

Explanatory Statement

Health Professionals (Fees) Determination 2008 (No 2)

Disallowable instrument DI2008–116

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 Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists Board.

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 changes to the fees are a \$50.00 increase to the initial fee from \$275.00 to \$325.00, the Mutual Recognition fee also from \$275.00 to \$325, the annual renewal fee from \$220.00 to \$270.00, the fee for late payment from \$250.00 to \$300.00 and the fee for retrospective re-registration from \$375.00 to \$425.00. The increases are to include a penalty for failure to pay on time and to provide a disincentive to allowing a registration to lapse. The operational costs of the Board have increased markedly and the increases are necessary to maintain the Board as a self funded entity.