

# Legislation and standards

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## IDS Act

The [Inspector of Detention Services Act 2022](#) (IDS Act) provides for the appointment of an Inspector of Detention Services. It also defines the role and powers of the Inspector.

Some parts of the IDS Act commenced (by [Proclamation No.1](#)) on 9 December 2022. This supported the appointment of the Inspector and provided the Office of the Queensland Ombudsman with a period to undertake establishment activities, such as hiring of staff, before commencing operations. The remaining provisions of the IDS Act commenced on 1 July 2023, as set by [Proclamation No.2](#).

The [Inspector of Detention Services Regulation 2023](#) also commenced on 1 July 2023

## Inspection standards

Under the IDS Act (s 8(1)(d)) we are required to develop and publish standards for inspections. The following standards are available:

### Prisons

- [Inspection standards for Queensland prisons \(PDF 1.5MB\)](#)
- [Inspection standards for Queensland prisons: Quick guide \(PDF 572.6KB\)](#)

### Youth detention centres

- [Inspection standards for Queensland youth detention centres \(PDF 1.6MB\)](#)
- [Inspection standards for Queensland youth detention centres: Quick guide \(PDF 433.6KB\)](#)

We are currently preparing standards for inspections of watch-houses.

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