

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH

AMENDMENTS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH (INFECTIOUS AND NOTIFIABLE
DISEASES) REGULATIONS

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

No. 29 of 1977

This amendment to the Public Health (Infectious and Notifiable Diseases) Regulations provides for:

- New definitions of infectious disease and notifiable disease;
- The notification of infectious or notifiable disease cases by pathologists, hospital authorities and laboratories in addition to notification by medical practitioners as presently required;

And

- The revision of the form of Schedule 1 (form of notification) and Schedule 2 (which specifies the period of exclusion from school of disease cases and contacts).

Also included in this amendment are provisions to convert the penalties under the existing regulations to decimal currency and to increase to \$1 the fee payable in respect of each notification in order to reimburse expenses incurred by doctors, pathologists and private hospitals when reporting cases to the Medical Officer of Health.