Explanatory Statement

Health Professionals (Fees) Determination 2007 (No 18)

Disallowable instrument DI2007-306

made under the

Health Professionals Act 2004, s 132 (Determination of fees)

The *Health Professionals Act 2004 (the Act)* is an Act to protect the public from risk of harm by ensuring that the people who provide health services regulated by this Act are competent to provide health services, and for other purposes.

Section 132 of the Act provides the Health Professional Boards with the power to determine fees for the purpose of the Act. This instrument sets fees for the ACT Physiotherapists Board and revokes the previous disallowable instrument that set fees (DI2007-17).

This instrument sets fees for registration of persons under Section 112 of the Health Professionals Regulation 2004, for short term registration under section 115A of the Health Professionals Regulation 2004, for late payment of annual renewal under section 127 of the Health Professionals Regulation 2004, for retrospective re-registration under section 128 of the Health Professionals Regulation 2004, for provision of a duplicate certificate under section 122 of the Health Professionals Regulation 2004, for alteration to the register under section 156 of the Health Professionals Regulation 2004, and fee for an extract from the register under section 155 of the Health Professionals Regulation 2004.

The fees are to meet the agreed costs of operating the Health Professions Boards Secretariat and carrying out the functions of the Board.

The following fees are unchanged from DI2007-17:

Section 112 of the Regulation Fee for initial registration Fee for mutual recognition registration Fee for annual renewal of registration	\$249 \$249 \$209
Section 115A of the Regulation: Fee for short term registration	\$30
Section 122 of the Regulation: Fee for provision of a duplicate certificate	\$30
Section 156 of the Regulation: Fee for alteration to the Register	\$20
Section 155 of the Regulation: Fee for an extract from Register	\$30

The changes involve an increase for the late payment of annual renewal from \$209 to \$249 and to increase the fee for retrospective re-registration from \$249 to \$309. The increases are to include a penalty for failure to pay on time and to provide a disincentive to allowing a registration to lapse.

This instrument sets a new fee, for registration of persons under Section 112 of the *Health Professionals Regulation 2004*, for registration for a non-practicing registrant in accordance with Section 10.8 of Schedule 10 to the *Health Professionals Regulation 2004*. The \$100 fee is a little less than 50% of the fee of \$209 for renewal as a practising physiotherapist.