

Conversion Therapy (Prohibition) Act 2026

Principal Act

Act. No. 2026-31

Commencement

23.7.2026

Assent

22.7.2026

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Section

1. Title.
2. Commencement.
3. Conversion therapy: prohibition.
4. Regulations.

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY CONVERSION THERAPY; AND FOR CONNECTED PURPOSES.

Title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Conversion Therapy (Prohibition) Act 2026.

Commencement.

2. This Act comes into operation on the day of publication.

Conversion therapy: prohibition.

- 3.(1) It is an offence for any person to practise, or to offer to practise, conversion therapy.

- (2) In this section, “conversion therapy or purported therapy” means-

- (a) any form of therapy which demonstrates an assumption that any sexual orientation or gender identity is inherently preferable to any other and which has the predetermined purpose of attempting to change a person’s sexual orientation or gender identity; but

- (b) does not include therapy that relates to-

- (i) a person’s gender transition; or
- (ii) a person’s exploration of their sexual orientation or identity or to its development.

- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable-

- (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale;
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine.

Regulations.

4. The Minister may by regulations make further provision as to-

- (a) what is, or what is not, to be treated as conversion therapy for the purposes of section 3;
- (b) the circumstances in which section 3 does not apply.