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ASSA Telescope Loan Program: Terms & Conditions

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Eligibility

- The Borrower must be a member of the Astronomical Society of South Australia Inc. (ASSA), and be over the age of 18 to qualify for the loan of a telescope.
- Members under the age of 18 need to have a parent or guardian sign for the equipment.
- Only one loan telescope can be allocated to an ASSA membership at any one time.
- Priority for loan telescopes will be for members that do not have access to a telescope.

Loan Period

- The loan period is for a nominal three months or as demand dictates, with extensions permitted provided the telescope is not currently reserved for another user.
- Pick up and drop off time and location will be as agreed with the Loan Manager.

Deposit

- A total deposit of \$75 is required. An amount of \$25 must first be paid to the ASSA upon receiving notification of an available telescope. The remaining \$50 (cash only) must be handed over to the Loan Manager at the time of collection.
- An amount of \$50 (cash) will be refunded on return of all equipment in good order.
- The total deposit will be withheld if the equipment is damaged or pieces are missing.

Equipment

- The equipment list for the telescope is to be signed and agreed upon between the Loan Manager and the Borrower at time of pick up and at drop off.
- The equipment (telescope, mount, finder scope, eyepieces, etc...) on loan must be kept in the possession of the named Borrower during the entire loan period.
- The equipment must be stored indoors and securely when not in use.
- Basic instruction on the use of the telescope and equipment will be provided at the commencement of the loan period.

Technical Problems & Maintenance

- The Loan Manager must be notified if there are any technical problems with the equipment.
- The Borrower must not clean the mirrors or lenses, or perform any adjustment or maintenance of the equipment. All maintenance is to be performed by the Loan Manager or by a designated ASSA member.

Damage or Loss

- Any damage incurred to the telescope, its accessories or equipment must be restored at the Borrower's cost.
- The full cost of the replacement of the instrument, any equipment or its accessories is to be borne by the Borrower if lost or stolen. The current replacement cost associated with the instrument and ancillary items is given below.

Replacement Cost

- The full cost of the instrument, all associated accessories and other equipment being the property of the Astronomical Society of South Australia Inc. has been set at five hundred and fifty dollars \$550.