

# Infant Life Protection Act 1905, Queensland

1905 – 1966

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## Details

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The Infant Life Protection Act, with the full title “An Act to Make Better Provision for the Protection of Infant Life, and for other purposes” (Act no.5 Edw.VII No.19) arranged for the registration of nursing homes for children under 3 years of age, the reporting of the births and deaths of illegitimate children and for their adoption. Such children had no inheritance rights in their adoptive family. The Police Department administered this Act until 1918. In 1921 the Act was amended to provide for the legal adoption of children under 10 years of age, but the adopted children gained no status or protection. The act was amended in 1905 and commenced on the 1st of January 1906. The act was repealed on the Children’s Services Act (Act no.42/1965) 1965 which commenced on the 1st of August 1966.

Hannah Wilson was appointed in 1906 as first Inspector under the Infant Life Protection Act 1905. Eveline Smith was appointed Inspector under the Infant Life Protection Act 1905 in 1908. She resigned in 1909 and was succeeded by Jessie Bouchard.

## More info

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### Chronology

- **Infant Life Protection Act 1905, Queensland (1905 – 1966)**
  - Children’s Services Act 1965, Queensland (1965 - 2000)
  - Child Protection Act 1999, Queensland (1999 - current)

### Related Entries

#### Related Glossary Terms

- [Baby Farming \(c. 1867 - c. 1910\)](#)
- [Infant Life Protection \(1890s - 1960s\)](#)

The Infant Life Protection Act 1905 was the first Infant Life Protection legislation in Queensland.

#### Is amended by

- [State Children Act 1911, Queensland \(1911 - 1966\)](#)
- [Infant Life Protection Acts Amendment Act of 1935, Queensland \(1935 - 1966\)](#)
- [Infant Life Protection Act Amendment Act 1921, Queensland \(1921 - 1966\)](#)

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- [Infant Life Protection Act Amendment Act 1927, Queensland \(1927 - 1966\)](#)  
Date: 1927 - 1966
- [Infant Life Protection Act Amendment Act 1935, Queensland \(1935 - 1966\)](#)  
Date: 1935 - 1966
- [Infant Life Protection Act Amendment Act 1918, Queensland \(1918 - 1966\)](#)

#### **Related Organisations**

- [Health and Home Affairs Department, State Children Department, State Government of Queensland \(5 December 1935 - 26 December 1963\)](#)  
Health and Home Affairs Department, State Children Department administered the Infant Life Protection Act 1905
- [Glenties Rescue Home \(1902 - 1924\)](#)
- [Bethel Home, Dalby \(1952 - May 1982\)](#)
- [Blackheath Home, Oxley \(c. 1924 - 1963\)](#)
- [St George's Homes, Rockhampton \(1922 - 1979\)](#)
- [Silky Oaks Haven for Children \(1940 - current\)](#)
- [Redcliffe Home, Goodwood \(1955 - c. 1990\)](#)
- [Public Instruction Department, Orphanages Branch, State Government of Queensland \(2 October 1879 - 1 December 1911\)](#)  
Public Instruction Department, Orphanages Branch administered the *Infant Life Protection Act 1905*.

#### **Related Archival Series**

- [Registers of Nursing Homes, Rockhampton Receiving Depot \(11 June 1906 - 13 November 1918\)](#)

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