

METRIC CONVERSION ACT.

New South Wales



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Act No. 72, 1975.

An Act to further facilitate the adoption of the metric system of measurement; to amend the Metric Conversion Act, 1974, in certain respects and to amend references to physical quantities in certain other Acts; to validate certain matter; and for purposes connected therewith. [Assented to, 6th November, 1975.]

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 — **BE** it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title. **1.** This Act may be cited as the "Metric Conversion Act, 1975".

Application of Act. **2.** (1) The provisions of this Act, section 5 excepted, are for the purpose of metric conversion.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in this Act, an amendment referred to in Items 10 to 24, both inclusive, does not, where the Minister administering the Public Works Act, 1912, so directs, apply in respect of a work that, immediately before the commencement of the Item that relates to that amendment, was an authorised work within the meaning of the Public Works Act, 1912.

Interpretation. **3.** (1) In this Act, sections 5 and 6 excepted, or in an instrument made for the purpose of this Act, a reference to an Item or Item number, however expressed, is a reference to a number, in the column headed "Item No." in Column 2 of the Schedule and the provision of that Schedule set forth opposite that number.

(2) In sections 5 and 6, a reference to an Item, followed by a number, is a reference to a number in the column headed "Item No." in Column 2 of the Schedule to the Metric Conversion Act, 1974, and the provision of that Schedule set forth opposite that Item and number.

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4. (1) This section and sections 1, 2 and 3 shall commence on the date of assent to this Act. No. 72, 1975

Commence-
ment.

(2) Sections 5 and 6 shall be deemed to have commenced on 1st July, 1974.

(3) The provisions of section 7, in so far as they effect an amendment specified by an Item in the Schedule, and of that Item, shall commence on such day as may be appointed by the Governor in respect of that Item, whether by reference to that Item or otherwise, and as may be notified by proclamation published in the Gazette.

5. (1) The Metric Conversion Act, 1974, is amended by inserting in section 11 after the word "district" the words "or a provisional district". Amendment
of Act No.
51, 1974.

Sec. 11.

(Water Act,
1912—
transitional
provision.)

(2) Any act, matter or thing done in relation to the number of water rights (within the meaning of section 130 of the Water Act, 1912, immediately before the amendment of that section by Item 441) which, immediately before the day on which Item 441 commenced were attached to a holding within a provisional district constituted under Part VI of the Water Act, 1912, shall be as valid and effective as it would have been had this section been in force at the time the act, matter or thing was done.

6. The Metric Conversion Act, 1974, is further amended— Further
amendment
of Act No.
51, 1974.

(a) by omitting from Item 182 the matter "(1A) (c)."; (Statute
law
revision.)

(b) by inserting in Column 2 after Item 182 the following matter :—

Section 35 (1A) (c).	one-half of a mile	1 kilometre	182A.
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(c)

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No. 72, 1975 (c) by inserting in Item 464 after the word "ton" the words "*(where secondly occurring)*";

(d) by omitting Item 601.

**Amend-
ment of
Acts.**

7. Each Act specified in Column 1 of the Schedule is amended in the provision of that Act specified opposite thereto in the column headed "Provision of Act." in Column 2 of the Schedule—

(a) by omitting from that provision the matter specified opposite that provision in the column headed "Matter to be omitted." in Column 2 of the Schedule, other than such matter, if any, as appears in brackets and is printed in italics; and

(b) by inserting instead the matter specified opposite that provision in the column headed "Matter to be inserted" in Column 2 of the Schedule.

Sec. 7.

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Column 1.		Column 2.			
Year and number of Act.	Short title of Act.	Provision of Act.	Matter to be omitted.	Matter to be inserted.	Item No.
1909, No. 5	Motor Traffic Act, 1909.	Section 8C (1) (a).	two tons	2 tonnes	1
		Section 8C (1) (b).	two tons	2 tonnes	2
		Section 8C (8) (a).	two tons	2 tonnes	3
1912, No. 38	Scaffolding and Lifts Act, 1912.	Section 3 (definition of "Building work", paragraph (b)).	twenty-three inches	585 millimetres	4
		Section 3 (definition of "Excavation work").	five feet	1.5 metres	5
		Section 6 (4) (a) (i).	six feet	1.8 metres	6
		Section 6 (4) (b) (i).	fifteen feet	4.5 metres	7
		Section 6 (4) (b) (ii).	fifteen feet	4.5 metres	8
		Section 17A (6) (definition of "Scaffolder").	ten feet	3 metres	9

