

Court Procedures (Fees) Determination 2021

Disallowable instrument DI2021-154

made under the

Court Procedures Act 2004, s 13 (Determination of fees)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 13 of the *Court Procedures Act 2004* (the Act) provides that the Minister may determine fees under the Act for a number of purposes, including—

- proceedings in a court or the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (the ACAT) and matters incidental to the proceedings;
- facilities and services provided by the court or the ACAT; and
- the service and execution of the process of a court of the Commonwealth, a State, another Territory or a foreign country.

A determination may provide for—

- exempting people from liability to pay determined fees, completely or partly, in all or particular circumstances;
- remitting, refunding or waiving, by a registrar of a court or the ACAT, determined fees, completely or partly, in particular circumstances;
- deferring by a registrar of a court or the ACAT, liability to pay determined fees, completely or partly, in particular circumstances.

The new determination sets the fees that will apply beginning on 1 July 2021 and repeals the *Court Procedures (Fees) Determination 2020 (No 2) DI2020-154*. It provides for fee increases in line with annual adjustments to the Wages Price Index (WPI) of 1.75%, rounded down to the nearest dollar for most fees, with the exception of fees that have been consecutively rounded down in previous years by more than \$1.00 in which case have been rounded up to the nearest dollar. This approach also aligns with the 2021 Treasury Guidelines for Fees and Charges. Explanatory notes in the determination list the fees previously determined to enable comparison.

Updates to the instrument

The fee item 1107 (a) wording updates to add the words “*or for unspecified damages*” to clarify that the fee also applies where the damages are unspecified.

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