

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

BUSINESS NAMES ORDINANCE 1963

BUSINESS NAMES REGULATIONS

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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This amendment substitutes “the age of 18 years” for “the age of twenty-one years” in footnotes to Form 1 and 3 of the Second Schedule to the Business Names Regulations. The purpose is to bring the Regulations into line with the present 18 years age of majority. The Age of Majority Ordinance 1974 operated to ensure expressions such as “infant” in all A.C.T. laws were construed in the light of an age of majority of 18 years. References in Ordinances to specific ages were separately amended by the Ordinances Revision (Age of Majority) Ordinance. Instead of a comparable exercise being done for Regulations, departments were to pick these up and amend them individually. The need for this amendment had not previously been picked up.

The opportunity is also being taken to substitute “individual” for “applicant” in a footnote to Form 1 of the Second Schedule for consistency with the point at which the Form refers to the footnote.