

Acts Interpretation (Fee Unit) Regulation 2022

Explanatory notes for SL 2022 No. 39

made under the

Acts Interpretation Act 1954

General Outline

Short title

Acts Interpretation (Fee Unit) Regulation 2022.

Authorising law

Sections 48B and 52B of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954*.

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The objectives of the Acts Interpretation (Fee Unit) Regulation 2022 (the Regulation) are to prescribe the value of a fee unit for a given Act pursuant to the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954*, and to enable the implementation of a regulatory fee unit model that streamlines the annual process of indexing regulatory fees. The Regulation provides for the indexation of the fee unit value rather than the amendment of hundreds of pages of agency regulation to index each individual fee.

Achievement of policy objectives

The Regulation will achieve its policy objectives by prescribing the value of a fee unit for fees indexed on 1 July, as well as prescribing different values for a fee unit to account for fees with alternative indexation dates (i.e. not 1 July). The Regulation will be amended each year to update the fee unit values in line with the Government Indexation Rate.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The Regulation is consistent with the policy objectives of the authorising law. The *Acts Interpretation Act 1954* enables regulated fees to be displayed as a number of fee units. The Regulation gives effect to Part 12B of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954* by prescribing the value of a fee unit for a given Act.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The Regulation is consistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

Alternative ways of achieving policy objectives

There are no alternative ways of achieving the policy objectives with the same efficiency.

Benefits and costs of implementation

The Regulation will enable the implementation of the regulatory fee unit model which will streamline the annual process of indexing regulatory fees. It will provide for the indexation of the fee unit value rather than the amendment of hundreds of pages of agency regulation to index each individual fee.

There are no additional costs associated with implementing the Regulation.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The Regulation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

In accordance with the *Queensland Government Guide to Better Regulation*, Queensland Treasury applied self-assessable exclusion 'Category (g) - regulatory proposals that are of a machinery nature' and was not required to undertake further regulatory impact analysis on the Regulation.

As this was an administrative machinery of government amendment, no external consultation was required.