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1912, No. 45	Public Works Act, 1912.	Section 80 (h)	fifty yards	46 metres	10
		Section 82 (1) (a).	two hundred yards	200 metres	11
		Section 82 (1) (c).	five hundred yards	500 metres	12
		Section 125	each acre	each hectare	13
			an acre	a hectare	14
			per acre	per hectare	15
			(wherever occurring)		
		Section 139 (1)	half a statute acre	2 000 square metres	16
		Section 140 (1)	half a statute acre	2 000 square metres	17
		Section 142 (1)	forty yards	40 metres	18
		Section 144 (2)	eight feet (wherever occurring)	2·5 metres	19
		Section 153	one hundred yards	90 metres	20
		Fifth Schedule.	acres roods and perches	hectares	21
			a.r.p.	(Hectares.)	22
			acre	hectare	23
foot	metre		24		
1915, No. 10	Weights and Measures Act, 1915.	Section 27 (2) (a).	two fluid ounces	75 millilitres	25
			two gallons	10 litres	26
		Section 29G (9) (b) (i).	five ounces	250 grams	27
			five fluid ounces	250 millilitres	28
		Section 31 (2)	twenty miles	30 kilometres	29
		Section 35	five hundred-weights	250 kilograms	30
	Section 36	five hundred weights	250 kilograms	31	
1919 No. 41	Local Government Act, 1919.	Section 153 (2)	ton	tonne	32
		Section 153 (2A).	ton	tonne	33
		Section 226 (5) (a).	sixty-six feet	20 metres	34
		Section 226 (5) (b).	twenty feet	6 metres	35
			sixty-six feet	20 metres	36
		Section 226 (5) (c).	twelve feet	3 metres	37
			twenty feet	6 metres	38
		Section 226 (5) (d).	twelve feet	3 metres	39
		Section 227 (1) (a).	eighty feet	25 metres	40
			sixty-six feet	20 metres	41
		Section 227 (1) (b).	sixty-six feet	20 metres	42
			twelve feet	3 metres	43
		Section 227 (1) (c).	twelve feet	3 metres	43
		Section 227 (1) (d).	twelve feet	3 metres	43
		Section 227 (1) (e).	twenty feet	6 metres	44
		Section 229 (2)	three feet	900 millimetres	45
			fourteen feet	4 200 millimetres	46
		Section 241 (7)	ten feet	3 metres	47
			four feet	1 200 millimetres	48
		Section 243 (5)	eighteen inches	450 millimetres	49
		Section 250 (3A).	two chains	40 metres	50
		Section 288A (1).	one and one-half cubic feet	40 litres	51
		Section 308 (3)	sixty-six feet	20 metres	52
thirty-three feet	10 metres		53		
Section 314 (1A) (d).	forty feet	12 metres	54		

