

**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
VETERINARY SURGEONS ACT 1965
INSTRUMENT NO. 96 OF 1999**

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Veterinary Surgeons Act 1965* (the Act) provides for the registration of persons engaged in veterinary surgery and for other related purposes.

The Act empowers the Minister under section 58, by notice published in the Gazette, to determine fees for the purposes of the Act.

This instrument revokes all existing fees and determinations under the *Veterinary Surgeons Act 1965* which relate to:

- Subsection 13(2), fee for interim registration;
- Paragraph 19(2)(b), application fee for registration;
- Section 22, application fee for registration under mutual recognition provisions;
- Subsection 28(5), fee for a duplicate certificate;
- Subsection 30(3), fee for alteration to the register;
- Subsection 36(1), fee for annual renewal of registration as a veterinary surgeon;
- Subsection 37(1), fee for annual renewal of registration as a specialist veterinary surgeon;
- Paragraph 39(1)(b), fee for re-registration;
- Subsection 57(1), fee to inspect an entry in the register;
- Subsection 57(2), fee to obtain a certified copy of an entry in the register; and

sets fees for equivalent provisions under the principal Act. These determinations are considered necessary to achieve full cost recovery for services provided by the Board.

Subsection 13(2) of the Act provides for determined fee for interim registration, payable if a person wishes to practise prior to the application being considered at a Board meeting. This fee remains unchanged at \$20.00 which is consistent with the determined fee for the same provision with the health professions boards.

Paragraph 19(2)(b) of the Act provides for lodgement of applications for registration other than applications by persons who are entitled to registration under the mutual recognition provisions. The proposed increase for this fee is from \$100.00 to \$130.00.

Section 22 of the Act provides for lodgement of applications for registration under the mutual recognition provisions, from participating jurisdictions. The proposed increase for this fee is from \$100.00 to \$130.00.

Subsection 28(5) of the Act provides for a duplicate certificate to be issued to a person where the original has been lost or destroyed, subject to the payment of the determined fee. This fee remains unchanged at \$30.00 which is consistent with the determined fee for the same provision with the health professions boards.

Subsection 30(3) of the Act requires for the payment of a determined fee in respect to any alterations made to particulars in the register at the request of the person. This fee remains unchanged at \$10.00 which is consistent with the determined fee for the same provision with the health professions boards.

Subsection 36(1) of the Act provides for the payment of a determined fee for annual renewal of registration as a veterinary surgeon. The proposed increase for this fee is from \$100.00 to \$130.00.

Subsection 37(1) of the Act provides for the payment of a determined fee for annual renewal of registration as a specialist veterinary surgeon. Specialist veterinary surgeons are required to remain active on the Register for Veterinary Surgeons as well as the specialist register. Consequently specialist veterinary surgeons are required to pay two annual renewal of registration fees, one to practise as a veterinary surgeon and one to practise as a specialist. It is therefore proposed to leave this fee unchanged at \$100.00.

Paragraph 39(1)(b) of the Act provides for the payment of a fee for re-registration where registration was cancelled for failure to pay the annual renewal fee. The proposed increase for this fee is from \$100.00 to \$130.00 which is consistent with the proposed increase in the application fee, the annual renewal fee and the fee for registration under mutual recognition.

Subsection 57(1) of the Act provides for a person, upon the payment of a determined fee, to inspect an entry in the register. This fee remains unchanged at \$5.00 which is consistent with the determined fee for the same provision with the health professions boards.

Subsection 57(2) of the Act provides for a person upon the payment of a determined fee to obtain a certified copy of an entry in the register. This fee remains unchanged at \$10.00 which is consistent with the determined fee for the same provision with the health professions boards.

A comparative chart of provisions and fees is attached for ease of reference.