

Explanatory Statement

Health Professionals (Fees) Determination 2009 (No 6)

Disallowable instrument DI2009–202

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 Pharmacy 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. The Board needs to increase its fees from annual renewals, which comprise the majority of its revenue, by 3% per annum since the last increase in 2006 in order to address its deficit. The additional financial impositions of national registration have had a substantial effect on the financial position of the board, particularly over the past twelve months. The National Registration and Accreditation

Implementation Project (NRAIP) is seeking a large contribution from the ACT Pharmacy Board in 2010. These increases will assist the Board in meeting its obligations.

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 for individuals 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 re-registrations. Fees for companies have been changed by the same amounts, except for initial registration, which is unchanged.

Provision	Increase
Section 112 of the <i>Regulation</i> :	
Fee for initial registration	\$25 (3.0% pa)
Fee for mutual recognition registration	\$25 (3.0% pa)
Fee for annual renewal of registration	\$25 (3.0% pa)
Fee for non-practising registration	\$15 (4.0% pa)
Section 127 of the <i>Regulation</i> :	
Fee for late payment of annual renewal for registration	\$25 (3.0% pa)
Section 128 of the <i>Regulation</i> :	
Fee for retrospective re-registration	\$25 (2.0%pa)