

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

DENTISTS ACT 1931

DETERMINATION OF FEES

INSTRUMENT NO. 224 OF 1998

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Dentists Act 1931* (the Act) provides for the registration of dentists, dental specialists and dental hygienists to control the practice of dentistry and for related purposes.

Section 85 of the Act provides the Minister with the power to determine fees for the purposes of the Act.

This instrument revokes the fees determined by instrument No. 98 of 1997 as notified in the Australian Capital Territory Special Gazette No. S161, Tuesday 10 June 1997, and sets new fees for the annual renewal fee, the mutual recognition fee and the entitlement to re-registration fee for dentists, specialist dentists, and dental hygienists. The remaining fees are unaltered.

The reasons for the fee increase are twofold. Firstly, the Dental Board of the ACT has agreed to provide funding to ensure the continued operation of the emergency dental service, administered by the Australian Dental Association (ADA). Secondly, the fees are increased for the purpose of generating revenue in line with the requirement that all Boards are now self funded.