

# State Children Relief Act 1901, New South Wales

1901 – 1923

**Other Names:**

- An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the establishment of a system of Boarding-out Children

**URL:** <https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/pdf/asmade/act-1901-61>

## Details

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The State Children Relief Act 1901 (61/1901) replaced the 1881 legislation by the same name and was the basis of most law to do with state children. It provided the State Children's Relief Board with authority to direct the removal of state children; grant licences for the reception of state children as boarders; apprentice any child; approve persons applying to 'adopt' state children; and arrange terms of 'adoption'. The Act entitled a boarding-out officer to remove a state child from an asylum, reformatory school and arrange for the child to be boarded out. This Act was amended by the Neglected Children and Juvenile Offenders Act 1905 and repealed by The Child Welfare Act 1923.

## More info

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### Chronology

- State Children Relief Act 1881, New South Wales (1881 - 1901)
  - **State Children Relief Act 1901, New South Wales (1901 – 1923)**
    - Child Welfare Act 1923, New South Wales (1923 - 1939)
    - Child Welfare Act 1939, New South Wales (1939 - 1987)
      - Adoption of Children Act 1965, New South Wales (1965 - 2003)
      - Adoption Act 2000, New South Wales (2000 - current)

### Related Entries

**Is amended by**

- [Neglected Children and Juvenile Offenders Act 1905, New South Wales \(1905 - 1923\)](#)

**Related Organisations**

- [State Children's Relief Board \(1881 - 1923\)](#)
- [State Children's Relief Department \(1881 - 1923\)](#)

**Related Concepts**

- [Adoption in New South Wales \(c. 1923 - current\)](#)

## Resources

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  - Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS), [To Remove and Protect](#), 2014
  - [Fifth Sectional Report Covering the Administration of the Acts relating to State Children](#), Royal Commission to Inquire into the Public Service of New South Wales, August 1920
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