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[as amended by all amendments that commenced on or before 1 January 2011]

Part 1 Preliminary

1 Short title

This regulation may be cited as the *Public Service Regulation 2008*.

2 Commencement

This regulation commences on 1 July 2008.

3 Definitions

In this regulation—

column 1 entity see section 4.

employee, of a column 1 entity, means a person employed by or in the entity who is not a public service employee.

employee record see section 10(1).

health service employee means a person appointed under the *Health Services Act 1991*, section 24.

possession, for an employee record, see section 11.

relevant investigation or inquiry means an investigation or inquiry into—

- (a) an allegation of conduct that, if proved, may make a public service employee liable to disciplinary action; or
- (b) a grievance involving a public service employee lodged under a directive or industrial instrument.

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Part 2 Public service offices

Division 1 Declared public service offices and applied provisions

4 Declared public service office—Act, s 21

- (1) For section 21(1)(b) of the Act, an entity mentioned in schedule 1, column 1 (*column 1 entity*), is declared to be a public service office.
- (2) The person mentioned in schedule 1, column 2, opposite the name of the office, is declared to be the head of the office.

5 Provisions of the Act applied under the Act, s 23

- (1) The provisions of the Act applied to a column 1 entity are stated in schedule 1, column 3, paragraph (a), opposite the entity's name.
- (2) The provisions of the Act applied to a column 1 entity's employees are stated in schedule 1, column 3, paragraph (b), opposite the entity's name.
- (3) A provision applied to a column 1 entity under subsection (1) applies to the entity and its employees as if—
 - (a) the entity were a department; and
 - (b) the head of the entity stated in schedule 1, column 2, opposite the entity's name were the chief executive of the department; and
 - (c) the employees were public service employees.
- (4) A provision applied to a column 1 entity's employees mentioned in subsection (2) applies to the entity and the employees as if—
 - (a) the entity were a department; and

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- (b) the head of the entity stated in schedule 1, column 2, opposite the entity's name were the chief executive of the department; and
 - (c) the employees were public service employees.

Division 2 Things prescribed because of the declaration of public service entities or the application of applied provisions

6 Transfer or redeployment of employees under applied provisions

- (1) On the transfer or redeployment of an employee of a column 1 entity under an applied provision—
 - (a) the employee is employed under the Act; and
 - (b) the employee retains and is entitled to all rights that have accrued to the employee because of the person's employment with the column 1 entity; and
 - (c) the employee's service as an employee of the column 1 entity is taken to be service of a like nature in the public service for deciding the employee's rights as a public service employee; and
 - (d) the transfer or redeployment does not break the employee's continuity of service.
- (2) On the transfer or redeployment of a public service employee to or into a column 1 entity under an applied provision—
 - (a) the employee is employed under the Act under which the entity is established; and
 - (b) the employee retains and is entitled to all rights that have accrued to the employee because of the person's employment as a public service employee; and
 - (c) the employee's service as a public service employee is taken to be service of a like nature with the column 1

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entity for deciding the employee's rights as an employee of the column 1 entity; and

- (d) the transfer or redeployment does not break the employee's continuity of service.

7 Application of appeal provisions

- (1) This section applies to a column 1 entity to which chapter 7 of the Act applies.
- (2) The commission chief executive must declare, under a directive, the employees of the column 1 entity to whom section 195(1)(g) of the Act applies as if they were senior executives or senior officers.

Editor's note—

section 195 (Decisions against which appeals can not be made) of the Act

- (3) The commission chief executive may make the declaration only if he or she considers that the employee is performing duties that would, if the employee were a public service officer, be duties of—
 - (a) for an employee to whom the section is to apply as if the employee were a senior executive—a senior executive; or
 - (b) for an employee to whom the section is to apply as if the employee were a senior officer—a senior officer.
- (4) For applying chapter 7 of the Act to a column 1 entity or an employee of a column 1 entity—
 - (a) the reference in section 194(1)(b) of the Act to a disciplinary law is taken to include a reference to a law, other than the Act, under which employees of the column 1 entity are disciplined (***prescribed disciplinary law***); and
 - (b) the reference in section 194(1)(b)(ii) to a disciplinary declaration made under section 188A is taken to include a reference to a declaration made under the prescribed

disciplinary law that states the disciplinary action that would have been taken against the employee if the employee's employment had not ended.

