ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal

ACAT's Operations for the Christmas and Summer Holiday Period 2026-2027

ACAT's Summer Holiday Period Shutdown

The ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) will close at **12:00 pm on Thursday, 24 December 2026** and re-open at **9:00 am on Monday, 4 January 2027** (the shutdown period).

How to lodge or file an application during the shutdown?

Applications that must be lodged during the shutdown period, that can't be lodged online, can be lodged by sending the application by email to tribunal@act.gov.au. Keep a copy of the email you send to us and make sure you request a delivery and read receipt.

Any applicable fee for lodgements made by email must be paid to the ACAT registry by no later than **4:30 pm on Friday, 8 January 2027.**

Find out more about fees here: https://www.acat.act.gov.au/fees-and-forms/acat-fees.

Registrar's List – Motions, Directions and Subpoenas

The last Registrar's list for the year will be held on **Wednesday, 16 December 2026** and it will resume on **Wednesday, 13 January 2027,** with urgent applications being prioritised for these dates.

Administrative Review, Change of Identity, Children and Young People, Discrimination, Occupational Regulation, Motor Accident Injuries Jurisdiction, Voluntary Assisted Dying and Appeals of ACAT Decisions.

The last directions hearings list for the year will be held on **Wednesday, 16 December 2026.** The list will resume on **Wednesday, 6 January 2027.**

There will be no listings during the shutdown period. All applications will be dealt with on days when ACAT is open. Any applications that need to be lodged (due to the expiry of a time limit) during the shutdown period should follow the process outlined above under the heading *How to lodge or file an application during the shutdown?*

Energy and Water Jurisdiction

The last meetings this year for Energy and Water hardship applications will be held on **Wednesday, 16 December 2026.** Meetings will resume on **Wednesday, 13 January 2027**.

Energy and Water complaint applications will be dealt with as usual, except during the shutdown period.

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Guardianship and Management of Property & Mental Health Jurisdiction

The last Guardianship and Management of Property hearing list at ACAT 's premises will be held on **Tuesday, 22 December 2026**, with usual hearings resuming on **Tuesday, 12 January 2027**.

The final Mental Health hearing list at ACAT's premises for this year will be held on **Wednesday, 23 December 2026**. The usual hearing lists will resume on **Monday, 4 January 2027.** Hearings will continue at the Adult Mental Health Unit (AMHU) during the shutdown period on **Monday 28 and Thursday 31 December 2026.**

After hours arrangements will be in place for **emergency or urgent applications** under the *Mental Health Act 2015* and the *Guardianship and Management of Property Act 1991* during the shutdown period. The Public Advocate, Public Trustee and Guardian, Legal Aid ACT, Adult Mental Health Unit, Older Persons Mental Health Unit and Emergency Departments at Canberra and North Canberra hospitals will have contact details.

Civil, Residential Tenancy, Unit Titles & Retirement Village Disputes Jurisdiction

The last hearing list for this year will be held on **Friday, 18 December 2026.** Hearing lists will resume on **Thursday, 7 January 2027**.

The last conferences will be listed on **Thursday, 17 December 2026** and will resume on **Monday, 11 January 2027.**

The last civil directions hearings will be on **Thursday, 17 December 2026** and will resume on **Monday, 11 January 2027.**

Urgent applications will be dealt with on days the registry is open.

The Residential Tenancy termination & possession hearing lists will be held on the following days:

Wednesday, 16 December 2026 **Thursday, 17 December 2026**	Final termination & possession lists of the year
Wednesday, 6 January 2027 **Thursday, 7 January 2027**	Termination & possession hearing lists resume

Where to get more information about ACAT?

For more information about ACAT, including application forms, visit www.acat.gov.au or contact the ACAT Registry on (02) 6207 1740.