

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY  
AMENDMENT TO MONEY LENDERS ORDINANCE -  
EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The purpose of the draft Ordinance is to amend section 12 of the Money Lenders Ordinance to exclude from its operation any individual or section of the public who deposits money with, or lends money to, corporations or societies at interest rates exceeding 12% per annum. Such persons at present have no legal claim to interest in excess of 12% unless they have complied with the evidentiary obligations that that section imposes on lenders of money.

Clause 1 provides for citation of the draft Ordinance.

Clause 2 provides for amendment of Section 12 of the Money Lenders Ordinance to relieve persons who constitute any section of the public from complying with evidentiary obligations at present imposed upon them when they deposit money with or lend money to corporations or societies at interest rates in excess of 12% per annum.

Clause 3 provides for the retrospective application of the amendments proposed in clause 2.