8 Application of rulings

- (1) For a column 1 entity, a ruling stated in schedule 1, column 3, paragraph (c), opposite the entity's name applies to the entity and its employees mentioned in column 3, paragraph (b), with all necessary changes.
- (2) If section 53 or 54 of the Act apply to a column 1 entity or a column 1 entity's employees, the section applies only to the extent that a ruling made under the section applies to the entity and its employees under subsection (1).

9 References to replaced rulings

- (1) This section applies if a ruling mentioned in schedule 1 is repealed and a new ruling dealing with substantially the same subject matter is made to replace it.
- (2) A reference in schedule 1 to the repealed ruling is taken to be a reference to the new ruling.

Part 3 Provisions about employment

Division 1 Key concepts

10 Meaning of *employee record*

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), an *employee record* about a public service employee, means each of the following documents to the extent the document contains information about the employee—

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- (a) a report, correspondence item or other document about the employee's work performance, work conduct or work history;
 - (b) a medical report about the employee;
 - (c) a written allegation of misconduct by the employee.
- (2) None of the following documents is an employee record about a public service employee—
- (a) a medical report about the employee indicating that disclosure of information in it to the employee might be prejudicial to the employee's mental or physical health or wellbeing;
 - (b) an employee assistance provider document about the employee;
 - (c) a Public Interest Disclosure Act document about the employee;
 - (d) a document about the employee relating to suspected official misconduct under the *Crime and Misconduct Act 2001* or its investigation;
 - (e) a document about the employee relating to a suspected criminal offence or its investigation;
 - (f) a document to which legal professional privilege applies.

(3) In this section—

employee assistance provider means a person with a qualification to provide professional counselling services.

employee assistance provider document means a document about any public service employee created by an employee assistance provider for the primary purpose of providing a professional counselling service to a public service employee.

misconduct see the Act, section 187(4).

Public Interest Disclosure Act document means a document that—

- (a) is a public interest disclosure, or record of a public interest disclosure, made under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010*; or
- (b) was brought into existence for that Act's administration.

11 When an employee record is in an entity's *possession*

- (1) An employee record is in an entity's *possession* if the entity has the record in its possession, under its control, or is otherwise entitled to have access to the record.
- (2) An employee record is also in an entity's *possession* if the record is in the possession, or under the control, of an employee of the entity in the employee's official capacity.
- (3) For subsection (2)—
 - (a) if the entity is the Minister, a person is an employee of the entity if the person is an employee of the department administered by the Minister; or
 - (b) if the entity is the chief executive of a department, a person is an employee of the entity if the person is an employee of the department.

Division 2 Dealing with employee records

12 Dealing with employee record if detrimental to employee's interests

- (1) This section applies if a public service employee's chief executive intends to—
 - (a) use an employee record about the employee in a way that could reasonably be considered to be detrimental to the employee's interests; or
 - (b) place on the employee's employment file an employee record about the employee that could reasonably be considered to be detrimental to the employee's interests.

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- (2) Subject to subsection (3), the chief executive must ensure that, at least 14 days before taking the action mentioned in subsection (1) (the *detrimental action*)—
 - (a) the employee is given the opportunity to read the record and to acknowledge having read it by initialling it; and
 - (b) the employee is given a copy of the record; and
 - (c) if the employee has refused to read the record or to acknowledge having read it by initialling it, the refusal is noted on the record; and
 - (d) the employee is given the opportunity to respond in writing at any time to the record's contents; and
 - (e) any written response by the employee is attached to the record.
- (3) Subsection (4) applies if the chief executive reasonably considers that giving the employee access to the record under subsection (2) would be likely to prejudice an existing relevant investigation or inquiry.
- (4) The chief executive must give the employee access to the record in the way mentioned in subsection (2)(a) to (e) immediately after whichever of the following happens first—
 - (a) the chief executive no longer reasonably considers that giving the employee access to the record would be likely to prejudice a relevant investigation or inquiry;
 - (b) the end of the period of 6 months after the detrimental action is taken.

