

Acts Interpretation (Fee Unit) Amendment Regulation 2023

Explanatory notes for SL 2023 No. 38

made under the

Acts Interpretation Act 1954

General Outline

Short title

Acts Interpretation (Fee Unit) Amendment Regulation 2023

Authorising law

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

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The *Acts Interpretation (Fee Unit) Regulation 2022* (the Regulation) prescribes the value of a fee unit for a given Act pursuant to section 48B of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954*.

The Regulation prescribes 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) which are listed at Schedule 1 of the Regulation.

The Regulation requires annual amendment to update the value of a fee unit in line with the Government Indexation Rate (GIR).

The objective of the *Acts Interpretation (Fee Unit) Amendment Regulation 2023* is to index the value of a fee unit for the 2023-24 financial year by the GIR.

Achievement of policy objectives

The *Acts Interpretation (Fee Unit) Amendment Regulation 2023* will achieve its policy objectives by amending the Regulation to index the value of a fee unit for the 2023-24 financial year and reflect the correct listing of regulations with alternative indexation dates.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The *Acts Interpretation (Fee Unit) Amendment Regulation 2023* 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 *Acts Interpretation (Fee Unit) Amendment Regulation 2023* gives effect to Part 12B of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954* by prescribing the indexed value of a fee unit for a given Act.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The *Acts Interpretation (Fee Unit) Amendment Regulation 2023* 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 *Acts Interpretation (Fee Unit) Amendment Regulation 2023* provides for the indexation of the fee unit value for 2023-24 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 *Acts Interpretation (Fee Unit) Amendment Regulation 2023*.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The *Acts Interpretation (Fee Unit) Amendment Regulation 2023* 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 *Acts Interpretation (Fee Unit) Amendment Regulation 2023*.

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