

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

DENTISTS ACT 1931

Determination of Fees 2002

Disallowable Instrument DI2002 – 100

Explanatory Statement

The *Dentists Act 1931* (the Act) provides for the registration of dentists, dental specialists and dental hygienists to control the practice of dentistry and for related purposes.

Section 85 of the Act provides the Minister with the power to determine fees for the purposes of the Act.

The new determination revokes the fees determined by instrument No 102 of 2001 as notified in the Australian Capital Territory Gazette No. 22, 31 May 2002, and sets new fees for the annual renewal fee, the initial registration fee, the mutual recognition fee, and the entitlement to re-registration fee for dentists, specialist dentists, and dental hygienists. The remaining fees are unaltered.

Since the commencement of the 1995/96 financial year, the Dental Board has operated off budget, ie; it does not receive funds from Government and functions through a trust account. In essence the revenue collected by the Board becomes the basis of its budget for the year. In return the Board is responsible for paying for the services provided to it by the Health Professions Registration Boards Secretariat, and to meet other costs associated with the administration of the Act.

An increase to fees for annual renewal, initial registration and mutual recognition are proposed to cover the ongoing full cost recovery for services provided by the Board. The increase is also required to assist the Dental Board to cover the development of programs to assist practitioners in maintain continuing education, and to develop programs to evaluate and monitor practice standards. In addition, the recommended fees assist the Board to establish a self-supporting financial basis in preparation for the requirements of the proposed legislation.

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In accordance with the provisions of section 85 of the *Dentists Act 1931* (the Act) I, Jon Stanhope, Minister for Health, for the Australian Capital Territory, **REVOKE** all previous determinations for fees payable under the Act and **DETERMINE** that the fees for the purposes of the Act are as set out in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

Section	Fee(\$)
Initial Registration	
Paragraph 18(2)(b) Fee for registration as a general dentist pursuant to section 8; and Fee for registration at the discretion of the Board pursuant to section 11	\$250.00
Paragraph 18(2)(b) Fee for registration as a specialist dentist pursuant to section 8	\$140.00
Paragraph 46(1)(b) Fee for registration as a dental hygienist pursuant to section 40	\$120.00
Mutual Recognition	
Section 21 Fee for registration as a general dentist pursuant to section 10(1)	\$250.00
Section 21 Fee for registration as a specialist dentist pursuant to section 10(2)	\$140.00
Section 49 Fee for registration as a dental hygienist pursuant to section 41(1)	\$120.00
Interim Registration	
Subsection 12(2) Entitlement to interim registration	\$20.00
Annual Renewal Fees	
Subsection 35(1) Annual renewal fee for general dentists	\$250.00
Subsection 35(2) Annual renewal fee for specialist dentists	\$140.00
Subsection 59(1) Annual renewal fee for dental hygienists	\$120.00

Entitlement to Re-registration

Paragraph 38(1)(b) Entitlement to re-registration as a general dentist	\$250.00
Paragraph 38(1)(b) Entitlement to re-registration as a specialist dentist	\$140.00
Paragraph 61(1)(b) Entitlement to re-registration as a dental hygienist	\$120.00

Miscellaneous

Subsections 27(5) & 53(4) Fee for a duplicate certificate	\$30.00
Subsections 29(3) & 55(3) Fee for alteration of particulars in the register	\$10.00
Paragraph 83(1)(a) Fee to inspect an entry in the register	\$10.00
Paragraph 83(1)(b) Fee to obtain a certified copy of an entry in the register	\$10.00

Dated this day of 2002

JON STANHOPE MLA
MINISTER FOR HEALTH