13 Employee record in possession of another chief executive

- (1) This section applies to a chief executive of a department (the *relevant chief executive*) if—
 - (a) an employee record about a public service employee is in the relevant chief executive's possession; and
 - (b) the relevant chief executive is not the employee's chief executive.

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- (2) The relevant chief executive must give possession of the record to the employee's chief executive as soon as practicable.
 - (3) However, if the employee has been seconded to another department for a total period of less than 6 months, subsection (2) only applies if the relevant chief executive and the employee's chief executive agree in writing that the relevant chief executive give possession of the record to the employee's chief executive.

Note—

The relevant chief executive may still need to comply with a commission chief executive directive about giving the employee's personal and employment details to the employee's chief executive.

- (4) Also, subsection (2) does not apply to a referee's report or other document received for a selection process to fill an employment vacancy in the department.

14 Access to employee record

- (1) This section applies if an employee record about a public service employee is in the possession of any chief executive.
- (2) The employee may, on request—
 - (a) inspect the record; or
 - (b) take an extract from, or obtain a copy of details in, the record.
- (3) Subject to subsections (4) to (7), the inspection, taking of the extract or obtaining of the copy (the *requested action*) must be allowed at a time and place convenient to the chief executive within 21 days after the request.
- (4) Subsection (5) applies if the record contains personal information of a person other than the employee.
- (5) The chief executive may refuse the employee access to all or part of the record in the circumstances stated under a relevant directive of the commission chief executive.

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- (6) Subsection (7) applies if the chief executive reasonably considers the requested action would be likely to prejudice an existing relevant investigation or inquiry.
- (7) The chief executive must allow the requested action immediately after whichever of the following happens first—
 - (a) the chief executive no longer reasonably considers the requested action would be likely to prejudice the relevant investigation or inquiry;
 - (b) the end of the period of 6 months after the employee requests the requested action.
- (8) In taking the requested action, the employee must not remove anything from the record.
- (9) In this section—
personal information see the *Information Privacy Act 2009*, section 12.

Part 4 Repeal

17 Repeal of Public Service Regulation 2007

The Public Service Regulation 2007, SL No. 213 is repealed.

Part 5 Transitional provisions

18 References to Public Service Regulation 2007

A reference in any document to the repealed *Public Service Regulation 2007* is, if the context permits, taken to be a reference to this regulation.

19 Officer employed in a department on probation

- (1) This section applies to an officer employed in a department on probation immediately before 1 July 2008.
- (2) Part 2, division 2, of the repealed *Public Service Regulation 1997* continues to apply to the officer despite the repeal of that regulation.

Schedule 1 Public service offices, their heads and applied provisions and rulings

sections 4, 5 and 8

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
	Public service office	Public service office head	Applied provisions and rulings
1	Australian Agricultural College Corporation ABN 65 259 790 558 or Australian Agricultural College Employing Office under the <i>Agricultural College Act 2005</i>	director or executive officer	(a) chapter 3 part 3, section 138 and chapter 5 part 6 divisions 1, 2, 4 and 5 (other than section 172) and chapter 7; and (b) all of the entity's employees—chapter 3 part 3, section 138, chapter 5 part 6, divisions 1, 2, 4 and 5 and chapter 7; and (c) directives 18/97, 6/03, 10/05 (other than schedule A, clause 2.1), 11/05, 4/06, 11/07 and 4/08.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Public service office	Public service office head	Applied provisions and rulings
2 an administrative unit mentioned in section 34A of the <i>Health Services Regulation 2002</i>	chief executive of the department in which the <i>Health Services Act 1991</i> is administered	<p>(a) not applicable; and</p> <p>(b) for health service employees—chapter 1 part 3, chapter 3 part 3, sections 115, 133, 134, 137, 138, 149 and 186 and chapter 5 parts 6 and 7, chapter 6 and chapter 7; and</p> <p>(c) for health service employees—directives 10/96, 18/97, 24/99, 4/02, 6/03, 10/05, 11/05, 14/05, 16/05, 18/05, 4/06, 5/06, 6/06, 7/07, 8/07, 11/07, 12/07 and 4/08.</p>
3 Legal Aid Queensland under the <i>Legal Aid Queensland Act 1997</i>	chief executive officer	<p>(a) chapter 1 part 4, chapter 3 part 3, sections 103(1) and (3), 128, 133, 134 and 138 and chapter 5 part 7, chapter 6 and chapter 7; and</p> <p>(b) all of the entity's employees—the provisions mentioned in paragraph (a); and</p> <p>(c) directives 18/97, 6/03, 10/05 (other than schedule A, clause 2.1), 11/05, 4/06 (other than clauses 7.3, 7.4 and 7.15), 9/07 and 11/07.</p>

