

Customer Information Bulletin

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Amendment to section 42 of the *Real Property Act 1886* – Expanded access to Historical Records

I refer to [Notice to Lodging Parties \(NTLP\) No. 274](#) which provided details of the *Statutes Amendment (Planning, Infrastructure and Other Matters) Act 2025* (the Amendment Act).

On 30 July 2026, a number of amendments to the *Real Property Act 1886* (RPA) set out in Part 6 of the Amendment Act commenced operation, including amended section 42, which expands access to certain historical records pertaining to bringing land under the RPA.

Accordingly, relevant records more than 80 years old will now be open to the public and available for viewing at the [State Records of South Australia Research Centre](#).

The table below details the relevant application number series and the dates upon which they will become available for viewing. The State Records series reference number is GRS 18635.

Date of opening for public access	Application numbers	Years of lodgement
30 July 2026	1 - 28424	1858-1945
1 January 2027	28425 - 28475	1946
1 January 2028	28476 - 28564	1947
1 January 2029	28565 - 28641	1948
1 January 2030	28642 - 28702	1949

Please note that:

- Enquiries regarding accessing the above records should be made directly to the [Research Centre](#).
- The Research Centre is open for viewing documents by appointment only.
- Viewing of original records is supervised and [rules are in place](#) to protect these historic records.

Enquiries regarding historical records not included in the above table should continue to be directed to [Land Services SA](#) in the first instance.

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