

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE ORDINANCE 1965

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 20 of 1965

This Ordinance makes a number of miscellaneous amendments to the law relating to the granting of probate on administration of estates, the more important being –

- (i) Probate on administration may be granted on presumption of death.
- (ii) When a person dies wholly interstate leaving a spouse but no issue, the surviving will take the first £5,000 of the estate instead of the first £1,000, as at present.
- (iii) Administrators are given the same powers to compound debts as are presently given to executors.
- (iv) The Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons is given greater powers in respect of small estates.
- (v) Professional charges are increased.