

# Firearms (Fees) Determination 2026

## Disallowable instrument DI2026–93

made under the

**Firearms Act 1996, s 270 (Determination of fees)**

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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The Minister has power to determine fees for the purposes of the *Firearms Act 1996*.

The new determination sets the fees that will apply beginning on 1 July 2026 and repeals the *Firearms (Fees) Determination 2025* DI2025-109. It provides for fee increases in line with annual adjustments to the Wages Price Index (WPI) of 3.25%, plus an additional 0.35%, rounded down to the nearest dollar for most fees, with the exception of fees that have been consecutively rounded down in previous years by more than \$1.00 in which case have been rounded up to the nearest dollar. This approach also aligns with the Fees and Charges Policy and Guidelines 2026-27. Explanatory notes in the determination list the fees previously determined to enable comparison.

There were fees and charges that were increased above WPI and these were items 402, 403, 407, 414, 416, and 417. The increases to some fees are intended to partially offset the build and ongoing maintenance costs of a Digital Registry for the ACT and support participation in the National Firearms Register. The increase also better aligns ACT fees with fees in other jurisdictions.

Explanatory notes are also included in the Determination.

### Human Rights

The Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety (Legislative Scrutiny Role) terms of reference require consideration of human rights impacts, among other matters. The increase in firearms fees promotes the right to life by ensuring that firearm ownership continues to be a privilege rather than a right. The increase in fees is an additional preventative measure to protect individuals from foreseeable threats to their lives and promote community safety. No human rights are limited by the changes.