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	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
	Public service office	Public service office head	Applied provisions and rulings
4	Queensland Ambulance Service under the <i>Ambulance Service Act 1991</i>	commissioner	<p>(a) chapter 1 part 4, chapter 3 part 3, sections 133(2), (3) and (4) and 138 and chapter 7; and</p> <p>(b) all of the entity's employees—the provisions mentioned in paragraph (a); and</p> <p>(c) directives 18/97, 4/99, 4/02, 6/03, 10/05 (other than schedule A, clause 2.1), 11/05, 4/06 and 11/07.</p>
6	Queensland Building Services Authority or Queensland Building Services Employing Office under the <i>Queensland Building Services Authority Act 1991</i>	general manager or executive officer	<p>(a) chapter 3 part 3, sections 133(2), (3) and (4), 134 and 138 and chapter 7; and</p> <p>(b) all of the entity's employees—the provisions mentioned in paragraph (a); and</p> <p>(c) directives 18/97, 6/03, 10/05 (other than schedule A, clause 2.1), 11/05, 4/06 and 11/07.</p>

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Public service office	Public service office head	Applied provisions and rulings
7 Queensland Fire and Rescue Service under the <i>Fire and Rescue Service Act 1990</i>	commissioner	<p>(a) chapter 1 part 4, chapter 3 part 3, sections 120, 133(2), (3) and (4), 134, 138, 183 and 184 and chapter 7; and</p> <p>(b) all of the entity's employees—the provisions mentioned in paragraph (a); and</p> <p>(c) directives—</p> <p>(i) for employees other than auxiliary fire officers—18/97 (other than clause 5(e)), 4/02, 6/03 (other than part 3), 10/05, 11/05 and 4/06 (other than clauses 7.1 and 7.9); or</p> <p>(ii) for auxiliary fire officers—6/03, part 2.</p>

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	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
	Public service office	Public service office head	Applied provisions and rulings
11	Residential Tenancies Authority or Residential Tenancies Employing Office under the <i>Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008</i>	chief executive officer or executive officer	<p>(a) chapter 3 part 3 (other than section 55), sections 101, 103(1) and (3), 133(2), (3) and (4), 183, 184, 185 and 186 and chapter 5 part 7, chapter 6 and chapter 7; and</p> <p>(b) all of the entity's employees—the provisions mentioned in paragraph (a); and</p> <p>(c) directives 8/96, 10/96, 3/97, 6/03, 1/07 and 11/07.</p>
13	an agency, authority, commission, corporation, instrumentality, office, or other entity, established under an Act or under State authorisation for a public or State purpose	the person who, under the Act or State authorisation under which the entity is established, has the functions that most closely resemble the functions of a chief executive	<p>(a) chapter 3 part 1, section 46 and chapter 3 part 4 division 4 and 5; and</p> <p>(b) all of the entity's employees—the provisions mentioned in paragraph (a).</p>

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2 Date to which amendments incorporated

