

**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
DENTAL TECHNICIANS AND DENTAL PROSTHETISTS REGISTRATION
ACT 1988**

DETERMINATION NO ...114. OF 1993

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists Registration Act 1988* (The Act) provides for the registration of persons engaged in the performance of dental technical work or the provision of dental prosthetic services and for related purposes.

This instrument revokes all existing determinations of fees payable under subsections 25(b) and 34(1) of the Act and sets new fees which are indexed according to Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases.

1. Subsection 25(b) provides for a determined fee to be paid where a person has lodged an application with the ACT Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists Board in accordance with section 26 of the Act for registration as a dental technician or a dental prosthetist.

The granting of registration by the Board where a person applies in accordance with section 26 is subject to the payment of that fee.

The current fee under subsection 25(b) for both categories of registrant is \$100.00. The fees recommended for dental technicians are \$103.00 which reflect CPI increases however the recommended increase for dental prosthetists is \$129.00.

The rationale for the substantial increased fee for dental prosthetists is that the current fee structure for this occupational group contravenes the provisions of section 40 of the *Mutual Recognition Act 1992 (Commonwealth)*, which requires that the annual fee for registration not be greater than the registration fee associated with initial registration which is provided under subsection 25(b) of the *Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists Registration Act 1988*.

2. Subsection 34(1) provides for a requirement for a registered dental technician or a dental prosthetist to pay the determined fee on or before 1 September in each year.

Failure of a registered dental technician or a dental prosthetist to pay the annual fee will result in the Board cancelling the registration of that person under the provisions of subsection 34(3).

The current fee under subsection 34 for dental technicians is \$75.00 and for a dental prosthetists is \$125.00. It is recommended that these fees be increased to \$77.00 for dental technicians and \$129.00 for dental prosthetists.