

THE TERRITORY FOR THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

No. 5 of 1931.

AN ORDINANCE

To amend the Rates Ordinance 1926-1929.

BE it ordained by the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the *Seat of Government Acceptance Act 1909* and the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910-1930*, as follows:—

1.—(1.) This Ordinance may be cited as the *Rates Ordinance 1931*. Short title and citation.

(2.) The *Rates Ordinance 1926-1929*, is in this Ordinance referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

(3.) The Principal Ordinance, as amended by this Ordinance, may be cited as the *Rates Ordinance 1926-1931*.

2. The Principal Ordinance is amended as set out in the Schedule to this Ordinance. Minor amendments.

3. Section five of the Principal Ordinance is amended—

(a) by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words and figure “in sub-section (2.)” and inserting in their stead the words and figures “in sub-sections (2.), (3.) and (4.)”; and Unimproved value of land.

(b) by adding at the end thereof the following sub-sections:—

“(3.) The unimproved capital value of land in the City Area leased under the *City Area Leases Ordinance 1924-1929* is the capital sum which the lease, subject to the terms and conditions upon which it is granted, might be expected to realize if offered for sale on reasonable terms, assuming that the improvements (if any) thereon had not been made and that the lease had an unexpired term of ninety-nine years at the time of sale, and leaving out of consideration any rent payable in respect of the lease other than prospective increments or decrements of rent after re-appraisal.

“(4.) The unimproved capital value of land in the City Area held otherwise than as mentioned in the last preceding sub-section is the capital sum which a lease of land for ninety-nine years for residential purposes under the *City Area Leases Ordinance 1924-1929* might be expected to realize if offered for sale on reasonable terms, assuming that the improvements (if any) thereon had not been made, and leaving out of consideration any rent payable in respect of the land other than prospective increments or decrements of rent after re-appraisal.

“(5.) If, in determining the value of any land for the purpose of the last two preceding sub-sections, the freehold value of any land outside the Territory is taken into account, regard shall be had to the difference of tenure.”

4.—(1.) After section six of the Principal Ordinance, the following section is inserted:—

Exemption of schools from general and lighting rates.

“6A. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Ordinance, any land leased from the Commonwealth which is occupied by, or used in connexion with, any certified school under the *Education Ordinance 1928-1930*, including any playground belonging to, or used in connexion with, any such school, shall be exempted from payment of any general rate and lighting rate made and levied under section ten of this Ordinance.”

(2.) This section shall be deemed to have commenced on the date of the commencement of the Principal Ordinance.

Period of assessment.

5. Section nine of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting from sub-section (2.) the words “in any year ending on the thirty-first day of December” and inserting in their stead the words “with respect to any year”.

Power to make and levy rates.

6. Section ten of the Principal Ordinance is amended—

(a) by omitting from sub-section (4.) the word “Five-pence” and inserting in its stead the word “Seven-pence”; and

(b) by omitting from sub-section (4.) the word “Three-pence” and inserting in its stead the word “Five-pence”.

Rates to be paid by owner.

7. Section fifteen of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting from sub-section (4.) the words “of ten per centum of” and inserting in their stead the words “computed at the rate of ten per centum per annum, as from the due date thereof until the date of payment, upon”.

Application of Ordinance.

8. Section three of this Ordinance shall apply in respect of valuations for rating purposes for the year 1931 and for all subsequent years.

THE SCHEDULE.

Section.	Extent of Amendment.
7	Omit "Commission" (first occurring), insert "Minister". Omit "Commission" (second occurring), insert "Civic Administrator".
9	Omit "Commission" (wherever occurring), insert "Minister".
10	Omit "Commission" (wherever occurring), insert "Minister".
11	Omit "Commission" (wherever occurring), insert "Minister".
13	Omit "Commission", insert "Minister".
14	Omit "Commission", insert "Minister".
15	Omit "Commission" (first occurring), insert "Commonwealth". Omit "Commission" (second, third, fourth and fifth occurring), insert "Minister".
16	Omit "Commission" (wherever occurring), insert "Minister".
17	Omit "Commission", insert "Minister".
18	Omit "Commonwealth" (first, second, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, ninth, tenth and eleventh occurring), insert "Minister".
19	Omit "Commission", insert "Minister".
22	Omit "its" (first occurring), insert "his".
23	Omit "Commission", insert "Minister".
24	Omit "Commission", insert "Commonwealth".
25	Omit "Commission" (first occurring), insert "Minister". Omit "Secretary to the Commission", insert "Civic Administrator".
27	Omit "Commission", insert "Civic Administrator".
28	Omit "Commission", insert "Minister".
28A	Omit "Commission" (wherever occurring), insert "Minister".
29	Omit "Commission", insert "Minister". Omit "it", insert "his".
31	Omit "Commission", (wherever occurring), insert "Attorney-General".
33	Omit "Commission" (first, third, fourth, sixth, eighth, ninth and tenth occurring), insert "Minister". Omit "Commission" (second, fifth and seventh occurring), insert "Civic Administrator".
34	Omit "Commission" (first occurring), insert "Civic Administrator". Omit "Commission" (second, third and fourth occurring), insert "Minister".
35	Omit "Commission", insert "Minister".
48	Omit "Commission", insert "Minister".
The First Schedule Form B. Form C.	Omit "Secretary, Federal Capital Commission", insert "Minister". Omit "to the Federal Capital Commission", insert "to the Minister of State for Home Affairs".

Dated this fourteenth day of April, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.

ISAAC A. ISAACS
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

ARTHUR BLAKELEY
Minister of State for Home Affairs.

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