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Papua New Guinea's Constitution of 1975 with Amendments through 2016

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- Constitution amendment procedure

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- Organic laws

- Constitution amendment procedure

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- Municipal government
- Subsidiary unit government

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- Cabinet removal
- Deputy executive
- Head of government removal
- Removal of individual legislators

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- Cabinet removal
- Head of government removal
- Removal of individual legislators

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- Removal of individual legislators
- Cabinet removal
- Head of government removal

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• Duty to serve in the military		
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• Regulation of evidence collection		
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• Right to establish a business		1.
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• Freedom of religion	1.	
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• Right to join trade unions	1.	
• Right to form political parties		
• Freedom of association	2.	
• Freedom of assembly		
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- Right to join trade unions 1.
- Right to choose occupation 2.

- Right to privacy 1.
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- Restrictions on voting 1.
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- Right to information 1.
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- Freedom of movement 1.
- Restrictions on entry or exit 2.
- Power to deport citizens 3.
- Extradition procedure 1.
- Protection from expropriation 1.
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- General guarantee of equality
- Equality regardless of skin color
- Equality regardless of gender
- Equality regardless of race
- Equality regardless of tribe or clan
- Equality regardless of creed or belief
- Equality regardless of religion
- Equality regardless of origin
- Equality regardless of political party

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- Requirements for birthright citizenship
- Requirements for naturalization

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• Requirements for birthright citizenship

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• Requirements for naturalization

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• Official or national languages

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• Name/structure of executive(s)

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• Eligibility for head of state

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• Ombudsman

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• Head of state term limits
• Head of state selection

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• Scheduling of elections
• Head of state replacement

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• Oaths to abide by constitution
• Emergency provisions

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• Head of state removal
• Head of state term length

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- First chamber representation quotas
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- Size of first chamber
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- Eligibility for first chamber
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• Outside professions of legislators		1.	
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• Attendance by legislators		5.	
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• Scheduling of elections		1.	
• Term length for first chamber		2.	
• Dismissal of the legislature		1.	
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• Dismissal of the legislature	2.		
• Electoral commission	3.		
• Electoral commission		1.	
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• Replacement of legislators	1.		
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• Leader of first chamber	1.		
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• Initiation of general legislation	1.		
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• Legislative committees	1.		
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- Quorum for legislative sessions
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- Supermajority required for legislation
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- Immunity of legislators
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- Legislative committees
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- Legal status of treaties
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• Length of legislative sessions

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• Electoral districts

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• Electoral commission

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- Restrictions on voting
- Claim of universal suffrage
- First chamber selection
- Restrictions on voting

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• Restrictions on political parties

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• Restrictions on rights of groups

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- Campaign financing
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- Outside professions of legislators
- Head of government's role in the legislature
- Cabinet removal
- Eligibility for cabinet

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• Cabinet removal			
• Name/structure of executive(s)	1.		
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• Head of government selection	3.		
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• Head of government removal		1.	
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• Head of government's role in the legislature			
• Head of government replacement	1.		
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• Establishment of cabinet/ministers	1.		
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• Cabinet selection	3.		
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• Cabinet removal		1.	
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• Eligibility for cabinet			
• Cabinet removal	1.		
• Limits on removing head of government		1.	
• Head of government removal		2.	
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• Establishment of cabinet/ministers	1.		
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- Powers of cabinet
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- Power to pardon
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- Advisory bodies to the head of state
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- Structure of the courts
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- Supreme court powers
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- Attorney general
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- Judicial independence
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- Number of supreme court judges

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- Eligibility for supreme court judges
- Eligibility for ordinary court judges
- Supreme court selection

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- Supreme court selection
- Establishment of judicial council
- Ordinary court selection

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- Structure of the courts

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- Supreme/ordinary court judge removal
- Ordinary court selection
- Establishment of judicial council

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• Establishment of judicial council

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• International organizations

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• Supreme/ordinary court judge removal

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• Establishment of judicial council

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- Jury trials required

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- ~~Municipal government~~
- ~~Subsidiary government~~

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- Electoral commission
- National vs subnational laws
- Subsidiary unit government
- Municipal government

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- Emergency provisions

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- Subsidiary unit government
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• Head of state powers

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• Selection of active-duty commanders

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• Selection of active-duty commanders

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• Compensation of legislators

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• Counter corruption commission

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• Supreme court powers

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• Protection of judges' salaries

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• Protection of judges' salaries

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• Power to declare/approve war

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• Head of state decree power

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• Legislative committees

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- Protection from false imprisonment
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- Prison registry
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• Transitional provisions

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- Federal review of subnational legislation

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- Telecommunications

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- Subsidiary unit government

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• Reference to science	48.
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• Protection of environment	58.
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- International law

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- Treaty ratification

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- Customary international law

- Subsidiary unit government

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- Constitutionality of legislation

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- Structure of the courts

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- International law

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• Crimes of the previous regime

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