

## Explanatory Statement

# Health Professionals (Veterinary Surgeons Fees) Determination 2012 (No 1)

**Disallowable instrument DI2012–45**

made under the

**Health Professionals Act 2004, s 132 (Determination of fees)**

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The *Health Professionals Act 2004* (the Act) is an Act to protect the public from risk of harm by ensuring that the people who provide health services regulated by this Act are competent to provide health services, and for other purposes.

Section 132 of the Act provides Health Professional Boards with the power to determine fees for the purpose of the Act. This instrument sets fees for the ACT Veterinary Surgeons Board. The fees are to meet the agreed costs of operating the Veterinary Surgeons Board Secretariat and carrying out the functions of the Board.

The fees were last set by DI2010-63. The instrument proposes generally a 3.5% increase in the registration fees (i.e., initial registration was \$360, the instrument provides this to be \$373). This increase has been applied to registrations with the amounts rounded up or down to whole dollars. In relation to the fee for short-term registration, alteration to the register and for an extract from the register this has been increased by five dollars. The instrument also provides for the initial registration fee to be paid on a pro-rata basis. This was previously being done on an administrative basis. To provide transparency this has been included in the fee determination. The amount is reduced by \$45 for each quarter.

The fee determination commences from 1 June 2012, to enable the new fees to apply to registrations and renewals from 1 July 2012.