

# Apprenticeship Act 1851, New South Wales

1851 – 1901

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## Details

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The Apprenticeship Act 1851 [2/1851 (15 Vic. No.2)], also known as 'An Act to make further provision for the apprenticing of the Children in the Male and Female Orphan Schools and other poor Children', amended the Apprenticeship Act 1844. It gave greater powers to supervisors of the Male and Female Orphan Schools. It gave them the right to refuse to release children into the care of their parents, and to 'apprentice' those children to other families without their parents' consent. This Act was drawn up in 19th century language of poverty and responsibility. It asserted that parents too poor, 'idle', or 'dissolute' to look after their children lost many rights over them. This Act was repealed by the Apprentices Act 1901.

## More info

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### Chronology

- Apprenticeship Act 1844, New South Wales (1844 - 1894)
  - **Apprenticeship Act 1851, New South Wales (1851 – 1901)**
  - Apprentices Act 1901, New South Wales (1901 - 1969)

### Related Entries

#### Related Glossary Terms

- [Apprenticeship \(1860s - 1960s\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [Female Orphan School \(1801 - 1850\)](#)
- [Male Orphan School \(1819 - 1850\)](#)
- [Roman Catholic Orphan School \(8 March 1844 - 1886\)](#)
- [Protestant Orphan School \(1850 - 1886\)](#)

#### Related Legislation

- [Apprentices Act 1894, New South Wales \(1894 - 1901\)](#)

### Resources

- Parliamentary Counsel's Office, [NSW legislation](#), No date
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