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1919, No. 41— continued	Local Government Act, 1919— continued	Section 318(28)	five hundred gallons	2 200 litres	55	
		Section 326 (1)	acre	hectare	56	
		Section 326 (3)	acre (<i>wherever occurring</i>)	hectare	57	
		Section 326 (4) (a).	five acres	2 hectares	58	
			acre	hectare	59	
		Section 326 (4) (a).	acres (<i>where secondly occurring</i>)	hectares	60	
			three feet	900 millimetres	61	
		Section 330	acre	hectare	62	
		Section 333 (1) (f).				
		Section 379 (1) (b).	two hundred and fifty yards	225 metres	63	
			three feet	1 metre	64	
		Section 379 (2) (a).	two hundred and fifty feet	75 metres	65	
			sixty-five gallons	300 litres	66	
		Section 379 (5) (a).	thirty gallons	140 litres	67	
			two hundred and fifty yards	230 metres	68	
		Section 379 (5a) (b).	two hundred and fifty yards	230 metres	69	
			Twenty-foot lane at foot of cemetery wall.	St. Thomas Lane.	70	
		Section 420 (1) (b).	one chain	20 metres	71	
		Section 469A (1).	two chains	40 metres	72	
		Section 469A (2).				
		Section 513 (1) (l).	two tons	2 tonnes	73	
		Section 514A	fifty acres (<i>wherever occurring</i>)	20 hectares	74	
		Section 524 (2) (a).	fifty feet	15 metres	75	
			two hundred yards	183 metres	76	
		Section 524 (2) (ai).	fifty feet	15 metres	77	
			two hundred yards	183 metres	78	
		Section 536DA (1).	forty yards	40 metres	79	
		Section 536DC (2).	eight feet (<i>wherever occurring</i>)	2 400 millimetres	80	
ton	tonne		81			
Schedule 3, section 12 (2).						
Schedule 7 (definition of "Total area of the site").	thirty-three feet	10 metres	82			
	(<i>wherever occurring</i>)					
Class A.	twenty feet	6 100 millimetres	83			
	ten feet (<i>wherever occurring</i>)	3 050 millimetres	84			
Class B.	seven feet six inches	2 290 millimetres	85			
	nine feet	2 740 millimetres	86			
Class C.	seven feet six inches	2 290 millimetres	87			
	(<i>wherever occurring</i>)					
	one foot six inches	450 millimetres	88			

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1924, No. 50	Metropolitan Water, Sewerage, and Drainage Act, 1924.	Section 32 (2)	six feet	2 metres	89	
		Section 89 (a)	thirty feet	10 metres	90	
			two hundred and fifty yards	225 metres	91	
		Section 90 (1) (a).	three feet	1 metre	92	
		Section 93 (1) (a).	two hundred and fifty feet	75 metres	93	
1930, No. 18	Transport Act, 1930.	Section 50 (1)	one foot and six inches	457 millimetres	96	
		Section 51	ten feet	3.048 metres	97	
		Section 60 (2)	per ton, per mile	per tonne, per kilometre	98	
		Section 204 (3) (a) (i).	mileage	distance	99	
		Section 204 (3) (a) (ii).	mileage	distance	100	
1936, No. 59	Housing Improvement Act, 1936.	Second Schedule, Part One.	four acres	1.62 hectares	101	
		Second Schedule, Part Two.	eleven and one-half acres	4.65 hectares	102	
		Second Schedule, Part Three.	seven acres	2.83 hectares	103	
1938, No. 11	Hunter District Water, Sewerage and Drainage Act, 1938.	Section 32 (2)	six feet	2 metres	104	
		Section 92 (a)	thirty feet	10 metres	105	
			two hundred and fifty yards	225 metres	106	
		Section 93 (a)	three feet	1 metre	107	
		Section 97 (1) (a).	two hundred and fifty feet	75 metres	108	
1939, No. 29	Drainage Act, 1939.	Section 28	sixty-five gallons	300 litres	109	
			thirty gallons	140 litres	110	
			fifty acres (wherever occurring)	20 hectares	111	
1940, No. 2	Industrial Arbitration Act, 1940.	Section 5 (2) (b) (definition of "Factory").	three hundred acres (wherever occurring)	120 hectares	112	
			Section 63 (1) (b).	one horse power	0.75 kilowatt	113
1949, No. 34	Motor Vehicles Taxation Management Act, 1949.	Section 3 (1) (definition of "Motor cycle").	eighty-one degrees Fahrenheit thermometer using a wet bulb	27 degrees Celsius	114	
			Section 7 (3) (f).	five hundredweight	250 kilograms	115
			Section 7 (3) (h).	five hundredweight	250 kilograms	116
			five hundredweight	250 kilograms	117	

