



# Access to Health Records Act 1990

## CHAPTER 23

### ACCESS TO HEALTH RECORDS ACT 1990

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- 3 Right of access to health records.
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**Changes to legislation:**

Access to Health Records Act 1990 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 19 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 1(2)(a) words inserted by [2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 44\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 1(2)(a) words substituted by [2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 44\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 1(2)(aa) words inserted by [2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 44\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 1(2)(aa) words substituted by [2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 44\(c\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 1(2)(aa) words substituted by [2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 44\(c\)\(iii\)](#)
- s. 3(4) words inserted by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 21 para. 29\(3\)](#)
- s. 11 words omitted by [2012 c. 7 Sch. 14 para. 55](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 1(2)(aza) inserted by [2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 44\(b\)](#)
- s. 3(1)(g) inserted by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 21 para. 29\(2\)](#)