

Adoption Act 1993, Australian Capital Territory

1993 –

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Details

The Adoption Act 1993 (Act no. 20/1993) provided access to information for adopted children and birth parents which had previously been restricted. It recognised the 'best interests' of the child as the primary consideration in all aspects of adoption covered by the Act. The 1993 Act, Section 1, commenced on 2 April 1993, sections 3-121 commenced on 31 July 1993.

Repealed the Adoption of Children Act 1974.

The Adoption Act 1993 was amended by Act No.64 1999, Act No.1 2004, Act No.20 2008, Act No.6 2009, and Act No.36 2009.

The Adoption Act 1993 included provisions from the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle.

In 2011, the Adoption Act 1993 was under review in light of major initiatives including the Hague Convention on the Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Inter-country Adoption and the enacting of the ACT Human Rights Act 2004. Efforts are underway to ensure consistency with the Children and Young People Act 1999, the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and government policies as defined in the ACT Children's Plan and the Canberra Social Plan 2011.

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 –)**

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 \(14 August 2012\)](#)

Related Glossary Terms

- [Aboriginal Child Placement Principle \(1983 - current\)](#)

Related Legislation

- [Australian Capital Territory \(Self-Government\) Act 1988, Australian Capital Territory \(1988 - current\)](#)
Date: 2 April 1993 -
- [Adoption \(Consequential Amendments\) Act 1993, Australian Capital Territory \(1993 - 2000\)](#)
Date: 31 July 1993 - 21 December 2000
- [Parentage Act 2004, Australian Capital Territory \(2004 - current\)](#)
Date: 22 March 2004 -

Is amended by

- [Adoption Amendment Act 2009, Australian Capital Territory \(2009\)](#)
Date: 6 March 2009 - 7 March 2009
- [Adoption Amendment Act 2009 \(No. 2\), Australian Capital Territory \(2009 - 2010\)](#)
Date: 22 October 2009 - 23 April 2010
- [Children and Young People \(Consequential Amendments\) Act 1999, Australian Capital Territory \(2000 - 2001\)](#)
- [Children and Young People \(Consequential Amendments\) Act 2008, Australian Capital Territory \(2008\)](#)

Related Concepts

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

Resources

- Hague Conference on Private International Law, [Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption](#), 1993
- ACT Government, [ACT Children's Plan](#), 2010
- ACT Government, [Canberra Social Plan 2011](#), 2011

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