

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ADOPTION OF CHILDREN REGULATIONS

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 3 of 1969

Pursuant to the existing provisions of the Adoption of Children Regulations, a child born overseas, whose birth is not registered in Australia and who is adopted in the Australian Capital Territory, is unable to obtain evidence of his birth unless he first obtains an order from the Supreme Court for this information to be disclosed.

In order to simplify this procedure, the amending regulations will authorise the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages to issue a certificate from an entry in the Register of Adoptions relating to the date of birth of such a child and also the names of the adoptive parents. The Registrar will be empowered to refuse to provide this information if he is of the opinion that the person applying for the certificate has no proper reason to require it.

The form of consent to the adoption of a child will be amended by these regulations so as to provide that the natural parents can express a wish with regard to the religious upbringing of the child as they are entitled to do under the Adoption of Children Ordinance 1965–1966.

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