

# Mental Health Act 1959, Victoria

1962 – 1987

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## Details

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The Mental Health Act 1959 (No. 6605) brought into being the Mental Health Authority (the successor to the Mental Hygiene Authority). It consolidated and amended the law relating to the treatment and care of people described in the legislation as 'the mentally ill and the intellectually defective'.

The Mental Health Act 1959 was passed on 15 December 1959 and commenced on 1 November 1962. It was repealed by the Mental Health Act 1986 (No.59/1986) on 1 October 1987.

## More info

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### Chronology

- Mental Hygiene Act 1958, Victoria (1959 - 1962)
- Mental Deficiency Act 1958, Victoria (1959 - 1962)
  - **Mental Health Act 1959, Victoria (1962 – 1987)**
    - Mental Health Act 1986, Victoria (1987 - current)

## Related Entries

### Related Organisations

- [Mental Hygiene Branch \(1944 - 1959\)](#)
- [Mental Health Authority, State of Victoria \(1962 - 1978\)](#)

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