

Ready Reckoner:

Commencement Dates for Adult Crime Adult Time Offences.

as at 25 June 2026

Part 1 – Amending Legislation

S175A of the Youth Justice Act (YJA) defines the significant offences to which adult penalties apply.

These are the key dates:

S175A does not apply to any offence committed prior to 13/12/2024.

	Amending Legislation	Relevant Section stating the increase in penalty only applies if the offence was committed after commencement ¹	Date of Assent/ Commencement date of changes to S175A
Tranche 1	<i>Making Queensland Safer Act 2024</i>	S433 YJA	13/12/2024
Tranche 2	<i>Making Queensland Safer (Adult Crime, Adult Time) Amendment Act 2025</i>	S442 YJA	23/5/2025
	<i>Fighting Antisemitism and Keeping Guns out of the Hands of Terrorists and Criminals Amendment Act 2026</i>	No specific section attached to this amendment – rely on s20C <i>Acts Interpretation Act 1954</i> (Qld)	11/3/2026
Tranche 3	<i>Expanding Adult Crime, Adult Time and Taking a Strong Stance on Drugs and Anti-Social Behaviour Amendment Act 2026</i>	S444YJA	30/4/2026

Part 2 – Adult Crime, Adult Time Offences

OFFENCES	DETAILS OF OFFENCES LISTED IN s175A	ONLY OFFENCES WHICH OCCURRED ON OR AFTER THIS DATE WILL HAVE S175A YJA APPLY
<i>Sections refer to Criminal Code unless otherwise indicated</i>		
section 61 (1), if the circumstance stated in paragraph (a) of the penalty for section 61 (1) applies.	Riot Only if offender causes GBH or causes an explosive substance to explode or destroy or starts to destroy a building, vehicle or machinery	30/4/2026

¹ See also section 20C (3) *Acts Interpretations Act 1954* (Qld) “If an Act increases the maximum or minimum penalty, or the penalty, for an offence, the increase applies only to an offence committed after the Act commences.”

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section 69	Going armed so as to cause fear	23/5/2025
section 75	Threatening violence	23/5/2025
section 210 , if the circumstance stated in section 210 (3) or (4A) applies.	Indecent treatment of children under 16 years Only if either Child is U12 years, or Child has impairment of the mind	30/4/2026
section 216	Abuse of person with an impairment of the mind	30/4/2026
sections 302 and 305	Murder	13/12/2024
sections 303 and 310	Manslaughter	13/12/2024
section 306 ;	Attempt to murder	23/5/2025
section 307	Accessory after the fact to murder	23/5/2025
section 309	Conspiring to murder	30/4/2026
section 311	Aiding suicide	30/4/2026
section 313 (2)	Assault to pregnant person and destroy life of, or cause GBH, of transmits disease to unborn child	23/5/2025
section 314A	Unlawful striking causing death	13/12/2024
section 315	Disabling in order to commit indictable Offence	30/4/2026
section 315A	Choking, suffocation or strangulation in a domestic setting	30/4/2026
section 316	Stupefying in order to commit indictable offence	30/4/2026
section 317	Acts intended to cause GBH and other malicious acts	13/12/2024
section 319	Endangering the safety of a person in a vehicle with intent	30/4/2026
section 320	GBH	13/12/2024

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section 320A	Torture	23/5/2025
section 322 , if the circumstance stated in paragraph (a) of the penalty for the section applies.	Administering poison with intent to harm Only if Endangers life, or does GBH	30/4/2026
section 323	Wounding	13/12/2024
section 328A	Dangerous operation of a vehicle	13/12/2024
section 328C	Damaging emergency vehicle when operating motor vehicle	23/5/2025
section 328D	Endangering police officer when driving motor vehicle	23/5/2025
section 339 , if the circumstance stated in section 339 (2) or (3) applies.	AOBH Only if Published material on social media, or does bodily harm and is or pretends to be armed or is in company	30/4/2026
section 340	Serious assaults	13/12/2024
section 349	Rape	23/5/2025
section 350	Attempt to commit rape	23/5/2025
section 351	Assault with intent to commit rape	23/5/2025

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section 352 , if the circumstance stated in section 352 (2) or (3) applies.	Sexual assault Only if: if the indecent assault or act of gross indecency includes bringing into contact any part of the genitalia or the anus of a person with any part of the mouth of a person. OR (a), the offender is, or pretends to be, armed with a dangerous or offensive weapon, or is in company with any other person; or (b), the indecent assault includes the person who is assaulted penetrating the offender's vagina, vulva or anus to any extent with a thing or a part of the person's body that is not a penis; OR (c) the act of gross indecency includes the person who is procured by the offender penetrating the vagina, vulva or anus of the person who is procured or another person to any extent with a thing or a part of the body of the person who is procured that is not a penis.	23/5/2025
section 354	Kidnapping	23/5/2025
section 354A	Kidnapping for ransom	23/5/2025
section 355	Deprivation of liberty	23/5/2025
section 359E	Unlawful stalking, intimidation, harassment or abuse	30/4/2026
section 398 , if item 12 or 15 applies.	Stealing But only if the item stolen is A VEHICLE (Item 12), or FIREARM OR AMMUNITION (Item 15) (NOTE prior to 11/3/26 referred to items 12 and 14. Now applies to items 12 and 15. (there was a change in the numbering- applicable offences not changed)	23/5/2025
section 408A	Unlawful use or possession of a motor vehicle, aircraft or vessels	13/12/2024
sections 409 and 411	Robbery	13/12/2024
section 412	Attempted Robbery If aggravated under s412 (2) and (3) (armed/in company/ personal violence) Attempted Robbery under s412(1) (simpliciter)	23/5/2025 30/04/2026

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section 419	Burglary	13/12/2024
section 421	Entering or being on premises and committing indictable offences	13/12/2024
section 427	Unlawful entry of vehicle for committing indictable offence	13/12/2024
section 461	Arson	23/5/2025
section 462	Endangering particular property by fire	23/5/2025
DRUGS MISUSE ACT, section 5.	Trafficking in dangerous drugs	23/5/2025
WEAPONS ACT section 56A	Reckless discharge of weapon towards building or vehicle	11/3/2026
WEAPONS ACT section 67A	Possessing and distribution of blueprint material for manufacture of firearms acquiring restricted items	11/3/2026
Criminal Code, section 535 or section 541 or 542 section 544	Attempting to commit Or Conspiracy to commit. Or Accessory after the fact of any other offence listed in this table (i.e. an offence listed in s175A YJA as a significant offence)	30/4/2026 Except for the offences specifically listed elsewhere in this schedule i.e.: Attempt to murder, accessory after the fact to murder, attempt to rape, & attempted robbery(if aggravated), offences (all of which commenced on 23/5/2025).