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1958, No. 6	Road Maintenance (Contribution) Act, 1958.	Section 4	four tons	4.1 tonnes	118
		Section 4A	four tons (<i>wherever occurring</i>)	4.1 tonnes	119
		First Schedule	five-eighths of one cent per ton mile	0.17 of one cent per tonne	120
			2. In assessing such charge	kilometre	121
			fractions of miles and fractions of hundredweights shall be disregarded but hundredweights (in relation to both tare weight and load capacity) shall be taken into account as decimals of tons.	2. In assessing such charge fractions of kilometres shall be disregarded and kilograms (in relation to both tare weight and load capacity) shall be taken into account as decimals of tonnes except that where a number of kilograms is not a multiple of ten that number shall be regarded as the next lower number that is a multiple of ten.	122
Second Schedule.	cwt. (<i>wherever occurring</i>)	tonnes	123		
	Miles (<i>wherever occurring</i>)	Kilometres	124		
		mile	kilometre	125	
1962, No. 3	Coral Sea Park Act, 1962.	Schedule	14 acres 0 roods 3½ perches	5.68 hectares	126
1962, No. 43	Factories, Shops and Industries Act, 1962.	Section 9 (1) (definition of "Boiler").	two hundred and ten degrees Fahrenheit	99 degrees Celsius	127
		Section 9 (1) (definition of "Engine").	twelve cubic feet per minute	6 litres per second	128
			forty-two and one-half cubic feet per minute	20 litres per second	129
			eighty-four cubic feet per minute	40 litres per second	130
			one hundred and two cubic feet per minute	48 litres per second	131
			one hundred and fourteen square inches	735 square centimetres	132
		Section 9 (1) (definition of "Pressure vessel").	two hundred and ten degrees Fahrenheit	99 degrees Celsius	133
		Section 23 (1) (b).	four hundred cubic feet	11 cubic metres	134
			fourteen feet	4.25 metres	135
		Section 23 (2)	eight feet	2.4 metres	136
Section 25 (1) (a).	nine superficial feet	0.8 square metre	137		
	four and a half superficial feet are	0.4 square metre is	138		
Section 30 (1)	two feet	600 millimetres	139		
Section 30 (2) (b).	eighteen inches	450 millimetres	140		

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1962, No. 43 —continued	Factories, Shops and Industries Act, 1962— continued	Section 36 (1)	weight	mass	141	
			thirty pounds	14 kilograms	142	
			forty pounds	18 kilograms	143	
			twenty pounds	9 kilograms	144	
			twenty-five pounds	11.5 kilograms	145	
			thirty-five pounds	16 kilograms	146	
			weights (<i>wherever occurring</i>)	masses	147	
			Section 36 (2)			
			Section 39 (2)	three feet	1 metre	148
			Section 39 (3)	eighteen inches	450 millimetres	149
			(a).			
			Section 39 (3)	three feet	1 metre	150
			(b).			
			Section 39 (4)	eighteen inches	450 millimetres	151
				three feet	1 metre	152
			Section 40 (2)	ten feet	3 metres	153
			Section 40 (3)	four feet	1.2 metres	154
			(a).			
			Section 42 (2)	eighteen inches	450 millimetres	155
				(<i>wherever occurring</i>)		
				sixteen inches	400 millimetres	156
				(<i>wherever occurring</i>)		
				fourteen inches	350 millimetres	157
	Section 42 (7)	four feet	1.2 metres	158		
	Section 115 (definition of "Factory").	one horse power	0.75 kilowatt	159		
	Section 138	five miles	8 kilometres	160		
	(2) (a).	one mile	1.5 kilometres	161		
	Section 138	three miles	5 kilometres	162		
	(2) (b).	one mile	1.5 kilometres	163		
	Section 138	two miles	3 kilometres	164		
	(2) (c).					
	Section 138	three miles	4.5 kilometres	165		
	(2) (d).					
1969, No. 28	Consumer Protection Act, 1969.	Section 40 (1)	one and one-half cubic feet	40 litres	166	
		Schedule 2, paragraph 4.	five feet	1.5 metres	167	
		Schedule 2, paragraph 7.	one half of an inch long by one-eighth of an inch wide	12 millimetres long by 3 millimetres wide	168	
1969, No. 34	Rural Workers Accommodation Act, 1969.	Section 8 (2) (b) (ii).	fifty yards	45 metres	169	
		The Schedule, Part 1, Clause (3) (i).	50 yards	45 metres	170	
		Clause (3) (ii).	200 yards	185 metres	171	
		Clause (3) (iii).				
		Clause (6) (i).	26 gauge	0.40 millimetre in thickness	172	
		Clause (7) (i).	eight feet	2.4 metres	173	
			nine feet	2.7 metres	174	
			two inches	50 millimetres	175	
		Clause (11)	six feet six inches	1.95 metres	176	
			two feet six inches	720 millimetres	177	
		Clause (12) (i).	ten square feet	0.9 square metre	178	

