



REPUBLIC OF NAURU  
**Summary Offences Act 1967**

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**As in force from 15 April 2011**

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This compilation comprises Ordinance No. 1 of 1967 as amended and in force from 15 April 2011 (being, at the time the compilation was prepared on 22 May 2011, the date of commencement of the most recent amendment).

The notes section at the end of the compilation includes a reference to the law by which each amendment was made. The Table of Amendments in the notes section sets out the legislative history of individual provisions.

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An Act relating to police offences

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**1 Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Summary Offences Act 1967*.

**2 Definitions**

In this Act unless the contrary intention appears:

**'Constable'** means any Constable, Sergeant, Sub-Inspector, Inspector or the Director of Police of the Nauru Police Force;

**'Public place'** or **'place of public resort'** includes:

- (a) every place to which free access is permitted to the public with the express or tacit consent of the owner or occupier;
- (b) every place to which the public are admitted on payment of money, the test of the admission being the payment of the money only; and
- (c) every road, street, footway, court, alley or thoroughfare which the public is allowed to use, notwithstanding that the road, street, footway, court, alley or thoroughfare may be formed on private property.

Provided that nothing in this definition shall be held to divest the owners of the property of their rights or property therein, or of their power to resume the property for use, occupation or sale.

**3 Being found drunk in a public place**

A person found drunk in or on any public place shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty: Four dollars.

**4 Being found drunk and disorderly in a public place**

A person found drunk and disorderly in or on any public place shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty: Six dollars.

**5 Fighting or riotous or indecent, etc., conduct**

Every person who is guilty:

- (a) of any riotous, offensive, disorderly or indecent behaviour, or of fighting, or of using obscene language, in or within the hearing or view of any person in any road, street, thoroughfare, or public place; or
- (b) of disturbing the public peace; or
- (c) of any riotous, offensive, disorderly or indecent behaviour in any police station; or
- (d) of offensive behaviour in or about a dwelling house, dressing-room, training-shed or clubhouse,

shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty: Ten dollars or imprisonment one month.

**6 Apprehension of offenders**

- (1) Any constable may arrest without warrant any person whom he finds committing an offence under this Ordinance.
- (2) Where a person is arrested under this section he shall be brought before a magistrate as soon as practicable after he is so taken into custody and if it is not practicable to bring him before a magistrate within twenty-four hours after his arrest he shall be discharged.
- (3) Nothing in this section shall affect any powers of arrest existing by virtue of the institutions, customs and usages of the Nauruan community.

# Notes for Summary Offences Act 1967

## Tables of Constituent Legislation

### Ordinance

Citation	Number	Made	Gazettal	Commencement
<i>Police Offences Ordinance 1967</i>	1967/01	23.02.1967	27.02.1967	23.02.1967

### Act

Short title	Number	Certification	Commencement
<i>Statute Law Revision Act 2011</i>	2011/08	15.04.2011	15.04.2011

### Table of Amendments

ad. = added or inserted    am. = amended    rep. = repealed    rs. = repealed and substituted  
om = omitted    os = omitted and substituted

Provision affected	How affected
Long title	Am. by Act 2011/08.
Section 1	Rs. by Act 2011/08.
Section 2	Am. by Act 2011/08.