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# Occupational Health and Safety Act 1983 No 20

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### [Occupational Health and Safety Act 1983 No 20](#)

Assented to 21.04.1983.

Date of commencement, 4.5.1983, sec 2 (2) and GG No 67 of 4.5.1983, p 2003.

## Amending legislation

### [Occupational Health and Safety Amendment \(Police Officers\) Act 2000 No 11](#)

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### [Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Act 1998 No 85](#)

Assented to 14.07.1998.

Date of commencement of Sch 2, 1.8.1998, sec 2 and GG No 115 of 31.7.1998, p 5747.

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Date of commencement of Sch 2.15, 1.1.1999, sec 2 and GG No 178 of 24.12.1998, p 9948.

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## WorkCover Legislation Amendment Act 1996 No 120

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Date of commencement of Sch 2.5 [1]-[3]: not in force.

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## Regulatory Reduction Act 1996 No 107

Assented to 02.12.1996.

Date of commencement of Sch 1.9, 7.2.1997, sec 2 and GG No 17 of 7.2.1997, p 543.

## Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1996 No 30

Assented to 21.06.1996.

Date of commencement of Sch 3, 3 months after assent, sec 2 (3).

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Date of commencement of the provisions of Sch 5 relating to the [Occupational Health and Safety Act 1983](#), 2.9.1996, sec 2 and GG No 99 of 30.8.1996, p 4983.

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Assented to 20.12.1995.

Date of commencement of Sch 2, 1.2.1996, sec 2 (1) and GG No 155 of 20.12.1995, p 8675.

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## Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No 2) 1996 No 121

Assented to 03.12.1996.

Date of commencement of Sch 2, assent, sec 2 (1).

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Assented to 12.12.1994.

Date of commencement of the provision of Sch 1 relating to the [Occupational Health and Safety Act 1983](#), assent, Sch 1.

### Occupational Health and Safety Legislation (Amendment) Act 1994 No 5

Assented to 02.05.1994.

Date of commencement of Sch 1 (1), (2), (4), (6)–(8) and so much of item (11) as would insert clause 3, 1.10.1994, sec 2 and GG No 106 of 19.8.1994, p 4432.

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Assented to 10.05.1994.

Date of commencement, 8.7.1994, sec 2 and GG No 90 of 8.7.1994, p 3463.

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Assented to 15.06.1993.

Date of commencement of the provision of Sch 2 relating to the [Occupational Health and Safety Act 1983](#), assent, Sch 2.

### Statute Law (Penalties) Act 1992 No 112

Assented to 08.12.1992.

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### Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No 2) 1992 No 57

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Date of commencement of the provisions of Sch 2 relating to the [Occupational Health and Safety Act 1983](#), assent, Sch 2.

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Assented to 17.12.1991.

Date of commencement of the provision of Sch 1 relating to the [Occupational Health and Safety Act 1983](#), assent, Sch 1.

### Search Warrants (Amendment) Act 1991 No 92

Assented to 17.12.1991.

Date of commencement, 20.9.1992, sec 2 and GG No 116 of 18.9.1992, p 6837.

### [Industrial Relations Act 1991 No 34](#)

Assented to 11.11.1991.

Date of commencement, 31.3.1992, sec 2 and GG No 40 of 27.3.1992, p 1978.

### [Occupational Health and Safety Legislation \(Amendment\) Act 1990 No 121](#)

Assented to 20.12.1990.

Date of commencement, 1.3.1991, sec 2 and GG No 37 of 1.3.1991, p 1695.

### [WorkCover Legislation \(Amendment\) Act 1989 No 121](#)

Assented to 24.08.1989.

Date of commencement, 1.1.1990, sec 2 and GG No 124 of 22.12.1989, p 11040.

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Assented to 30.12.1988.

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### [Occupational Health and Safety \(Workers Compensation\) Amendment Act 1987 No 80](#)

Assented to 10.06.1987.

Date of commencement, 30.6.1987, sec 2 (2) and GG No 102 of 17.6.1987, p 2943.

### [Occupational Health and Safety \(Workers' Compensation\) Amendment Act 1985 No 93](#)

Assented to 05.06.1985.