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3 Key

Key to abbreviations in list of legislation and annotations

Key	Explanation	Key	Explanation
AIA	= Acts Interpretation Act 1954	(prev)	= previously
amd	= amended	proc	= proclamation
amdt	= amendment	prov	= provision
ch	= chapter	pt	= part
def	= definition	pubd	= published
div	= division	R[X]	= Reprint No. [X]
exp	= expires/expired	RA	= Reprints Act 1992
gaz	= gazette	reloc	= relocated
hdg	= heading	renum	= renumbered
ins	= inserted	rep	= repealed
lap	= lapsed	(retro)	= retrospectively
notfd	= notified	rv	= revised edition
num	= numbered	s	= section
o in c	= order in council	sch	= schedule
om	= omitted	sdiv	= subdivision
orig	= original	SIA	= Statutory Instruments Act 1992
p	= page	SIR	= Statutory Instruments Regulation 2002
para	= paragraph	SL	= subordinate legislation
prec	= preceding	sub	= substituted
pres	= present	unnum	= unnumbered
prev	= previous		

4 Table of reprints

Reprints are issued for both future and past effective dates. For the most up-to-date table of reprints, see the reprint with the latest effective date.

If a reprint number includes a letter of the alphabet, the reprint was released in unauthorised, electronic form only.

Reprint No.	Amendments included	Effective	Notes
1	none	1 July 2008	
1A	2008 Act No. 73	1 July 2009	
1B	2010 SL No. 31	5 March 2010	
1C	2010 SL No. 54	1 April 2010	
1D	2010 SL No. 161	1 July 2010	
1E	2010 Act No. 37	1 November 2010	
1F	2010 Act No. 38	1 January 2011	R1F withdrawn, see R2
2	—	1 January 2011	

5 List of legislation

Public Service Regulation 2008 SL No. 209
made by the Governor in Council on 26 June 2008

notfd gaz 27 June 2008 pp 1268–78
 ss 1–2 commenced on date of notification
 remaining provision commenced 1 July 2008 (see s 2)
exp 1 September 2018 (see SIA s 54)

Note—The expiry date may have changed since this reprint was published. See the latest reprint of the SIR for any change.

amending legislation—

Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008 No. 73 ss 1–2, 554 sch 1

date of assent 11 December 2008
 ss 1–2 commenced on date of assent
 remaining provisions commenced 1 July 2009 (2009 SL No. 40)

Public Service Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2010 SL No. 31

notfd gaz 5 March 2010 pp 532–3
 commenced on date of notification

Criminal History Screening Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2010 SL No. 54 s 2(1) pt 3

notfd gaz 26 March 2010 pp 722–4
 ss 1–2 commenced on date of notification
 remaining provisions commenced 1 April 2010 (see s 2(1))

Public Service Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2010 SL No. 161

notfd gaz 1 July 2010 pp 921–2
 ss 1–2 commenced on date of notification
 remaining provisions commenced 1 July 2010 (see s 2)

Integrity Reform (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2010 No. 37 pts 1, 12

date of assent 20 September 2010
 ss 1–2 commenced on date of assent
 remaining provisions commenced 1 November 2010 (2010 SL No. 303)

Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010 No. 38 ss 1–2, 78 sch 3

date of assent 20 September 2010
 ss 1–2 commenced on date of assent
 remaining provisions commenced 1 January 2011 (2010 SL No. 305)

6 List of annotations

Application of appeal provisions

s 7 amd 2010 Act No. 37 s 173

Meaning of “employee record”

s 10 amd 2010 SL No. 31 s 3; 2010 Act No. 38 s 78 sch 3

Access to employee record

s 14 amd 2010 SL No. 31 s 4

Exemption from requirement for chief executive to obtain police information in particular circumstances—Act, s 157

s 15 om 2010 SL No. 54 s 12

Entities with whom chief executive may enter into arrangements about police information—Act, s 165

s 16 om 2010 SL No. 54 s 12

PART 6—AMENDMENT OF OTHER SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

pt 6 (s 20) om R1 (see RA ss 7(1)(k) and 40)

SCHEDULE 1—PUBLIC SERVICE OFFICES, THEIR HEADS AND APPLIED PROVISIONS AND RULINGS

amd 2008 Act No. 73 s 554 sch 1; 2010 SL No. 161 s 4

SCHEDULE 2—SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION AMENDED

om R1 (see RA s 40)

7 Table of corrected minor errors

under the Reprints Act 1992 s 44

Provision	Description
sch 1, item 6, column 1	om ‘Service Employing’ ins ‘Services Employing’

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