

**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
ADOPTION ACT 1993
DETERMINATION OF FEES**

INSTRUMENT NO. 169 OF 1999

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Adoption Act 1993, commenced operation on 1 July 1993. The Act allows adult adopted persons, birth parents, relatives and adoptive parents to obtain identifying information in relation to their adoptions.

Section 62 of the Act enables the Director of Family Services to give information to eligible applicants.

Section 118 of the Act provides for fees to be determined in respect of these services.

The fees for 1999-00 have increased by the Consumer Price Index at 2.5% as advised by the Office of Financial Management. As it was not possible to gazette the Determination by 1 July 1999, increased or new fees will not be charged until the Determination is gazetted.

A concession of 50% of the scheduled fees will be provided to holders of Pension Concession Card and Health Care Card beneficiaries.

An exemption from all scheduled fees applies to persons accessing information in response to the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their Families.

COMPARISON

	1998-99	1999-00	Date of
	\$	\$	Effect
Application for Information Fee	108	111	1 July 1999
Concession	54	55	1 July 1999
Exemption		0.00	1 July 1999
Application for Non-Identifying Information	108	111	1 July 1999
Concession	54	55	1 July 1999
Exemption		0.00	1 July 1999
Information Seminar	111	114	1 July 1999

Administrative Fee	1,056	1,082	1 July 1999
Home Study	820	840	1 July 1999
Post Placement Visits & Reports	343	352	1 July 1999