

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES ACT 1963

DETERMINATION OF FEES

NO. 234 OF 1996

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Registration of Births, Deaths And Marriages Act 1963 prescribes the procedures for the reporting of a birth, death or marriage in the Territory and requires the Registrar to maintain Registers of Births, Deaths, Marriages and Parentage Information. In particular, section 62 enables the Minister to determine fees for the purposes of the Act.

This Determination revokes Determination of Fees No. 67 of 1995 made on 21 June 1995 and notified in the Australian Capital Territory Gazette No. S146 of 27 June 1995 and determines that the various fees payable under the Act, including fees for registration of a name, searching of a Register, requesting copies of documents held in the Registers and the posting of notices, shall be as set out in the Schedule to the Determination.

In accordance with ACT Government policy to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have been affected by separation from their families and communities, fees associated with accessing records which may help them trace links with their family or community have been waived. Item 3(c) has been included to achieve the above.

A statement of the old and new fees is attached.

The fees have generally been increased by a combination of a margin of 3% in accordance with the anticipated movement in 1996/97 of the Consumer Price Index; with a view to full cost recovery; and having regard to charges levied for similar services in NSW.

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## ATTACHMENT

No	Description of Item	1995-96 Fee	1996-97 Proposed Fee
1	Register name or change of name of child under subsections 19(5) and 20(2)	\$22	\$25
2	Register change of name under subsection 22(1)	\$22	\$25
3	Under subsection 51(1):		
	(a) search and issue a copy of, or extract from, entry in an index or register	\$22	\$25
	(b) notify the result of the search	\$22	\$25
	(c) Search and issue copy of or extract from, entry in an index or register or notify the result of a search by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people affected by separation from their families and communities.	Not previously itemised	NIL
4	Issue a certificate of intended marriage outside Australia under subsection 56(4)	\$22	\$25
5	Search the Register of Foreign Marriage Notices and inspect and take a copy or extract under subsection 56(7)	\$22	\$25