

Legal Profession (Society Rules) Notice 2017

Explanatory notes for SL 2017 No. 61

made under the

Legal Profession Act 2007

General Outline

Short title

Legal Profession (Society Rules) Notice 2017

Authorising law

Section 696 of the *Legal Profession Act 2007* (Act) allows the Queensland Law Society (QLS) to make rules for various purposes, including: to define, and carry out, the objects of the QLS; for the regulation and good government of the QLS and its members; to provide for the way of electing or appointing the presidential members and other council members; for the admission, re-admission, resignation, and expulsion of QLS members; and to fix fees, levies and subscriptions in relation to QLS membership.

Under section 697(1) of the Act, the QLS rules have no effect unless the Minister notifies the making of the rules. Under section 697(2) of the Act, the notice is subordinate legislation. The rules made and notified under these sections are listed in the *Legal Profession (Society Rules) Notice 2007* (the existing notice) which will expire on 1 September 2017, unless it is sooner repealed.

On 30 March 2017, the Council of the QLS resolved to make the Legal Profession (Society) Amendment Rule (No. 1) 2017 (Amendment Rule) which provides for the subscription fees that apply for the financial year commencing 1 July 2017.

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The purpose of this subordinate legislation (Notice) is to give notice of the Amendment Rule and to repeal and replace the existing notice.

Achievement of policy objectives

The Notice gives notice of the Amendment Rule, repeals and replaces the existing notice and declares the existing notice to be a law to which section 20A of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954* applies.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The Notice is consistent with the policy objectives of the Act.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The Notice is not inconsistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

Benefits and costs of implementation

There are no costs associated with the implementation of the Notice.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The Notice is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

The Notice giving effect to the Amendment Rule is being made at the request of the QLS.