

Australian Capital Territory

Explanatory Statement

Dentists (Fees) Determination 2006 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2006- 81

made under the

Dentists Act 1931, s 85 (Determination of Fees)

The *Dentists Act 1931* (the Act) provides for the registration of dentists, specialist dentists and dental hygienists, to control dental practice and for related purposes. Section 85 of the Act provides the Minister with the power to determine fees for the purpose of the Act.

This instrument revokes Dentists (fees) Determination 2004 (No 1) DI2004-55 and sets new fees for initial registration pursuant to Section 18 and Section 46; fees for annual renewal of registration pursuant to Section 35(1), Section 36(1) and Section 59(1); entitlement to re-registration pursuant to Section 38(1) and Section 61(1); fee for interim registration pursuant to Section 12(2), fees for alteration of particulars in the register pursuant to Section 29(3) and Section 55(2); fees for duplicate certificate pursuant to Section 27(5) and Section 53(4); fee to inspect an entry in the register and fee to obtain a certified copy of an entry in the register pursuant to Section 83(1).

The fees for initial registration, re-registration, and annual renewals have been set at levels which reflect the administrative costs associated with those activities, and to meet the agreed costs of operating the Health Professions Boards Secretariat.

The changes to the fees are an increase of \$5 (1.7%) for the initial and re-registration fees for dentists and dental hygienists (from \$290 to \$295); an increase of \$5 (1.8%) for the annual renewal fee for dentists and dental hygienists (from \$275 to \$280); and no increase for specialist dentists, who must also register as dentists. All other fees remain unchanged.

