

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Public Health Act 1997

INSTRUMENT NO. 188 OF 2001

DETERMINATION OF FEES

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Public Health Act 1997 ('the Act') provides for the licensing of public health risk activities.

The Act empowers the Minister under section 137, by notice published in the Gazette, to determine fees for the purposes of the Act.

This instrument sets the fees for the licensing of the licensable public health risk activity – the operation of a Health Care Facility. The fees have been determined at two levels to reflect the costs of administering the licence and providing inspections of private hospitals.

The licence fee for an accredited Health Care Facility is set at \$500.00 for a one (1) year licence and reflects the low level of supervision required to administer the licence in an accredited Health Care Facility. A three-year licence may be issued and as such the determination allows for a fee three times the single year fee (\$1500.00) for such licences.

Facilities with 200 or more beds are required to pay a higher licence fee (\$1000.00) to reflect the greater amount of work required in administering the licence. Again a three-year licence is available for these facilities and as such the determination allows for a fee three times the single year fee (\$3000.00) for such licences.

The licence fee for a non-accredited Health Care Facility is set at \$750.00 for a one (1) year licence and reflects the higher level of supervision required to administer the licence in a non-accredited Health Care Facility. Because of the need to audit each non-accredited facility each year, only a single year licence is available for these facilities.

The licence fee for a Health Care Facility operated by a sole Dental Practitioner is set at \$200.00 for a one (1) year licence and reflects the small size of these facilities and the small number of such facilities affected. Dental Practitioners currently licensed under the *Skin Penetration Procedures Act 1994* are required to pay \$100.00 per annum. The small number of Dental Practitioners required to hold a Health Care Facilities licence will now have to pay \$200.00 per annum an increase of \$100.00 per annum.

Fees are payable upon the annual or three-year renewal of the public health risk activity licence.

These fees are less than those charged in New South Wales for an equivalent licence. The NSW fee is currently set at \$1130.00 per annum regardless of accreditation status or bed numbers.