

## Explanatory Statement

# Psychologists (Fees) Determination 2006 (No 1)

### Disallowable instrument DI2006–144

made under the

**Psychologists Act 1994, s 54 (Determination of Fees)**

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The Psychologists Act 1994 (the Act) provides for the registration of psychologists, to control the practice of psychology and for related purposes.

Section 54 of the Act provides the Minister with the power to determine fees for the purpose of the Act.

This instrument revokes DI2005-130 and sets new fees for initial registration in accordance with Section 17(2); fee for annual renewal registration pursuant to Section 25(1); entitlement to re-registration in accordance with Section 27(1).

The fees for initial registration, annual renewals and other miscellaneous fees have been set at levels which reflect the administrative costs associated with those activities, and to meet the agreed costs of operating the Health Professions Boards Secretariat. The fees for initial registration, annual renewal and re-registration have been increased by 9%.

The changes to the fees are an increase of \$20 for the Annual Renewal fee (from \$200 to \$220) and an increase of \$20 for the initial and re-registration fees (from \$220 to \$240). The fees for initial registration and annual renewal for post-graduate students has increased by \$10 (from \$140 to \$150). All other fees remain unchanged.

The Board is self-funding from the fees charged to registrants. These fees have been increased by nine percent because costs of administration of the Board have increased over the last year (for example, salaries, directors' insurance and rent) and the Board would operate at a loss without the increase.