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## High Court of Australia

(1901 - )

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**Born** 1 January, 1901, Australia

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### Summary

The High Court is the highest court in the Australian judicial system. Established in 1901 by Section 71 of the Constitution, the functions of the High Court are: to interpret and apply the law of Australia; to decide cases of special federal significance including challenges to the constitutional validity of laws and to hear appeals, by special leave, from Federal, State and Territory courts. The High Court has a maximum of seven justices, including a chief justice.

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