



Census and Statistics (Census) Regulation 2015

Select Legislative Instrument No. 253, 2015

I, General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Ret'd),
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the
advice of the Federal Executive Council, make the following regulation.

Dated 10 December 2015

Peter Cosgrove
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

Alex Hawke
Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer

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Part 1—Preliminary

1 Name

This is the *Census and Statistics (Census) Regulation 2015*.

2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this instrument	The day after this instrument is registered.	17 December 2015

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*.

4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Section 5

5 Definitions

In this instrument:

Act means the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*.

Australia, when used in a geographical sense, includes:

- (a) Norfolk Island; and
- (b) the Territory of Christmas Island; and
- (c) the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

Census night means the night of the Census day for a Census.

Note: **Census day** is defined in the Act.

private dwelling means a dwelling other than:

- (a) a hotel, motel, hostel or boarding house; or
- (b) a dwelling used solely or principally as sleeping accommodation by members of a group of persons who share common living or dining areas or other common amenities; or
- (c) a religious institution; or
- (d) a residential institution (including a hospital, nursing home, school, university, college, orphanage, house of refuge, prison or other penal or corrective institution); or
- (e) a vessel, other than a houseboat, used in navigation by water.

Part 2—The Census etc.

6 Extension of the Act to external Territories

For section 2 of the Act, the following external Territories are prescribed:

- (a) Norfolk Island;
- (b) the Territory of Christmas Island;
- (c) the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

7 Statistical information in relation to persons

For subsection 8(3) of the Act, the matters mentioned in the following table are prescribed in relation to persons.

Matters prescribed in relation to persons	
Item	Matter
1	Name
2	Sex
3	Date of birth or age last birthday
4	Relationship to the other persons, if any, who spend the Census night in the same accommodation
5	Present marital status
6	Address of usual residence
7	Address of usual residence 1 year before the Census day
8	Address of usual residence 5 years before the Census day
9	Religion or religious denomination
10	Citizenship
11	Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin
12	Ancestry
13	Country of birth
14	Country of birth of each parent
15	For a person not born in Australia—the year of the person's first arrival in Australia

Section 7

Matters prescribed in relation to persons

Item	Matter
16	Languages spoken at home
17	For a person who speaks a language other than English at home—his or her proficiency in speaking English
18	Present attendance at an educational institution, including the type of institution attended (if any)
19	For a person who is not less than 15 years of age, the following: (a) the highest level of primary or secondary school completed; (b) education qualifications; (c) labour force status; (d) income; (e) domestic activities; (f) the provision of unpaid care due to the disability, long term illness or old age of another person; (g) the provision of care to a child, without pay; (h) voluntary work through an organisation or group
20	For a person who is not less than 15 years of age and was employed (including self-employed) during the week immediately preceding the Census day, the following: (a) status in employment during that week; (b) occupation during that week; (c) the name and address of the undertaking in which the person was employed during that week; (d) the main kind of business or industry carried on, or service provided, by that undertaking during that week; (e) the hours worked by the person during that week; (f) the main duties or tasks that the person usually performs in the occupation; (g) the mode of travel to work by the person on the Census day; (h) if the person owns a business, the total number of persons who are employed by the business
21	The need for assistance with, or the supervision of another person for, any of the following activities (including the reason for the need): (a) self care; (b) body movement;

Section 8

Matters prescribed in relation to persons

Item	Matter
	(c) communication
22	For a female who is not less than 15 years of age—the number of children to whom she has given birth

8 Statistical information in relation to a household accommodated on the Census night in a private dwelling

For subsection 8(3) of the Act, the matters mentioned in the following table are prescribed in relation to a household accommodated on the Census night in a private dwelling.

Matters prescribed in relation to a household accommodated on the Census night in a private dwelling

Item	Matter
1	The address on the Census night
2	For a person who is usually a member of the household but is absent from the household accommodation on the Census night, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) name; (b) sex; (c) date of birth or age last birthday; (d) student status; (e) relationship to other members of the household; (f) Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin
3	The right, title or interest of the household in the household's accommodation
4	The number of bedrooms in the dwelling
5	The rent or loan repayments payable by the household for its accommodation
6	If the dwelling is rented—the nature of the person or body to whom rent is paid
7	The number of registered motor vehicles, garaged or parked at or near the dwelling on the Census night, that are owned or used by residents of the dwelling

Section 9

Matters prescribed in relation to a household accommodated on the Census night in a private dwelling

Item Matter

8 Access to the internet at the dwelling

9 Statistical information in relation to a private dwelling

For subsection 8(3) of the Act, the matters mentioned in the following table are prescribed in relation to a private dwelling.

Matters prescribed in relation to a private dwelling

Item Matter

1 The structure

2 The location

3 The status of a person in the dwelling

10 Statistical information in relation to a dwelling other than a private dwelling

For subsection 8(3) of the Act, the matters mentioned in the following table are prescribed in relation to a dwelling other than a private dwelling.

Matters prescribed in relation to a dwelling other than a private dwelling

Item Matter

1 The classification of the dwelling by reference to its purpose

2 The status of a person in the dwelling

3 The address of the dwelling

4 The name (if any) of the dwelling

5 The number of persons resident in the dwelling

Schedule 1—Repeals

Census and Statistics (Census) Regulations 2005

1 The whole of the Regulations

Repeal the Regulations.