Date of commencement: no day was appointed and the Act was repealed by the [WorkCover Legislation \(Amendment\) Act 1989 No 121](#).

### [Statute Law \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Act 1984 No 153](#)

Assented to 10.12.1984.

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Assented to 04.12.1984.

## History notes

The following abbreviations are used in the Historical notes:

Am	amended	Cl	clause	Cll	clauses
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Div	Division	Divs	Divisions	GG	Government Gazette
Ins	inserted	LW	legislation website	No	number
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Regs	Regulations	Rep	repealed	Sch	Schedule
Schs	Schedules	Sec	section	Secs	sections
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No reference is made to certain amendments made by Schedule 3 (amendments replacing gender-specific language) to the [Statute Law \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 1996](#).

Sec 3	Rep 1989 No 121, Sch 1.
Sec 4	Am 1987 No 80, Sch 1 (1); 1989 No 121, Sch 1; 1991 No 34, Sch 3; 1994 No 5, Sch 1 (1); 1994 No 95, Sch 1; 1995 No 89, Sch 2 (1); 1996 No 17, Sch 5; 1998 No 85, Sch 2.9; 2000 No 11, Sch 1 [1].
Part 2 (secs 7–14)	Rep 1989 No 121, Sch 1.
Sec 15	Am 1987 No 80, Schs 1 (2), 2 (1); 1990 No 121, Sch 1 (1); 1995 No 89, Sch 2 (2)–(4) (am 1996 No 121, Sch 2.33).
Sec 16	Am 1987 No 80, Sch 1 (2); 1990 No 121, Sch 1 (1); 1995 No 89, Sch 2 (5)–(7) (am 1996 No 121, Sch 2.33).
Sec 17	Am 1987 No 80, Schs 1 (2), 2 (2); 1990 No 121, Sch 1 (1); 1995 No 89, Sch 2 (8) (9).
Sec 18	Am 1987 No 80, Sch 1 (2); 1990 No 121, Sch 1 (1); 1994 No 5, Sch 1 (2); 1995 No 89, Sch 2 (10)–(12). Subst 1997 No 51, Sch 1 [3].
Sec 19	Am 1987 No 80, Sch 1 (3); 1990 No 121, Sch 1 (2); 1995 No 89, Sch 2 (13).
Sec 20	Am 1987 No 80, Sch 1 (3); 1990 No 121, Sch 1 (2); 1995 No 89, Sch 2 (14).
Sec 21	Am 1987 No 80, Sch 1 (2); 1990 No 121, Sch 1 (1).
Sec 21A	Ins 1984 No 138, sec 2. Am 1987 No 80, Sch 1 (2); 1990 No 121, Sch 1 (1); 1995 No 89, Sch 2 (15) (16).
Secs 21B–21D	Ins 1995 No 89, Sch 2 (17).
Sec 22	Am 1994 No 5, Sch 1 (3).
Sec 23	Am 1987 No 80, Sch 1 (4); 1989 No 121, Sch 1; 1990 No 121, Sch 1 (3).
Sec 24	Am 1995 No 89, Sch 2 (18).
Sec 25	Am 1987 No 80, Sch 1 (5); 1990 No 121, Sch 1 (4); 1995 No 89, Sch 2 (19).
Sec 26	Am 1987 No 80, Sch 1 (4) (6); 1990 No 121, Sch 1 (3) (5); 1993 No 46, Sch 2; 1995 No 89, Sch 2 (20)–(22).
Sec 27	Am 1987 No 80, Sch 1 (4); 1990 No 121, Sch 1 (3); 1995 No 89, Sch 2 (23) (24).
Sec 27A	Ins 1990 No 121, Sch 1 (7). Am 1996 No 107, Sch 1.9.
Part 3, Div 4	Subst 1994 No 5, Sch 1 (4).

