

# Department of Public Health, State Government of New South Wales

1938 – 1973

**Other Names:** • Department of Health

## Details

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The New South Wales Department of Public Health was established as a separate ministerial department by the New South Wales Government in 1938. It held responsibility for general hospitals (previously under the Colonial Secretary's Department), mental hospitals (previously under the Master of Lunacy), and the Office of Public Health. From 1965 this Department contained a Bureau of Maternal and Child Health, which was an amalgamation of the School Medical Service (begun in 1907) and the Division of Maternal and Baby Welfare (begun in 1914). According to State Records, in its later years this Department was often called the Department of Health, but the title was never officially changed. In April 1973 this Department was replaced with the Health Commission.

## More info

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### Chronology

- Inspector of Public Charities (1866 - 1888)
  - Department of Charitable Institutions (1888 - 1911)
    - Metropolitan Hospitals and Charities Department, State Government of New South Wales (1911 - 1913)
      - Office of the Director-General of Public Health (1913 - 1938)
- **Department of Public Health, State Government of New South Wales (1938 – 1973)**
  - Health Commission, State Government of New South Wales (1973 - 1982)
    - Health Department, State Government of New South Wales (1982 - current)

### Related Entries

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- [Crown Street Women's Hospital \(1893 - 1983\)](#)
- [Waterfall Sanatorium \(14 April 1909 - 31 December 1958\)](#)
- [Liverpool State Hospital and Home \(1933 - 1962\)](#)
- [Grosvenor Hospital \(1965 - 1985\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [Hospitals Commission of New South Wales \(1929 - 1973\)](#)

The Hospitals Commission was part of the Department of Public Health after 1938

## Resources

- [\*Report of the Director-General of Public Health, New South Wales, 1925 - 1971\*](#)
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