

# Destitute Poor Department, South Australian Government

1849 – 1910

## Details

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The Destitute Poor Department was responsible for providing relief and care for destitute persons, including children, throughout South Australia. It ran the Destitute Asylum. As a result of the passing of the Destitute Persons Act Amendment Act in 1886 responsibility for state children was passed from the Destitute Poor Department to the new State Children's Department. In 1910, the Destitute Poor Department changed its name to the Destitute Persons' Department, with responsibility for destitute adults only.

## More info

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### Chronology

- **Destitute Poor Department, South Australian Government (1849 – 1910)**
  - Destitute Persons' Department, South Australian Government (1910 - 1927)
  - State Children's Department, South Australian Government (1886 - 1927)

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