

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

FIREARMS ACT 1996

DETERMINATION OF FEES

NO. 79 OF 1997

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Firearms Act 1997* governs the acquisition, possession, use and disposal of firearms in the ACT.

Section 125 of the Act enables the Minister to determine fees for the purposes of the Act.

This is the first Determination to establish fees for the purposes of the *Firearms Act 1996*.

All fees previously determined under the *Weapons Act 1991* will be repealed upon the commencement of the *Firearms Act 1996*, at which time the Determination of Fees will also come into operation.

The prescribed fees listed in Schedule 1 generally provide an applicant with a licence for a term of five years. However, where, pursuant to s 23(4) of the *Firearms Act 1996*, the applicant relies on the genuine reasons of business or employment, rural purposes - occupational requirement; or composite entity, the licence will be valid for a term of two years. This is to provide for greater accountability where the employment circumstances of such licensees are subject to change within a five year period.

The prescribed fees listed in Schedule 2 provide an applicant with a permit under s 45 of the *Firearms Act 1996* including minors' permits and for the registration and endorsement of firearms.