

# Health Act 1911, Western Australia

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## Details

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The Health Act 1911 (1911/034 (1 Geo. V No.45)) repealed the Health Act 1898 and remains the principal public health legislation in Western Australia. In 1911 it had a number of impacts on children in out of home care, mainly through their participation in the school system. The Act allowed the medical and dental examination of school children; it required infectious diseases in schools to be reported; and prescribed when children would be exempted from vaccination.

The 'Health Act 1911' also required midwives to be registered and set up the Midwives' Registration Board for that purpose. Eventually, this led to a decrease in the number of lying-in (maternity) homes in the State.

## More info

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### Chronology

- Health Act 1898, Western Australia (1898 - 1911)
  - **Health Act 1911, Western Australia (1911 – )**

### Related Entries

#### Related Events

- [Coronial Inquiry into the death of George Jones and the management of Swan Boys' Orphanage, State of Western Australia \(2 June 1911 - 13 July 1911\)](#)

Responding to the coronial inquiry into the death of George Jones and the management of Swan Boys' Orphanage, the Colonial Secretary said that the provisions of the *Health Act 1911* enabled the medical examination of all children in charitable institutions.

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#### Related Legislation

- [State Children Act 1907, Western Australia \(1907 - 1948\)](#)

Children who were in out of home care were also covered by the public health provisions of the Health Act 1911.

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#### Is amended by

- [Health Act Amendment Act 1918, Western Australia \(1918 - current\)](#)