

# Native Administration Act Amendment Act 1941, Western Australia

1941 – 1963

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## Details

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The Native Administration Act Amendment Act 1941 amended the Aborigines Act Amendment Act 1936, also known as the Native Administration Act 1936. It restricted Aboriginal people living in the north of Western Australia from travelling south of the 20th parallel. The Amendment Act 1941 was repealed by the Native Welfare Act 1963.

The stated purpose of the *Native Administration Act Amendment Act 1941* was to 'limit the spread of leprosy' in Western Australia by (s.3) forbidding Aboriginal people living above the 20th parallel to travel south of that boundary, except for transfer to a hospital or other institution (s.3a), to receive specialist medical treatment (s.3b), as required by law (s.3c), or while employed to drive stock (s.3d). 'Leprosy Precaution' permits could be issued to authorize travel south.

## More info

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### Chronology

- **Native Administration Act Amendment Act 1941, Western Australia (1941 – 1963)**
  - Native Welfare Act 1963, Western Australia (1963 - 1972)
  - Aboriginal Affairs Planning Authority Act 1972, Western Australia (1972 - current)

### Related Entries

#### Related Organisations

- [Department of Native Affairs, State of Western Australia \(1936 - 1954\)](#)

The Department of Native Affairs was responsible for administering the *Native Administration Act Amendment Act 1941*.

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#### Amends

- [Aborigines Act 1905, Western Australia \(1906 - 1964\)](#)

### Resources

- McCorquodale, John, [The legal classification of race in Australia](#), Aboriginal History, 1986
  - Western Australia. Department of Native Affairs, *Annual Report: Department of Native Affairs, 1937 - 1954. Relevance: Annual Report of the Commissioner of Native Affairs 1945*, p.7
  - [Steps to Improve Lot of Natives in W.A.](#), The West Australian, 21 June 1949
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