

Construction Occupations Licensing (Fees) Determination 2014 (No 1)

Disallowable Instrument DI2014-153

made under the

Construction Occupations (Licensing) Act 2004, s 127 (Determination of fees)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The purpose of the *Construction Occupations (Licensing) Act 2004* is to regulate construction occupations and other purposes.

Section 127 of the Act provides the Minister with the power to determine fees.

The purpose of this determination is to revoke Disallowable Instrument DI 2013-151 which set fees for the 2013-14 financial year and to determine fees for the 2014-15 financial year.

The fees determined for the 2014-15 financial year represent the 2013-14 financial year fees generally increased in accordance with ACT Treasury's inflation factor of 4%. Appropriate rounding has occurred in relation to the increases.

Occupational Licence Application Fee

The application fee and licence term fee in the previous financial year were listed as the same amount. This has caused considerable confusion within the construction industry with applicants that are successful in obtaining a licence making the assumption that they had already paid the required fees and were therefore not subject to an additional term fee. The differentiation in the application fee and one year licence term fee will assist in eliminating this confusion.

Application fee for a Construction Occupations licence that has expired Fees

The increase of this fee beyond the standard 4% relates to the increase in the processing and assessment work undertaken by the officers within the Customer Services and Construction Occupations Licensing Team. The fee is consistent with the restoration fees in other jurisdictions, including NSW who have a processing fee of \$128 incorporated in their current term fees.

Fees have been rounded to achieve administrative efficiencies.

The fees take effect on 1 July 2014.

The determination under section 127 of the Act is a Disallowable Instrument.