

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
SCHOOLS AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1988
ORDINANCE NO. 2 OF 1988

The Schools Authority Ordinance 1976 ("the Principal Ordinance") provides for the establishment of the ACT Schools Authority. The functions of the Authority are, among other things, to establish and conduct pre-schools, schools and educational institutions in the Territory. The principal Ordinance also provides that the Authority shall so perform its functions as to ensure that adequate provision is made for persons attending or seeking to attend pre-schools and schools conducted by the Authority.

The Schools Authority (Amendment) Ordinance 1988 will amend the Principal Ordinance to facilitate to the Government's decision to charge a fee for pre-school enrolment. The Ordinance empowers the Minister to levy such fees by notice published in the Gazette.

Details of the Ordinance are as follows:

Section 1 cites the short title of the Ordinance.

Section 2 cites the Schools Authority Ordinance 1976 as the Principal Ordinance.

Section 3 inserts after section 7A of Part II of the principal Ordinance the following sections:

Subsection 7B(1) provides that the Minister may, by notice published in the Gazette, determine fees in respect of the attendance by persons at pre-schools.

Subsection 7B(2) provides that fees determined by the Minister are payable to the Authority.

Section 7C provides that the Minister may, by instrument, exempt a specified person or a person included in a specified class of persons from the requirement to pay a fee determined under subsection 7B(1).

**ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE
MINISTER OF STATE FOR THE ARTS
AND TERRITORIES**