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Amendments to Integrity Commission Act now in place

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Amendments to the *Integrity Commission Act 2018* (the Act) relating to the Commission and its operations are now in effect. This follows the [Integrity Legislation Amendment Bill 2024](#) being passed by the ACT Legislative Assembly earlier this month.

The changes to legislation are a result of the *Integrity Commission Act 2018* requirement for the ACT Government to conduct a review of the laws that govern the Integrity Commission after its first three years of operations. The [Integrity Commission Act Review](#) identified over 60 recommended amendments to the legislation, with 18 so far debated and passed by the ACT Legislative Assembly.

ACT Integrity Commission CEO Judy Lind says the amendments to the Act will see some immediate changes implemented internally at the Commission, while other changes may relate to witnesses and persons of interest.

“For example, one immediate operational impact is that the Commission was previously not able to employ anyone who has been an ACT public servant in the last 5 years. Now, the Bill has removed this restriction,” she said.

“There is still a restriction on employing anyone who has been a Member of the Legislative Assembly, or staff of a Member of the Legislative Assembly, in the previous 2 years. However, that restriction does not include a temporary member of staff, meaning someone who has worked for an MLA for no longer than 3 months in the last 12 months.

“We believe these changes will provide a broader pool of potential candidates for positions at the Commission,” she said.

Other operational impacts, internal to the Commission, relate to:

- Eligibility criteria for the appointment of the CEO
- New staff personal interest guidelines and conflict of interest register
- Strengthening witness wellbeing arrangements, including professional consultation on the Commission’s Wellbeing Policy.

These amendments are summarised within the Commission’s [Guide to the Integrity Legislation Amendment Bill 2024](#).

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