

**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
ADOPTION (FEES)
DETERMINATION 2005**

DI 2005-70

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Adoption Act 1993 commenced operation on 1 July 1993. The Act provides the legal framework for adoptions in the ACT and 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.

There are five components of the Adoption fee, covering the three types of adoptions conducted.

Overseas Adoption – this type of adoption is for families residing in the ACT wishing to adopt a child or children born overseas. Overseas adoption attracts four of the components at four different stages of the process:

- Information Seminar
- Administrative
- Home Study
- Post Placement Visits and Reports

Local Adoption – this type of adoption is for families residing in the ACT wishing to adopt a child born in Australia. Local adoption attracts no fees.

Step Parent Adoption – this type of adoption is for families residing in the ACT wishing to adopt a relative child. Step parent adoption attracts only one fee:

- Step Parent Fee

Under Division 81 Determinations of the GST legislation, adoption fees do not attract GST.

VARIATIONS TO EXISTING FEES

	2004-05	2005-06	Date of
	\$	\$	Effect
ADOPTION			
Information Seminar	126	129	1 July 2005
Administrative Fee	1,191	1,220	1 July 2005
Home Study	2,017	2,067	1 July 2005
Post Placement Visits and Reports	820	840	1 July 2005
Step Parent Fee	720	738	1 July 2005