

Australian Capital Territory

Explanatory Statement

Optometrists - Determination of Fees 2003 (No.1)

Disallowable instrument DI2003 - 117

made under the

Optometrists Act 1956, s 55 (Determination of fees)

The *Optometrists Act 1956 (the Act)* provides for the registration of optometrists, to control the practice of optometry and for related purposes.

Section 55 of the Act provides the Minister with the power to determine fees for the purpose of the Act.

This instrument revokes all previously determined fees and sets new fees for the purposes of section 17 (fee for registration based on qualifications and training pursuant to section 8, and fee for registration at the Board's discretion pursuant to section 10); fee for interim registration pursuant to section 11; fee for annual registration pursuant to section 28(1); fee for re-registration pursuant to section 30(1); fee for issue of a duplicate certificate pursuant to section 24(4); fee for alteration of particulars in the register pursuant to section 33(1); fee to inspect an entry in the register pursuant to section 56(1) and fee to obtain a certified copy of an entry in the register pursuant to section 56(1).

The fees for initial registration, annual renewals and other miscellaneous fees 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.