**List of Acts enacted between the year 2016 and 2020**

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| Title of the Act | Significance |
| *Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act 2016*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/d35a34e7f47cf1db8c48aa5d6d95ee55.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/d35a34e7f47cf1db8c48aa5d6d95ee55.pdf) | Establishing the office of the Public Legal Defender. |
| *Legal Practitioners Act 2019*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/37a3beef43a833e42770fe85d082434c.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/37a3beef43a833e42770fe85d082434c.pdf) | This Act now establishes a Nauru Law Society. Every legal practitioner is required to join the Law Society and must have a practicing certificate to practice law. This is to ensure better provision of legal services and accountability of the legal profession to their clients. This also enforces *Article 15* of the *Constitution* dealing with legal representation. |
| *Derelict Sites Management Act 2017*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/d38acf1a9d4e53bfb5ca10cde8f7774d.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/d38acf1a9d4e53bfb5ca10cde8f7774d.pdf) | The *Derelict Sites Management Act 2017* was enacted to provide for identification, control, removal, disposal and management of derelict properties, buildings and vehicles in the Republic. Section 11 of the Act allows for the removal of all abandoned buildings, unhealthy, unsanitary or unsightly properties, enforcing health, fire safety and environment standards and proper disposal of rubbish. By virtue of this Act in 2017, a massive clean-up campaign was undertaken. |
| *Bail Act 2018*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/46c0445b36258675b7df204281808b10.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/46c0445b36258675b7df204281808b10.pdf) | This Act now provides for the presumption in favour of bail and a comprehensive law on bail of accused persons pending trial. This Act gives primacy to the principle of *‘innocence until proven guilty’*. |
| *National Disaster Risk Management Act 2016*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/d36677fea38c559c4ea7f5041735cf8e.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/d36677fea38c559c4ea7f5041735cf8e.pdf) | This Act provides for matters relating to disaster risk management and emergency services. |
| *National Heritage Act 2017*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/556941c67b65d1419060d9ffd3d0af3b.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/556941c67b65d1419060d9ffd3d0af3b.pdf) | This Act provides for the protection and conservation of places and objects of heritage in the Republic, under which Nauru was able to establish the Naoero Museum. A Director of National Heritage is also appointed. |
| *Nauru Education Assistance Trust Act 2016*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/24653018603ac70492abbd7e74e381f4.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/24653018603ac70492abbd7e74e381f4.pdf) | Providing for monies to be held in trust for children. |
| *Ozone Layer Protection Act 2017*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/eeb2967762dc1433bb15fb6dc4344f88.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/eeb2967762dc1433bb15fb6dc4344f88.pdf) | The *Ozone Layer Protection Act 2017* was enacted to give effect to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Regulations are also being drafted to regulate the use of certain electrical appliances to meet the requirements of the Convention. For example, air conditioners. |
| *Mentally-disordered Persons (Amendment) Acts 2016* and 2017  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/b937d6a5d8df0b4cc4058c0cde96e446.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/b937d6a5d8df0b4cc4058c0cde96e446.pdf)  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/93c6a77f62cbb58e69672ef70c11bae6.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/93c6a77f62cbb58e69672ef70c11bae6.pdf) | Providing for the general care, treatment and support of mentally impaired persons. |
| *Child Protection and Welfare Act 2016*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/66d8a517262f0adab959f3155b08b0db.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/66d8a517262f0adab959f3155b08b0db.pdf) | Criminalising child abuse and neglect, with penalties. |
| *Administration of Justice Act 2018*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/f4e8a1d864c7e94322e2bc442feaf257.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/f4e8a1d864c7e94322e2bc442feaf257.pdf) | Further strengthening the integrity and accountability of an independent judicial system. This Act allows fair reporting of court proceedings, discussion of court decisions on merits, opportunity for complaints against judicial officers and so forth. |
| *District Court Act 2018*, the *Supreme Court Act 2018* and the *Nauru Court of Appeal Act 2018*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/0336b9671eb02ce34366ef7838e7ee5b.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/0336b9671eb02ce34366ef7838e7ee5b.pdf)  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/6f97f401579c340a54d15668fd8f71d5.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/6f97f401579c340a54d15668fd8f71d5.pdf)  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/641872e1c48b1735dbe7fe413a46bf02.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/641872e1c48b1735dbe7fe413a46bf02.pdf) | Advancing judicial reform. The latter is now the apex appellate court replacing the High Court of Australia, thuslocalising the final appellate court. |
| *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 2017*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/0f87d11f7f4712058e1cb8181cc106c8.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/0f87d11f7f4712058e1cb8181cc106c8.pdf) | Reclassifying the age of marriage of both genders to 18 years and above. |
