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I, David Robert Connolly, Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, make the following regulations under the *Youth Justice Act 2005*.

Responsible Minister:

G. P. MALEY
Minister for Corrections

D. R. CONNOLLY
Administrator

Date of making: 27 August 2026

1	Title
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These Regulations may be cited as the *Youth Justice Amendment Regulations 2026*.

2	Commencement
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These Regulations commence on the commencement of Part 2 of the *Youth Justice and Criminal Code Amendment Act 2026*.

3	Regulations amended
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These Regulations amend the *Youth Justice Regulations 2006*.

4	Regulation 3 replaced
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Regulation 3

repeal, insert

3	Particulars required to be recorded in relation to interview
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(1) For section 17A(7) of the Act, a police officer must record the following particulars:

- (a) that the officer:
 - (i) informed the youth of the matters specified in section 17A(4)(a), (b), (c) and (e) of the Act; and
 - (ii) provided the youth with access to legal advice and representation in accordance with section 17A(4)(d) of the Act;
- (b) whether or not the youth elected to do the following:
 - (i) exercise the youth's right to silence;
 - (ii) access legal advice and representation;
 - (iii) contact a support person;
- (c) if the youth elected to access legal advice and representation – details of the efforts the officer made to contact the youth's legal practitioner;
- (d) if the youth elected to contact a support person:
 - (i) details of the efforts the officer made to contact the person; and

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- (ii) the name and contact details of the person.
- (2) For section 17B(6) of the Act, a police officer must record the following particulars:
- (a) that the officer informed the youth of the matters specified in section 17B(4) of the Act;
 - (b) whether or not the youth elected to exercise the youth's right to silence.
- (3) For section 18(4) of the Act, a police officer must record the following particulars:
- (a) that the officer:
 - (i) informed the youth of the matters specified in section 18(1A)(a), (b), (c) and (e) of the Act; and
 - (ii) provided the youth with access to legal advice and representation in accordance with section 18(1A)(d) of the Act;
 - (b) whether or not the youth elected to do the following:
 - (i) exercise the youth's right to silence;
 - (ii) access legal advice and representation;
 - (iii) contact a support person;
 - (c) if the youth elected to access legal advice and representation – details of the efforts the officer made to contact the youth's legal practitioner;
 - (d) if the youth elected to contact a support person:
 - (i) details of the efforts the officer made to contact the person; and
 - (ii) the name and contact details of the person.

5 Regulation 37 amended (Safekeeping of detainee's property)

Regulation 37(5)

omit

(except temporarily under section 154 of the Act)

6 Regulation 42 amended (Emergency Management Protocol)

Regulation 42(3A)

omit

155A

insert

158F

7 Regulation 57 amended (Medical examination of detainees)

(1) Regulation 57(1)

omit

comprehensive

(2) Regulation 57(2) and (3)

omit

registered

(3) Regulation 57(4)

omit

8 Regulation 72 amended (Detainee under behavioural separation – monitoring requirements)

Regulation 72(2)(d)

omit

158F(2)(a)

insert

158F(1)(b)(i)

9	Part 5A inserted
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After regulation 74

insert

Part 5A Intake and transfer facilities

74A Regulations to apply in relation to intake and transfer facilities

For section 168H(2)(d) of the Act, the following regulations are prescribed:

- (a) regulation 28AG(2);
- (b) Part 5, other than regulations 31A, 43, 46, 56, 57, 62(1), 63, 68 and 69.

74B Visits to and communication with detainees

- (1) The superintendent of an intake and transfer facility may permit a detainee in the facility to receive a visit from any of the following, under the conditions the superintendent considers appropriate:
 - (a) a friend of the detainee;
 - (b) a relative of the detainee;
 - (c) a minister of religion;
 - (d) a responsible adult in respect of the detainee.
- (2) Without limiting subregulation (1), the superintendent may require the visit to take place in the presence, or under the general supervision, of a member of staff of the intake and transfer facility.
- (3) The superintendent of an intake and transfer facility may, if satisfied it is appropriate, facilitate communication between a detainee in the facility and a responsible adult in respect of the detainee.

74C Practicing of religion

The superintendent of an intake and transfer facility must ensure that a detainee in the facility is permitted to practice the detainee's religion to the extent reasonably practicable.

74D Medical examination of detainees

- (1) Subject to subregulation (2), the superintendent of an intake and transfer facility must ensure a medical and health assessment is carried out on a detainee admitted to the facility under section 168F of the Act within 24 hours after the detainee's admission.
- (2) If the detainee is transferred out of the intake and transfer facility before the expiry of the 24 hour period mentioned in subregulation (1), the medical and health assessment is not required to be carried out.

Note for subregulation (2)

Under regulation 57, a medical and health assessment is required to be carried out on a detainee within 24 hours of admission to a detention centre.

- (3) The assessment mentioned in subregulation (1) may be carried out by a medical practitioner, nurse or midwife.

10 Schedule 2 amended (Forms)

- (1) Schedule 2, Form 6, note

omit, insert

Notes

- 1 *This warrant supersedes any previous warrant issued in this case for the youth.*
- 2 *The youth may be taken to an intake and transfer facility before being transferred to a detention centre – see section 168F of the Youth Justice Act 2005.*

- (2) Schedule 2, Form 14, at the end

insert

Note

The youth may be taken to an intake and transfer facility before being transferred to a detention centre – see section 168F of the Youth Justice Act 2005.

11 Repeal of Regulations

These Regulations are repealed on the day after they commence.