

# Backward Persons Act of 1938, Queensland

1938 – 1985

URL: [http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/qld/hist\\_act/bpao19382gvn30274/](http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/qld/hist_act/bpao19382gvn30274/)

## Details

---

The Backward Persons Act of 1938 made provision for the education and care, treatment and control of 'mentally deficient' people. The Act stated that mental deficiency was to be treated separately from mental illness and included special provisions related to children. The full title of this act was "An Act to Make Provision for the Education and Care, Treatment, and control of Backward Persons" (2 Geo VI, No. 30). This act was not repealed until 1986, by the Intellectually Handicapped Citizens Act 1986 (Act no.11/1985).

## More info

---

### Related Entries

#### Related Glossary Terms

- [Mental deficiency \(c. 1900 - c. 1969\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [Ipswich Mental Hospital \(1938 - 1964\)](#)

## Resources

- Queensland Government, [Alphabetical table of repealed Queensland legislation](#), 2014
- The School of Historical and Philosophical Studies, [Australian Psychiatric Care: A History of Psychiatric Institutionalisation and Community Care in Australia c.1811-c.1990](#), 2011

---

You can view this page online by visiting <https://www.findandconnect.gov.au/entity/backward-persons-act-of-1938/>