

Veterinary Practice (Fees) Determination 2018 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2018-299

made under the

Veterinary Practice Act 2018, s 144 (Determination of fees by board)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 144 (1) of the *Veterinary Practice Act 2018* (the Act) permits the ACT Veterinary Practitioners Board (the Board) to determine fees for the Act.

This instrument sets out the fees payable to the Board for the 2018-2019 financial year. This includes the renewal of registration of veterinary practitioners, which are processed in advance of the financial year for continuity of registration purposes.

Schedule 1 provides details of the fee payable to the Board by the person requesting the service described in column 3. Column 4 of schedule 1 is for comparison purposes only.

Amendments to the Board's fee instrument from preceding years includes the adoption of National Recognition of Veterinary Registration (NRVR). Section 34 of the Act provides deemed registration for practitioners working across borders. Practitioners are no longer required to register in the ACT prior to working in the ACT for short-term periods. However, veterinary practitioners must, within 3 months after the ACT becomes the practitioner's principal place of residence, apply for registration as a veterinary practitioner under section 38 of the Act. The place of residency determines the place of veterinary registration.

Due to the adoption of NRVR, short-term registration (maximum 3 months from approval date), event registration (maximum 20 days in any 12 month period) and mutual recognition registration are no longer applicable and have been removed.

The registration renewal of an out of time of veterinary practitioners and specialists registration allows for late annual registration renewals. Annual registration renewals occur in accordance with the financial year. Section 25 of the Act sets out a 3 month period that allows for late payment of annual registration renewal; from 1 July to 30 September.

Schedule 2 sets out the category of veterinary premises that are subject to initial registration, annual registration renewal and inspection in the ACT. Schedule 1, part 6

determines the fees for the assessment of veterinary premises. Similarly to veterinary practitioner fees, veterinary premises are subject to initial registration and annual premise registration renewal based on the financial year.

Veterinary premises categories are associated according to the level of veterinary services offered defined under Section 71(2), being:

1. Veterinary consulting rooms
2. Veterinary clinic
3. Mobile veterinary clinic
4. Veterinary hospital
5. Mobile veterinary hospital

Category 1 allows for consulting and diagnosis but not the administration of anaesthetic. Category 2 to 5 in addition, provide services that allow for intensive overnight care of patients, surgical procedures under anaesthesia and radiology services.

Category 5 is a new category for mobile veterinary hospitals. This is a vehicle, including a trailer that –

- (a) May be moved from 1 location to another; and
- (b) Is modified to operate as a veterinary hospital.

The introduction of a premises application fee at section 73 has been introduced. This aligns with the veterinary practice registration renewals.

Veterinary premises are subject to inspection on a 4 yearly basis. The Board may appoint an individual inspector under section 109 of the Act. Powers of an inspector are set out at Division 8.2 of the Act and the associated fees are set out in Schedule 1, Part 6.

The instrument commences on the commencement of the *Veterinary Practice Act 2018*.