

**MATRIMONIAL CAUSES (PAPUA) ORDINANCE
1951.⁽¹⁾**

No. 4 of 1951.

An Ordinance to amend the Matrimonial Causes Ordinance, 1941-1950 of the Territory of Papua.

BE it ordained by the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the *Papua and New Guinea Act 1949-1950* as follows:—

Short title and citation.

1.—(1.) This Ordinance may be cited as the *Matrimonial Causes (Papua) Ordinance 1951.*⁽¹⁾

(2.) The *Matrimonial Causes Ordinance, 1941-1950*⁽²⁾ of the Territory of Papua, is in this Ordinance referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

(3.) The Principal Ordinance, as amended by this Ordinance, may be cited as the *Matrimonial Causes Ordinance 1941-1951.*

Commencement.

2. This Ordinance shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the Administrator by notice in the *Gazette.*⁽¹⁾

Grounds for divorce.

3. Section eleven of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting paragraph (i) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—

“ (i) That the defendant has, for a period or periods aggregating five out of the six years immediately preceding the commencement of the action, been confined in an institution under any law of the Territory or elsewhere relating to the confinement of mental defectives, and is unlikely to recover.

In computing the period of confinement for the purposes of this paragraph, confinement before the enactment of this paragraph may be taken into account.”

(1) Particulars of this Ordinance are as follows:—

Date on which made by Gov.-Gen. in Council.	Date on which notified in <i>Cwltk. Gaz.</i>	Date on which took effect.
22. 2. 1951	1. 3. 1951	1. 6. 1951 (<i>Papua and N.G. Govt. Gaz. of 19. 11. 1951</i>)

(2) The *Matrimonial Causes Ordinance, 1941* is printed in *The Laws of the Territory of Papua 1888-1945 (Annotated)*, Vol. III., on pp. 2965-2976; as to subsequent amendments see the Supplementary Table printed in this Volume on p. 1392.