Sec 29	Rep 1989 No 121, Sch 1. Ins 1994 No 5, Sch 1 (4).
Sec 30	Subst 1987 No 80, Sch 2 (3); 1994 No 5, Sch 1 (4).
Sec 30A	Ins 1987 No 80, Sch 2 (3). Am 1991 No 92, Sch 2. Rep 1994 No 5, Sch 1 (4).
Sec 31	Subst 1994 No 5, Sch 1 (4).
Sec 31A	Ins 1994 No 5, Sch 1 (4).
Sec 31B	Ins 1994 No 5, Sch 1 (4). Subst 1995 No 89, Sch 2 (25).
Secs 31C–31H	Ins 1994 No 5, Sch 1 (4).
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Sec 31KA	Ins 1996 No 120, Sch 2.5 [4].
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Sec 31N	Ins 1994 No 5, Sch 1 (4). Am 1996 No 120, Sch 2.5 [6].
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Sec 31Q	Ins 1994 No 5, Sch 1 (4). Am 1996 No 17, Sch 5.
Secs 31R–31T	Ins 1995 No 89, Sch 2 (28).
Sec 31U	Ins 1995 No 89, Sch 2 (28). Am 1996 No 120, Sch 2.5 [7].
Sec 31UA	Ins 1996 No 120, Sch 2.5 [8].
Secs 31V–31AE	Ins 1995 No 89, Sch 2 (28).
Part 3, Div 5	Ins 1995 No 89, Sch 2 (28).
Sec 31AF	Ins 1995 No 89, Sch 2 (28). Am 1996 No 17, Sch 5.
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Secs 36, 38	Rep 1999 No 85, Sch 4.
Sec 39	Am 1994 No 13, Sch 4.
Secs 40, 42, 44	Rep 1999 No 85, Sch 4.
Part 4A	Ins 1987 No 80, Sch 2 (4).
Sec 44A	Ins 1987 No 80, Sch 2 (4). Am 1989 No 121, Sch 1; 1994 No 5, Sch 1 (5); 1995 No 89, Sch 2 (29).
Sec 44B	Ins 1987 No 80, Sch 2 (4).

Sec 45	Am 1987 No 80, Schs 1 (7), 2 (5); 1990 No 121, Sch 1 (6); 1991 No 94, Sch 1; 1994 No 5, Sch 1 (6); 1995 No 89, Sch 2 (30); 1997 No 51, Sch 1 [8] [9].
Sec 46A	Ins 1998 No 48, Sch 2.15.
Sec 47	Subst 1987 No 80, Sch 1 (8). Am 1991 No 34, Sch 3; 1992 No 112, Sch 1; 1995 No 89, Sch 2 (31) (32); 1996 No 17, Sch 5; 1998 No 137, Sch 2.20.
Sec 47A	Ins 1995 No 89, Sch 2 (33).
Sec 48	Am 1987 No 80, Sch 1 (9); 1988 No 131 Sch 15; 1992 No 57, Sch 2; 1994 No 5, Sch 1 (7); 1996 No 17, Sch 5.
Sec 49	Am 1995 No 89, Sch 2 (34).
Sec 49A	Ins 1997 No 51, Sch 1 [11].
Sec 50	Am 1990 No 121, Sch 1 (8); 1995 No 89, Sch 2 (35).
Sec 51A	Ins 1987 No 80, Sch 1 (10). Subst 1995 No 89, Sch 2 (36).
Sec 51B	Ins 1990 No 121, Sch 1 (9).
Sec 51C	Ins 1995 No 89, Sch 2 (37).
Sec 52	Am 1987 No 80, Sch 1 (4); 1990 No 121, Sch 1 (3); 1994 No 5, Sch 1 (8); 1995 No 89, Sch 2 (38) (39).
Sec 52A	Ins 1994 No 5, Sch 1 (9).
Sec 54	Am 1987 No 80, Sch 2 (6); 1989 No 121, Sch 1.
Sec 55	Ins 1994 No 5, Sch 1 (10).
Part 7, Divs 1–3 (secs 56–63)	Ins 2000 No 9, Sch 1.
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Sch 4	Am 1984 No 153, Sch 16. Rep 1999 No 85, Sch 4.
Schs 5–7	Rep 1999 No 85, Sch 4.
Sch 8	Ins 1994 No 5, Sch 1 (11). Am 1995 No 89, Sch 2 (40) (41); 1997 No 51, Sch 1 [15] [16]; 2000 No 11, Sch 1 [2].

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