

Adoption of Children Act 1965, Australian Capital Territory

1966 – 1993

Other Names: • Adoption of Children Ordinance 1965

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Details

The Adoption of Children Ordinance 1965 (Act no. 15/1965) marked a distinct turning point in adoption law, recognising that the paramount consideration for decisions made should be the welfare and interests of the child concerned. This legislation was passed in response to the Commonwealth government's push for model legislation to harmonise adoption law in Australia.

It commenced on 18 October 1966, repealing the Adoption of Children Ordinance 1938. This legislation was also significant because it reflected a view that the relationship between children and birth parents should not be maintained after adoption, leading to restrictions on information. It was repealed by the Adoption Act 1993 (ACT) on 31 July 1993. This ordinance became an ACT Act on 11 May 1989 (see Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988 s 34 (4)).

Amended by Act No.41/1974, Act No.5/1979, Act No.42/1983, Act No.4/1988, and Act No.71/1991.

More info

Chronology

- Adoption of Children Ordinance 1938, Commonwealth of Australia (1938 - 1966)
 - **Adoption of Children Act 1965, Australian Capital Territory (1966 – 1993)**
 - Adoption Act 1993, Australian Capital Territory (1993 - current)

Related Entries

Related Events

- [Inquiry into Commonwealth Contribution to Former Forced Adoption Policies and Practices, Commonwealth of Australia \(2011 - 2012\)](#)
- [Apology to People Affected by Past Forced Adoption Practices, Parliament of the Australian Capital Territory \(14 August 2012\)](#)

Is amended by

- [Adoption of Children \(Amendment\) Act 1979, Australian Capital Territory \(1979 - 1993\)](#)
Date: 21 March 1979 - 31 July 1993
- [Adoption of Children \(Amendment\) Ordinance 1983, Australian Capital Territory \(1983 - 1993\)](#)
Date: 1 October 1983 - 31 July 1993
- [Adoption of Children Act 1974, Australian Capital Territory \(1974 - 1993\)](#)
Date: 22 October 1974 - 31 July 1993
- [Adoption of Children \(Amendment\) Act 1988, Australian Capital Territory \(1988 - 1993\)](#)
Date: 26 April 1988 - 31 July 1993
- [Adoption of Children \(Amendment\) Act 1991, Australian Capital Territory \(1991 - 1993\)](#)
Date: 7 November 1991 - 31 July 1993

Related Legislation

- [Australian Capital Territory \(Self-Government\) Act 1988, Australian Capital Territory \(1988 - current\)](#)
Date: 8 October 1966 - 31 July 1993

Related Concepts

- [Law in the Australian Capital Territory](#)
- [Adoption in the Australian Capital Territory \(1938 - current\)](#)

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