

Australian Capital Territory

Legal Profession (Bar Council Fees) Determination 2026

Disallowable instrument DI2026-64

made under the

***Legal Profession Act 2006*, section 84(2) (Determination of fees by law society council and bar council)**

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 84(2)(a) of the *Legal Profession Act 2006* empowers the bar council to determine fees in relation to applications for the grant or renewal of barrister practising certificates.

Clause 3 of this instrument determines fees for applications for the grant or renewal of a barrister practising certificate. The fee payable in Column 2 of the Schedule attached to the instrument is determined according to the level of seniority of the applicant, as described in Column 1 of the Schedule. Corresponding membership fees are as described in Column 3 of the Schedule.

The practising certificate fees have been increased to keep pace with inflation in administering the grant or renewal of barrister practising certificates. As a result, the practising certificate fees have increased on the basis of a 2.5% fee increase to all practising certificate fees apart for those of Readers.

Clause 4 of the instrument states that fees are payable by the applicant to the ACT Bar Association, and that payments may be made by instalments with the written agreement of the Association.

Clause 5 of the instrument notes that practising certificate fees are exempt from GST.

Clause 6 revokes the existing determination of bar council fees, DI2025-63.

The Fee Determination engages the right to work by setting fees for practising barristers in the ACT, as part of the system of regulation of the legal profession.

**SCHEDULE OF PRACTISING CERTIFICATE AND MEMBERSHIP FEES EFFECTIVE
1 JULY 2026 (including comparison to 2025/2026 fees)**

(Note: practising certificate fees are exempt from GST - Membership Fees are inclusive of GST)

Seniority	2026/2027 Year		2025/2026 Year	
	PC Fees	Membership Fees	PC Fees	Membership Fees
Silk	\$3,668.00	\$555.00	\$3,579.00	\$541.00
Junior 13+ years	\$2,946.00	\$467.00	\$2,874.00	\$456.00
Junior 6 – 12 years	\$2,469.00	\$351.00	\$2,409.00	\$342.00
Junior 3 – 5 years	\$1,717.00	\$278.00	\$1,675.20	\$271.00
Junior 1 – 2 years	\$1,369.00	\$234.00	\$1,336.00	\$228.00
Readers	\$582.00	\$88.00	\$582.00	\$88.00
Government PC Holder	N/A	N/A	\$663.00	\$126.00
Government Non PC	N/A	\$194.00	N/A	\$0.00
Interstate (Silk)	N/A	\$361.00	N/A	\$0.00
Interstate Junior	N/A	\$320.00	N/A	\$0.00
Judicial, Retired Judicial, non- practising Barrister, Other	N/A	\$194.00	N/A	\$0.00