

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

Instrument No. 149 of 1998

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 1998-99 have increased by the Consumer Price Index at 2.5% as advised by the Office of Financial Management.

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

	1997-98	1998-99	Date of
	\$	\$	Effect
Application for Information Fee	103.00*	108	1 July 1998
Concession	52.50	54.00	1 July 1998
Exemption		0.00	1 July 1998
Application for Non-Identifying Information	103.00*	108	1 July 1998
Concession	52.50	54	1 July 1998
Exemption		0.00	1 July 1998

* Indexation was not applied to this fee in 1997-98. Double indexation (CPI of 1997-98 (1.75%) & 1998-99 (2.5%) was calculated to determine the correct fee for 1998-99.

FEES AND CHARGES REVIEW 1998-99

(RATES INCREASED BY 2.5% FROM 1997-98)

Program : Adoption and Foster Care

Agency: Department of Education and Training

Description of Fee	WEEKDAYS		SATURDAYS		SUNDAYS	
	1997-98 Rate Weekday \$	Proposed 1998-99 Rate \$	1997-98 Rate Saturday \$	Proposed 1998-99 Rate \$	1997-98 Rate Sunday \$	Proposed 1998-99 Rate \$
Adoption Act						
Application for Information	*103	108 00	103 00	108 00	103 00	108 00
Application for Non-identifying Information	*103	108 00	103 00	108 00	103 00	108 00
Concession rates 50% of normal fees						
Application for Information	52 50	54 00	51 50	53 00	51 50	53 00
Application for non - Identifying Information	52 50	54 00	51 50	53 00	51 50	53 00
*Double indexation of 1 75% and 2 5%						