

Adoption in Queensland

c. 1935 –

Details

The first adoption legislation in Queensland was the *Adoption of Children Act 1935*. Before then, adoptions were organised 'informally' by church and charitable organisations. During the period when the Commonwealth government began to work with the states to introduce model adoption legislation, Queensland passed the *Adoption of Children Act 1964*. Queensland's adoption rates peaked in the 1960s and 1970s, with over 6,000 babies adopted in one four-year period (History of Adoption Project, 2013).

The *Adoption Act 2009* provides for the adoption of children in Queensland, and for access to information about parties to adoptions in Queensland, in a way that: promotes the wellbeing and best interests of adopted persons throughout their lives; and supports efficient and accountable practice in the delivery of adoption services; and complies with Australia's obligations under the Hague convention.

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Related Glossary Terms

- [Forced Adoption \(c. 1940 - c. 1970\)](#)

Related Legislation

- [Adoption of Children Act 1935, Queensland \(1936 - 1965\)](#)
- [Adoption of Children Act 1964, Queensland \(1965 - 2010\)](#)
- [Adoption Act 2009, Queensland \(2009 - current\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [Adoption Services Queensland, Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs](#)
- [Sandeman Nursery \(1897 - 1898\)](#)

Related Archival Series

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- [Health & Home Affairs/Education Department Batch Files \[Correspondence\] - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander files \(1884 - 1970\)](#)
- [Correspondence - Alphanumeric Prefix - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs \(1909 - 1992\)](#)
- [Correspondence Files - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs \(1916 - 1999\)](#)
- [General Correspondence - Torres Strait Islands \(1922 - 1994\)](#)
- [Adoption Registers \(1963 - 1999\)](#)

- [General Correspondence Files - GF Series - Aboriginal and Island Affairs Department, Cairns Regional District Office \(1970 - 1992\)](#)
- [Aboriginal Community Adoption Files - Bamaga \(1973 - 1980\)](#)
- [Adoption of Children \[Yarrabah Aboriginal Settlement\] \(1973 - 1982\)](#)
- [Adoption Files - Torres Strait Islands \(1973 - 1988\)](#)
- [Adoption Files \(1979 - 1995\)](#)

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- [Registers of Adopted Children - Queensland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty \(1917 - 1918\)](#)

Resources

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