| *Domestic Violence and Family Protection Act 2017*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/3f6b883ca6cfbf1c2e83767f876266e8.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/3f6b883ca6cfbf1c2e83767f876266e8.pdf) | Providing safety, protection and welfare of persons who are subjects of domestic violence focusing on enduring domestic relationship through mediation, counseling and rehabilitation. Under Section 3 of the Act, one of the objectives is to give effect to the:   * *Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women*; and * *Convention on the Rights of the Child*. |
| *Crimes Act 2016*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/f68fdcd4363b5f0b4630ac4c9c9f1202.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/f68fdcd4363b5f0b4630ac4c9c9f1202.pdf) | Repealed the *Criminal Code of Queensland 1899*; |
| *Asylum Seekers (Regional Processing Centre) Amendment Act 2018*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/ac18eb85abf89b9f828125301d99d2e5.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/ac18eb85abf89b9f828125301d99d2e5.pdf) | Expanding the definition for ‘protected persons’ |
| *Bail Act 2018*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/46c0445b36258675b7df204281808b10.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/46c0445b36258675b7df204281808b10.pdf) | Providing for a person who is accused of an offence to appear before a court, be detained or released for related purposes |
| *Beneficial Ownership Act 2017*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/909cd0643d1d3ee1a80cdfcbcbb8452e.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/909cd0643d1d3ee1a80cdfcbcbb8452e.pdf) | Implements the obligations of the republic for the reporting of beneficial ownership of certain legal entities |
| *Births Deaths and Marriages Act 2017*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/0f87d11f7f4712058e1cb8181cc106c8.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/0f87d11f7f4712058e1cb8181cc106c8.pdf) | Providing for the registration of births, deaths and marriages for the right to identity, to be treated with human dignity and the right to have a family |
| *Child Protection and Welfare Act 2016*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/66d8a517262f0adab959f3155b08b0db.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/66d8a517262f0adab959f3155b08b0db.pdf) | Availing reporting avenues for survivors of child abuse and neglect, the kinship system, provides penalties for perpetrators of child abuse and neglect and child protection orders |
| *Constitution (Amendment) Act 2018*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/58798cb93f05be6bec400b5e88ffbd5b.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/58798cb93f05be6bec400b5e88ffbd5b.pdf) | Establishing the Nauru of Appeal and including it as having judicial power and authority as with the Supreme Court and the District Court |
| *Communications and Broadcasting Act 2018*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/7fdfb6b20bbb42e23f5bb8daf48aa363.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/7fdfb6b20bbb42e23f5bb8daf48aa363.pdf) | Promoting accessibility of quality telecommunication services to all Nauruans  Facilitating and promoting the development of the telecommunication sectors in order to promote social and economic development |
| *Copyright Act 2019*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/2a488c70710d55d809274d2895a51458.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/2a488c70710d55d809274d2895a51458.pdf) | Makes provision for copyright in literary, musical and artistic works, audio visual works, sound recordings and broadcast promoting the rights to ownership |
| *Crimes Act 2016*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/f68fdcd4363b5f0b4630ac4c9c9f1202.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/f68fdcd4363b5f0b4630ac4c9c9f1202.pdf) | Broadening the protection of persons from gender violence and increasing the age of criminal responsibility |
| *Crimes (Amendment) Act 2020*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/21b6d91268865f749f7c358c91c7dba7.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/21b6d91268865f749f7c358c91c7dba7.pdf) | Providing for the offence of ‘attempt to murder’ |
| *Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act 2016*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/d35a34e7f47cf1db8c48aa5d6d95ee55.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/d35a34e7f47cf1db8c48aa5d6d95ee55.pdf) | 1. Establishing the Office of the Public Defender 2. Expanding the considerations of bail for an accused person |
| *Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act No. 2 2016*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/c7222fb402fe27e1bd08e8d39cd1b882.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/c7222fb402fe27e1bd08e8d39cd1b882.pdf) | District Court is able to transfer charges and proceedings to the Supreme Court where it sees fit |
| *Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act 2018*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/2c887ef827f9d5ff1dc499e0ee92f75d.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/2c887ef827f9d5ff1dc499e0ee92f75d.pdf) | Providing for the assignment of a legal representative where the Office of the Public Legal Defender is not practicably able to and take responsibility of the payments to the representative in relation to call overs, mentions, appearance for trial with a maximum total charge of AUD3000 |
| *Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act No.2 2018*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/2f848614bd34ee355da5c22d3ee2dba9.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/2f848614bd34ee355da5c22d3ee2dba9.pdf) | Set further limitations of the District Court in passing any sentence including the exception that the District Court is not able to pass a sentence of ‘death’. |
