

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

**DETERMINATION NO. 115 OF 1997**

**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 1996-97 have increased by the Consumer Price Index at 1.75% as advised by the Office of Financial Management.

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.

**COMPARISON**

	<b>1996-97</b>	<b>1997-98</b>	<b>Date of</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Effect</b>
Application for Information Fee	103.00	105.00	1 July 1997
Concession	51.50	52.50	1 July 1997
Exemption		0.00	1 July 1997
Application for Non-Identifying Information	103.00	105.00	1 July 1997
Concession	51.50	52.50	1 July 1997
Exemption		0.00	1 July 1997

# FEES AND CHARGES REVIEW 1997-98

(INCREASED BY 1.75% FROM 1996-97)

**PROGRAM: 21 - CHILDREN'S, FAMILY AND YOUTH SERVICES - Adoption Act 1993**

**AGENCY: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Description of Fee	1996-97 Rate \$	1997-98 Rate 1.75% Increase \$	Proposed 1997-98 Rate \$	% Variation	Date of Effect of New Rate	Revised Estimate 1996-97 \$	Budget Estimate 1997-98 \$	Budget Estimate 1998-99 \$	Budget Estimate 1999-00 \$	Budget Estimate 2000-01 \$
<b>Adoption Information</b>										
Application for Information	103 00	104 80	105.00	1 94%	01/07/97					
Application for Non-identifying Information	103 00	104.80	105.00	1 94%	01/07/97					
<i>Concession rates 50% of Normal Fee</i>										
Application for Information			52.50							
Application for Non-identifying Information			52.50							
<i>Exemption</i>										
Application for Information			0.00							
Application for Non-identifying Information			0.00							
						3,390	3,449	3,510	3,571	3,634

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