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1969, No. 34— <i>continued</i>	Rural Workers Accommodation Act, 1969— <i>continued</i>	The Schedule, Part 1— <i>continued</i>			
		Clause (13) (i).	one thousand cubic feet	30 cubic metres	179
			twenty-four square inches	150 square centimetres	180
		Clause (13) (ii).	twelve inches	300 millimetres	181
		Clause (14)	three feet six inches	1 metre	182
			one-sixteenth of an inch	1.5 millimetres	183
		Clause (15)	nine inches	225 millimetres	184
			seven inches	175 millimetres	185
		Clause (16) (i) (a).	four feet	1.225 metres	186
		Clause (18) (vii).	120 square feet	11 square metres	187
			60 square feet	5.5 square metres	188
		Clause (21) (ii) (b).	four feet	1.225 metres	189
			three feet	925 millimetres	190
		Clause (27) (a) (i).	40 feet	13 metres	191
			ten feet	3 metres	192
		Clause (27) (a) (i).	nine feet	2.7 metres	193
		Clause (27) (a) (ii).	seven feet	2.1 metres	194
			(wherever occurring)		
		Clause (27) (b).	four inches	100 millimetres	195
		Clause (27) (d).	three feet	925 millimetres	196
		Clause (27) (e).	12 inches	300 millimetres	197
			18 inches	450 millimetres	198
		Clause (27) (f).	six feet six inches	1.95 metres	199
			two feet six inches	720 millimetres	200
		Clause (29) (ii).	two hundred yards	200 metres	201
			three feet	1 metre	202
		Clause (31) (ii).	eight feet six inches	2.55 metres	203
			six inches (where secondly occurring)	150 millimetres	204
		Clause (31) (iii).	ten square feet	0.9 square metre	205
		Clause (31) (v).	two inches	50 millimetres	206
			half an inch	12 millimetres	207
			three-quarters of an inch	19 millimetres	208
		Clause (33) (i) (b).	eight feet six inches	2.55 metres	209
	six inches (where secondly occurring)	150 millimetres	210		
Clause (37) (i).	60 yards	55 metres	211		
	30 yards (wherever occurring)	25 metres	212		
Clause (37) (iv) (b).	25 yards	20 metres	213		
	seven feet	2.1 metres	214		
Clause (37) (iv) (c).	three feet six inches	1.05 metres	215		
	four feet six inches	1.35 metres	216		
Clause (37) (iv) (e) (i).	two feet	600 millimetres	217		
	one foot	300 millimetres	218		
Clause (37) (iv) (f).	12 inches	325 millimetres	219		
	five feet nine inches	1.75 metres	220		

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1969, No.34— <i>continued</i>	Rural Workers Accommodation Act, 1969— <i>continued</i>	The Schedule, Part 1— <i>continued</i> Clause (37) (iv) (h). Clause (38) Clause (43) (a). Clause (43) (b). Clause (43) (d). Clause (43) (f) The Schedule, Part 3, Clause (2) (d) Clause (2) (e) Clause (3)	six inches	150 millimetres	221
			one quarter of an inch to the foot	5 millimetres in each 300 millimetres	222
			14 inches	350 millimetres	223
			12 inches	300 millimetres	224
			18 inches	450 millimetres	225
			nine inches	225 millimetres	226
			18 inches	450 millimetres	227
			one hundredweight	50 kilograms	228
			one foot	300 millimetres	229
			50 yards	45 metres	230
			five feet	1.5 metres	231
			three feet	1 metre	232
			six inches	150 millimetres	233
			30 feet	10 metres	234
			50 yards	45 metres	235
			30 yards	30 metres	236
			25 yards	20 metres	237
15 square feet	1.3 square metres	238			

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