

Australian Capital Territory

# Working with Vulnerable People Background Checking (Fees) Determination 2018 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2019 - 176

made under the

**Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011,  
section 68 (Determination of fees)**

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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The Instrument determines fees payable under the *Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011*. The Instrument repeals the previous fees instrument (DI2018-137).

Fees are charged in respect of applications for registration for the purposes of the Act for a person who will be in paid employment, for renewal registrations and cards and for the issuing of a duplicate registration card.

No fee is charged for the purposes of the Act for a person who volunteers their time for no payment.

Fees for registration and renewal will increase in 2019-20. The Government is providing more resources for the Working with Vulnerable People Scheme to expedite application processing times thereby increasing the efficiency of delivering the Scheme.

Changes in the fee determination from the previous instrument is that the fee for paid employees has increased from \$85 to \$135 and the fee for paid employees renewing registrations has also increased from \$85 to \$135.

Fees charged for the issue of a duplicate card remains at \$22.

On 1 July 2020, the Working with Vulnerable People registration period will be extended from three years to five years for all registrations.

To avoid any disadvantage for individuals who register or renew in the 2019-20 financial year, registrations received between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020 will be extended at the end of the three-year period by an additional two years at no further cost to the applicant. The extension will be added at the end of the three-year statutory registration period.

There will be a transition period for the introduction of worker screening of workers or volunteers engaged in NDIS regulated activities. This transition period will commence on 1 July 2020, with the commencement of the new requirements under the *Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011*. Information will be made available to assist workers and volunteers during the transition period.

The Scheme continues to operate to reduce the risk of harm to vulnerable people in the Territory and to reinforce the positive action the Government is taking to protect the most vulnerable members of our society.