

## LICENSING, REGULATION AND ALCOHOL STRATEGY

### Prostitution in the Northern Territory

The *Prostitution Regulation Act* and Prostitution Regulations provide for the licensing of escort agency businesses and regulate prostitution in the Northern Territory.

- Escort Agency Operators and Managers must hold a licence to operate an agency within the NT. To be eligible for a Escort Operator or Managers Licence you must:
  - Be over 18 years old.
  - Resident of the Northern Territory.
  - Have no criminal history.
  - Must not be a spouse, defacto partner, homosexual partner, business partner or business associate of an individual who has a criminal history.
  - Please refer to the relevant schedule of fees for the Cost of an application. This includes Police checks.
- Escort Agency Operators/Managers Licence must be renewed annually.
- All sex workers working for an agency have to register with the NT Police.
- Brothels are illegal in the Northern Territory.
- Solo sex workers are not required to be registered with the NT Police.
- Soliciting or accosting any persons in a public place is not permitted.

A useful reference for this activity is the Northern Territory Aids Council website [www.ntahc.org.au](http://www.ntahc.org.au) or the Sex Worker Outreach Program officer on 08 8941 1711.

Any interested party, wishing to discuss any matters with the Licensing Commission can make an appointment by contacting the Licensing Officer on 8999 1800 or 1800 193 111. All enquiries will be treated in strict confidence.

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