

**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY  
ADOPTION ACT 1993  
DETERMINATION OF FEES**

**DETERMINATION NO. 162 OF 2001**

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

The Adoption Act 1993, commenced operation on 1 July 1993. The Act 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.

The fees for 2001-02 have increased by the Consumer Price Index of 2.25% as advised by the Department of Treasury, except the Home Study which is proposed to increase by 123.0% from \$861.00 to \$1,920.00. This proposed increase has been approved by The Adoptive Families Association (AFA), who support all pre and post adoptive families in the ACT. The estimated time taken for assessment of each case and preparing the report is 16 hours and the current consultancy rate recommended by The Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) is \$120.00 per hour.

A concession of 50% of the scheduled fees will be provided to holders of Pension Concession Card and Health Care Card beneficiaries.

An exemption from all scheduled fees applies to persons accessing information in response to the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their Families.

**VARIATIONS TO EXISTING FEES**

<b>ADOPTION</b>	<b>2000-01</b>	<b>2001-02</b>	<b>Date of</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Effect</b>
Application for Information Fee	114	117	1 July 2001
Concession	56	57	1 July 2001
Application for Non-Identifying Information	114	117	1 July 2001
Concession	56	57	1 July 2001

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Information Seminar	117	120	1 July 2001
Administrative Fee	1,109	1,134	1 July 2001
Home Study	861	1,920	1 July 2001
Post Placement Visits & Reports	361	369	1 July 2001