

Explanatory Statement

Health Professionals (Fees) Determination 2009 (No 2)

Disallowable instrument DI2009–63

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 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* (referred to hereunder as the *Regulation*).

The fees are to meet the agreed costs of operating the Health Professions Boards' Secretariat and carrying out the functions of the Board. Applications for registration have decreased by 14% over the past two years. The Board needs to increase its fees from annual renewals, which comprise the majority of its revenue, by 11% in order to avoid going into deficit.

No change has been made to:

the fee for short term registration (Section 115A of the *Regulation*);
the fee for provision of a duplicate certificate (Section 122 of the *Regulation*);
the fee for alteration to the register (Section 156 of the *Regulation*); or
the fee for an extract from the register (Section 155 of the *Regulation*).

Changes to fees are proposed as follows to balance the Board's budget and to reflect the costs to the Board and the public of late registrations and reregistrations:

Provision	Increase
Section 112 of the <i>Regulation</i> :	
Fee for initial registration	\$25 (8%)
Fee for mutual recognition registration	\$25 (8%)
Fee for annual renewal of registration	\$30 (11%)
Section 127 of the <i>Regulation</i> :	
Fee for late payment of annual renewal for registration	\$50 (16%)
Section 128 of the <i>Regulation</i> :	
Fee for retrospective re-registration	\$25 (6%)

The Board has approved a fee for non-retrospective reregistration at \$375 under Section 128 of the *Regulation*, as the previous instrument only allowed for retrospective reregistration.