

Australian Capital Territory

Veterinary Surgeons (Fees) Determination 2017 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2017–64

made under the

Veterinary Surgeons Act 2015, s 136 (Determination of fees by board)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 136 (1) of the *Veterinary Surgeons Act 2015* (the Act) permits the ACT Veterinary Surgeons Board (the Board) to determine fees for the Act.

This instrument sets out the fees payable to the board by applicants for registration as a veterinary surgeon in the Territory. The determination increases the fees since the previous determination by 2% rounded for cash handling and other purposes. The increase is in reference to the Wage Price Index.

The Instrument also sets out the fees payable for the assessment of different veterinary premises in the Territory. It corrects an error in the previous Determination, which did not correctly list the categories of veterinary premises. The categories are classified in this instrument at Schedule 2.

This instrument introduces a new fee at part 1.1 and 3.1 schedule 1. The new fee is an application fee applied only to new applications for registration and not to applications for annual renewal of registration. The fee compensates the Board for the assessment of an application, which the Board does not currently charge. The introduction of an application fee ensures that where a person's application is withdrawn or registration not approved, there is a contribution to the Board's administrative costs in assessing the application.

Column 4 of Schedule 1 is for comparison purposes only.

The instrument commences on the day after it is notified, with the fee increases to apply for the 2017-18 registration year.