5 Comment by Agencies

- (1) An Agency giving public information must not do either of the following:
 - (a) comment on the views, policies or actions of a particular political party or political person;
 - (b) criticise the views, policies or actions of a particular political party or political person.

- (2) In this regulation:

political person means any of the following persons:

- (a) a person who holds an elected office in the Federal Parliament, the Legislative Assembly or a local government;
- (b) a person who seeks election to an office mentioned in paragraph (a).

ENDNOTES

1 KEY

Key to abbreviations

amd = amended	od = order
app = appendix	om = omitted
bl = by-law	pt = Part
ch = Chapter	r = regulation/rule
cl = clause	rem = remainder
div = Division	renum = renumbered
exp = expires/expired	rep = repealed
f = forms	s = section
Gaz = <i>Gazette</i>	sch = Schedule
hdg = heading	sdiv = Subdivision
ins = inserted	SL = Subordinate Legislation
lt = long title	sub = substituted
nc = not commenced	

2 LIST OF LEGISLATION

Public Information Regulations (SL No. 1, 2017)

Notified	14 February 2017
Commenced	14 February 2017 (r 2, s 2 <i>Public Information Amendment Act 2016</i> (Act No. 34, 2016) and Gaz S2, 14 February 2017, p 2)

Public Information Legislation Amendment Act 2019 (Act No. 14, 2019)

Notified	9 April 2019
Commenced	10 April 2019

Public Information Amendment Act 2025 (Act No. 18, 2025)

Assent date	10 August 2025
Commenced	11 August 2025 (s 2)

3 GENERAL AMENDMENTS

General amendments of a formal nature (which are not referred to in the table of amendments to this reprint) are made by the *Interpretation Legislation Amendment Act 2018* (Act No. 22 of 2018) to: r 1.

4 LIST OF AMENDMENTS

pt 1 hdg	om Act No. 18, 2025, s 7
pt 2 hdg	om Act No. 18, 2025, s 7
r 3	sub Act No. 14, 2019, s 6
	amd Act No. 18, 2025, s 7
r 4	rep Act No. 14, 2019, s 6