| *Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act 2020*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/3f6d999c0a733e5440af077af2e27aec.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/3f6d999c0a733e5440af077af2e27aec.pdf) | Providing for the general admissibility of hearsay statements |
| *District Court Act 2018*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/0336b9671eb02ce34366ef7838e7ee5b.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/0336b9671eb02ce34366ef7838e7ee5b.pdf) | For the formulation of the District Court, the appointments of magistrates and other officers |
| *Domestic Violence and Family Protection Act 2017*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/3f6b883ca6cfbf1c2e83767f876266e8.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/3f6b883ca6cfbf1c2e83767f876266e8.pdf) | Providing for Safety Orders and Protection Orders for the protection of survivors of domestic violence |
| *Funeral Burial and Cremation Act 2017*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/c7eacbb7d655f66fae84a9fcc19342d7.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/c7eacbb7d655f66fae84a9fcc19342d7.pdf) | Ensuring that deceased persons are buried appropriately and legally |
| *Law revision and Consolidation Act 2019*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/fc1c659b0e393e690c7d7c6fca1bc988.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/fc1c659b0e393e690c7d7c6fca1bc988.pdf) | Vesting the JBC to with the objective of educating and disseminating information pertaining to Bills or written laws to the public |
| *Leadership Code Act 2016*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/5dbfcee470b4f979ea07234e19fb0a98.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/5dbfcee470b4f979ea07234e19fb0a98.pdf) | Ensuring good governance and the promotion of anti-corruption |
| *Legal Practitioners Act 2019*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/37a3beef43a833e42770fe85d082434c.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/37a3beef43a833e42770fe85d082434c.pdf) | Among other objectives establishes a Legal Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal with any act of professional misconduct |
| *Liquor Control Act 2017*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/a97615247a1b251e5d6e21edfe9a6b25.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/a97615247a1b251e5d6e21edfe9a6b25.pdf) | 1. Foster and encourage a culture of responsible and moderate consumption of liquor 2. Facilitate social and recreational gathering without alcohol becoming or causing disruption, anti-social family acrimony or a social burden to the families and children |
| *Naoero Citizenship Act 2017*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/fef16a46bee3165b4c4ffffca39fd868.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/fef16a46bee3165b4c4ffffca39fd868.pdf) | 1. Broadening the conditions and requirements of citizenship finally allowing stateless persons born and raised in Nauru to apply for citizenship for example children especially female babies of Chinese parents who were left at the hospital at birth 2. Allowing for derivative application for citizenship allowing minors of a parent granted citizenship to be eligible to apply for citizenship |
| *National Disaster Risk Management Act 2016*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/d36677fea38c559c4ea7f5041735cf8e.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/d36677fea38c559c4ea7f5041735cf8e.pdf) | Provides for the mitigation of risks or impacts of a disaster whether it be natural or human induced |
| *National Heritage Act 2017*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/556941c67b65d1419060d9ffd3d0af3b.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/556941c67b65d1419060d9ffd3d0af3b.pdf) | A legal framework protecting and conserving places of the Republic and objects of heritage and the registration of such places and objects |
| *Nauru Court of Appeal Act 2018*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/641872e1c48b1735dbe7fe413a46bf02.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/641872e1c48b1735dbe7fe413a46bf02.pdf) | Establishing the constitution of the Nauru Courts of Appeal as the highest appellate court |
| *Nauru Education Assistance Trust Act 2016*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/24653018603ac70492abbd7e74e381f4.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/24653018603ac70492abbd7e74e381f4.pdf) | Establishing a trust fund through the Department of Education encouraging children to complete years of schooling |
| *Ozone Layer Protection Act 2017*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/eeb2967762dc1433bb15fb6dc4344f88.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/eeb2967762dc1433bb15fb6dc4344f88.pdf) | An Act giving effect to the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol |
| *Public Service Act 2016*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/558d78ea102775ab269cf7b4e35b827c.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/558d78ea102775ab269cf7b4e35b827c.pdf) | An act promoting the accessibility to public service |
| *Supreme Court Act2018*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/6f97f401579c340a54d15668fd8f71d5.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/6f97f401579c340a54d15668fd8f71d5.pdf) | Modernizing the Supreme Court system and establishing functions in line with the new inclusion of the Nauru Court of Appeals |
| *Trusts Act 2018*  [*http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru\_lpms/files/acts/91ae8d7318b310c5cb23508bb3545081.pdf*](http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/91ae8d7318b310c5cb23508bb3545081.pdf) | Provides for the registration and legal definition of express trust and charitable trust in the Republic |