

Australian Capital Territory

Rates, Land Tax, Land Rent and Duties (Certificate and Statement Fees) Determination 2019 (No 1)

Disallowable Instrument DI2019–144

made under the

Duties Act, s 252AB (Determination of fees)

Rates Act 2004, s 78 (Determination of fees)

Land Rent Act 2008, s 32 (Determination of fees)

Land Tax Act 2004, s 43 (Determination of fees)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Commencement

This instrument commences on 1 July 2019.

Background

A Certificate of Rates, Land Tax and Other Charges (Certificate) details current assessed and payable general rates, land tax, land rent, duty, interest, deferred amounts and other amounts with respect to a parcel of land in the ACT. The Certificate may also include costs and expenses reasonably incurred by the Commissioner for ACT Revenue (the Commissioner) in attempting to recover any outstanding amounts.

The Certificate may include amounts payable under the *Duties Act 1999* (Duties Act), *Rates Act 2004* (Rates Act), *Land Tax Act 2004* (Land Tax Act), *Land Rent Act 2008* (Land Rent Act) or the *Planning and Development Act 2007*, division 9.6.3 in relation to the parcel of land.

The Certificate enables the applicant to calculate the amount of various tax charges to be allowed for at settlement of a property transfer. The Certificate is for conveyancing purposes only.

This instrument determines the fee amount for 2019-20 for the provision of:

- a Certificate; and
- a statement of amounts payable and payments made.

Under the following provisions, the Minister has authority to determine fees by disallowable instrument for the respective Acts:

- section 252AB of the Duties Act;
- section 78 of the Rates Act;
- section 43 of the Land Tax Act; and
- section 32 of the Land Rent Act.

The fee is determined to accompany an application for a Certificate under the following provisions:

- section 244 of the Duties Act;
- section 76 (1) of the Rates Act;
- section 41 (1) of the Land Tax Act; and
- section 31 (1) of the Land Rent Act.

The fee must also accompany an application for a statement of amounts payable and payments made under the following provisions:

- section 77 (1) of the Rates Act; and
- section 42 (1) of the Land Tax Act.

Determination

This instrument determines the fee payable to the Commissioner to apply for a Certificate (incorporating a statement of amounts payable and payments made) under the above-mentioned provisions. The fee is only payable once per property as a single application for a Certificate may be made under all of the relevant provisions.

As part of the 2019-20 Budget Review process, regulatory fees and charges for 2019-20 is indexed to the Wage Price Index of 2.5 per cent annum. Accordingly, for 2019-20 the fee has been increased from \$117 to \$120 (rounded up to the nearest dollar).

The fee amount reflects the fact that the Certificate provides information on all ACT Revenue Office charges concerning a parcel of land, including outstanding rates, land tax, land rent and any deferred amounts.

Revocation

This instrument revokes DI2018-181. For the avoidance of doubt DI2018-181 continues to apply to applications for a Certificate received in the period 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019, inclusive.

Authorised by the Treasurer
Andrew Barr MLA