

## **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

### **FIREARMS ACT 1996**

#### **DETERMINATION OF FEES**

#### **INSTRUMENT NO. 264 OF 1998**

#### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

The *Firearms Act 1996* governs the acquisition, possession, use and disposal of firearms in the ACT.

Section 125 of the Act enables the Minister to determine fees for the purposes of the Act.

The Determination of Fees No. 79 of 1997 is revoked by this Determination and the fees are modified in accordance with the fees listed in the new Schedule 1 and 2.

The prescribed fees listed in Schedule 1 generally entitle an applicant to a licence for a term of five years. However, where, pursuant to s. 23(4) of the *Firearms Act 1996*, the applicant relies on the genuine reasons of: business or employment; rural purposes - occupational requirements; or composite entity, the licence will be valid for a term of two years. This is to provide for greater accountability where the employment circumstances of such licensees might be subject to change within a five year period.

The only difference between this Determination and the revoked determination is that the new Schedule 1, which sets out the application fees for licences, exempts custodial officers and escort officers, as defined in the *Remand Centre Act 1976* and the *Custodial Escorts Act 1998* respectively, from the payment of a fee for a Category A, B, C, D or H firearms licence where application for such a licence is made for the purpose of the applicant's employment as a custodial or escort officer.

There is no change to Schedule 2 which sets out the fees for permits, registration of firearms and endorsements of a firearm on a licence.