

## Legislation and legal obligations

Legislation is the law made by Parliament. Legislation gives the department and its staff the power or authority to undertake activities and make particular decisions.

The department uses policies and procedures to give effect to many of its legislative responsibilities and obligations by explaining how activities need to be undertaken.

The department also uses [legislative delegations and authorisations](#) to define who can perform particular functions or make certain decisions.

Legislation can be found at the following:

- [Federal Register of Legislation](#) for Commonwealth legislation
- [Office of the Queensland Parliamentary Counsel](#) for Queensland legislation.

To understand what legislation the Minister and department is responsible for, refer to the [Administrative Arrangements Orders](#).