Explanatory Statement

Nurses (Fees) Determination 2005 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2005 - 245

made under the

Nurses Act 1988, Section 86 (Determination of fees)

The Nurses Act 1988 (the Act) regulates nurses and midwives in the ACT.

Section 86 of the Act provides the Minister for Health with the power to determine fees for the purposes of the Act.

This instrument revokes the previous determination of fees instruments DI1996-5 that set fees payable under the Act and determines new fees under the Act.

Fees are established under the following sections of the Act:

• section 21 (application for registration based on education and training pursuant to section

10,12, and application for registration at the Board's discretion pursuant to section 14);

- section 24 (application for registration under purposes of sections 11 and 13);
- section 45 (application for enrolment based on education and training pursuant to section 37);
- section 47 (application for enrolment under purpose of section 38);
- section 15(2) (fee for interim registration);
- section 39(2) (fee for interim enrolment);
- section 34(1) (fee for annual registration);
- section 58(1) (fee for annual enrolment);
- section 36(1) (fee for re-registration);
- section 60(1) (fee for re-enrolment);
- section 28(9) (fee for issue of a duplicate registration certificate);
- section 52(8) (fee for duplicate enrolment certificate);
- section 30(2) (fee for alteration of particulars in the register);
- section 54(2) (fee for alteration of particulars in the roll;
- section 84(1) (fee to inspect an entry in the register); and
- section 84(2) fee to obtain a certified copy of an entry in the register

The changes in fees reflect the administrative costs associated with the assessment of registration of nurses and midwives, based upon their qualifications and training, who have completed their qualification in a country other than Australia and New Zealand. The costs have been benchmarked with other nursing and midwifery regulatory Authorities in Australia.

The 2005 fees are GST inclusive and take effect from the day after notification. The determined fees cover the registration costs for nurses and midwives in the ACT.

These 2005 fees take effect from the day after notification. The determination under section 86 is a disallowable instrument.