

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

NUDITY ACT

As in force at 12 February 1982

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This reprint shows the Act as in force at 7 August 1984. Any amendments that commence after that date are not included.

NUDITY ACT

An Act to permit nudity in certain areas

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Nudity Act*.

2 Definition

In this Act, **free area** means an area declared by regulations under this Act to be an area where nudity is permitted.

3 Declaration of free areas

- (1) The Regulations may declare that a secluded area is an area where nudity is permitted.
- (2) Before an area is declared to be an area where nudity is permitted, the Administrator shall:
 - (a) give not less than 28 days notice, in the *Gazette* and in a newspaper circulating in the locality, of its intention to make a regulation so declaring that area;
 - (b) if the notice does not include a map indicating the proposed area, mark the boundaries of the proposed area on a map and display that map in a public place; and
 - (c) indicate the boundaries of the proposed area by signs displayed on or near these boundaries.
- (3) A notice given under subsection (2) shall be repeated 3 times during the period of 28 days after it is first given and shall, on each occasion on which it is given:
 - (a) describe the area proposed to be declared;
 - (b) if a map indicating the proposed area has been displayed, specify the place where the map may be inspected; and

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- (c) state that the boundaries of the proposed area have been indicated by signs displayed on or near those boundaries.

4 Approaches to free area

The Minister shall cause the boundaries of, and the approaches to, a free area to be clearly marked with signs indicating that nudity is permitted within that area.

5 Nakedness in a free area

A person is not guilty of an offence against a law in force in the Territory by reason only that he was nude in, or whilst swimming at, a free area.

6 Lewdness, &c., in a free area

- (1) A person in, or in the waters or in the view of, a free area shall not behave in a manner that is sexually lewd or obscene.

Penalty: \$500 or imprisonment for 6 months.

- (2) A person in, or in the waters or in the view of, a free area shall not behave in a manner or use language that is threatening, abusive, disorderly or sexually indecent.

Penalty: \$200 or imprisonment for one month.

7 Regulations

The Administrator may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, prescribing all matters required or permitted by this Act to be prescribed, or necessary or convenient to be prescribed, for carrying out or giving effect to this Act.

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*****Nudity Ordinance 1975 (Act No. 22, 1975)***

Assent date	13 August 1975
Commenced	13 August 1975

Transfer of Powers (Further Provisions) Ordinance 1977 (Act No. 51, 1977)

Assent date	9 December 1977
Commenced	1 January 1978 (s 2)

Transfer of Powers (Self-Government) Ordinance 1978 (Act No. 54, 1978)

Assent date	1 July 1978
Commenced	1 July 1978 (s 8)

Statute Law Revision Act 1978 (Act No. 95, 1978)

Assent date	5 September 1978
Commenced	5 September 1978

Statute Law Revision Act (No. 4) 1981 (Act No. 4, 1982)

Assent date	12 February 1982
Commenced	12 February 1982

3**LIST OF AMENDMENTS**

lt	amd No. 4, 1982, s 3
s 1	amd No. 58, 1978, s 4; No. 4, 1982, s 3
ss 2 – 3	amd No. 4, 1982, s 3
s 4	amd No. 51, 1977, s 3; No. 54, 1978, s 3
ss 5 – 6	amd No. 4, 1982, s 3
s 7	amd No. 95, 1978, s 14; No. 4, 1982, s 3