

**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING ACT 1995
DETERMINATION OF FEES**

DETERMINATION NO. 114 OF 1997

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Vocational Education and Training Act 1995 commenced operation on 1 January 1996. The Act provides for planning, funding, co-ordination, evaluation, regulation and promotion of vocational education and training in the ACT.

Section 67 of the Act provides for fees to be determined for the purposes of the Act.

The fees for 1997-98 have increased from the existing 1996-97 fees by the Consumer Price Index at 1.75% as advised by the Office of Financial Management and five new fees introduced.

Under the previous Vocational Training Act 1989 registration fees were paid as part of the administrative arrangements. The Registration of Training Provider and Additions to Provider Scope fees are required under the Vocational Education and Training Act 1995, Section and 18 (2) (b) which states 'An application will be accompanied by a determined fee'.

The Registration of Training Provider and Additions to Provider Scope fees have continued to be levied by the ACT Vocational Training Authority but now both fees need retrospective determination from 1 January 1996 and determination from 1 July 1997 under Section 67 of the new ACT Vocational Training Act.

No training provider would be disadvantaged from this action. Under Section 18 (2) (b) of the Vocational Education and Training Act 1995 as stated above, a training provider that does not pay the fee would not be registered under the Act. Training providers that have paid the retrospectively determined fee would be registered under the Act.

The Registration of Training Provider fees are to be increased from the retrospectively determined rate of \$500 00 by CPI to \$509.00.

The Additions to Provider Scope fee involves the registration of additional courses or changes to courses. This process involves further site visits and is proving to be time intensive and thus incurring additional expense. The proposed increase in this fee from \$100 to \$150 is considered to better reflect the actual resources used in the process.

The new Recognition Services fees are planned to cover costs associated with the introduction of regulatory and audit arrangements that underpin the Quality Framework introduced on 4 February 1997. This process is a nationally agreed audit process that is a more rigorous and extensive system than there has been in the past.

Note: The term 'Recognition Services' is a term introduced by the Australian National Training Authority and is in common usage in the training industry. Recognition Services by definition is a generic term for accreditation, registration, skills recognition, recognition of prior learning and quality management in the vocational education and training sector. Self Assessment Validation is a registration process. Registration under Self Assessment Validation and as an Endorsed Quality Provider and Quality Registration Documentation are registration processes that relate to Section 19 of the Act.

VARIATION TO EXISTING FEES

	1996-97 \$	1997-98 \$	Date of Effect
Accreditation			
Diploma Courses	3,535	3,595	1 July 1997
Certificate Courses	1,740	1,771	1 July 1997
Processing Fee for Skill Recognition Certificate	15	15	1 July 1997
Application Fee for Skill Recognition Services	103	105	1 July 1997

NEW FEES

	1995-96 1996-97 \$	1997-98 \$	Date of Effect
Registration			
Registration as a Training Provider	500		1 Jan 1996
Registration as a Training Provider		509	1 July 1997
Additions to Provider Scope	100		1 Jan 1996
Additions to Provider Scope		150	1 July 1997

Recognition Services

	1997-1998 \$	Date of Effect
Accreditation and Registration		
Self Assessment Validation	600	1 July 1997
Registration as a Quality Endorsed Provider (Fee according to size of organisation, the scope of the training and the cost of the initial audit and on-going monitoring)	(a) 1 100 (b) 5 000 (c) 7 500 (d)10 000	1 July 1997
Quality Registration Documentation	50	1 July 1997

FEES AND CHARGES REVIEW 1997-98

(INCREASED BY 1.75% FROM 1996-97)

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Description of Fee	1996-97	1997-98	Proposed	%	Date of	Revised	Budget	Budget	Budget	
	Rate \$	Rate 3% Increase \$	1997-98 Rate \$	Variation (actual)	Effect of New Rate \$	Estimate 1996-97 \$	Estimate 1997-98 \$	Estimate 1999-00 \$	Estimate 2000-01 \$	Estimate 1999-00 \$
Accreditation										
Diploma Courses	3,533	3,595	3,595	1.75%	01/07/97	20,600	20,961	21,327	21,701	22,080
Certificate Courses	1,741	1,771	1,771	1.72%	01/07/97	20,600	20,961	21,327	21,701	22,080
Processing Fee for Skill Recognition Certificate	15	15	15	0.00%	01/07/97	975	992	1,009	1,027	1,045
Application Fee for Skill Recognition Services	103	105	105	1.94%	01/07/97	7,622	7,755	7,891	8,029	8,170
NEW FEES										
Registration as a Training Provider	500	508.75	509	1.80%	01/07/97	10,000	10,000	10,175	10,353	10,534
Additions to Provider Scope Recognition Services	100	150.00	150	50.00%	01/07/97	4,000	4,000	4,070	4,141	4,214
Self Assessment Validation Fee			600		01/07/97	1,500	1,500	1,526	1,553	1,580
Registration as an Endorsed Quality Provider Fee (fee according to the size of organisation)			1,100 to 10,000		01/07/97	9,000	9,000	9,158	9,318	9,481
Quality Registration Documentation			50		01/07/97	1,000	1,000	1,018	1,035	1,053