

Explanatory Statement

Veterinary Surgeons (Fees) Determination 2006 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2006–64

made under the

Veterinary Surgeons Act, s 58 (Determination of fees)

The *Veterinary Surgeons Act 1965* (the Act) provides for the registration of veterinary surgeons, to control veterinary practice and for related purposes.

Section 58 of the Act provides the Minister with the power to determine fees for the purpose of the Act.

This instrument revokes *Veterinary Surgeons (Fees) Determination 2005 (No 1) DI2005-152* and sets new fees for the purposes of section 19 (fee for registration based on qualifications and training); section 36 (fee pursuant to annual registration); section 39 (fee pursuant to re-registration) and section 57 (fee pursuant to obtaining a certified copy of an entry in the register).

The fees for initial registration, re-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.

The changes to the fees are an increase of \$20 for the Annual Renewal fee (from \$205 to \$225) and an increase of \$20 for the initial and re-registration fees (from \$255 to \$270) and an increase of \$10 for the fee to obtain a duplicate certificate, (from \$20 to \$30). All other fees remain unchanged.

The Board is self-funding from the fees charged to registrants. These fees have been increased by close to 10% because costs of administration of the Board have increased over the last year (for example, salaries, directors' insurance and rent) and the Board would operate at a loss without the increase.