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New fees for DOLA products and services will apply from 1 July, 1996. The new fees are as a result of amendments to the Transfer of Land Act Regulations 1972, Land Regulations 1968, Strata Titles General Regulations 1996 and Registration of Deeds Regulations 1974.

Following review, the fees, in most instances have been reduced in accordance with the following policy changes in costing activities.

- The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is no longer used in costing of Government activities, services and products.
- The fee regulations are now based upon cost recovery for production or provision of products or services.

The application of cost recovery in determining the fees for specialised services or products has been assessed where possible on an individual basis. Fee increases have only been applied where it was found that the cost of providing the product or service exceeded the existing fee rate.

A brief explanation of the major changes to the DOLA fees is detailed below:

DOCUMENT REGISTRATION

The determination of the cost for the document registration process has resulted in a *fee reduction* from \$62.00 to \$60.00. In respect to a transfer document, the advalorem fee is adjusted accordingly.

The fee for requisition on a document, raised by the Department, has been *reduced* from \$31.00 to \$30.00 per document.

SEARCHES

The copy service search fee for personal attendance at DOLA *remains* at \$8.00 per print.

DOLA has invested considerable resources into improving its searching facilities by the use of technology such as the Customer Remote Searching system (CRS) and the Imaging/Autofax system. These systems allow on-line customers to access DOLA's computer system directly. It provides the capability to order copies of a search from a computer in the customers office, have the appropriate fee charged to the customers account and the copies of the search automatically returned by facsimile to the customers office. The fee for copies of searches using the Customer Remote Searching system remains the *same*, at \$8.00 per item.

To encourage more customers to utilise DOLA's remote search facilities, the fee for an initial enquiry on DOLA indices using the CRS system has been *reduced* from \$4.00 to \$1.00.

The annual subscription fee of \$75.00 and the fee for customer training to utilise the systems of \$115.00 have been *eliminated*.

Since DOLA's relocation to Midland, there has been an increased customer demand for searches to be processed manually by DOLA staff using the facsimile search service. Consequently, it has been necessary for DOLA to apply more resources to this service. In order to continue to meet the increasing demand for this attended service a *new fee* of \$1.00 per individual item data entry has been introduced to recover increased staff costs. For example:

- The fee for a manual facsimile search of a certificate of title will be \$9.00
- The fee for a manual facsimile check search will be \$5.00
- The fee for a manual facsimile search of a survey plan will be \$9.00

ADMINISTRATION

A review of the current administration costs, which include postal charge has necessitated a fee *increase* from \$6.50 to \$9.00. The increase is aligned with the recommended scale of fees set by the Ministry of Fair Trading for settlement agents charges for conducting a Land Titles search.

MICROFICHE AND DIGITAL PRODUCTS

The scale of fees for obtaining digital products from a computerised database has been simplified. A change in the methodology for charging for digital data from a rate per polygon to a rate per line of information has resulted in a *reduction* in fees for the provision of hardcopy cadastral data from 3.1 cents to 0.75 cent per line, and from 12.3 cents to 3.0 cents in digital form.

However, the review has indicated the necessity to *increase* the fees for microfiche products and annual subscription of monthly digital copies on computer tape. The increase in fees for Sales Evidence microfiche is to overcome a charging anomaly. In the previous fee structure, the aggregate purchase fee for a full set by individual parts was less than the purchase fee for a full set.

GRAPHICS

Changes in technology allowing for the provision of tenure search graphical information means that users can no longer access text information. Accordingly, the fee for online access to graphics data is *reduced* from \$250.00 to \$100.00 per month.

SURVEY LODGEMENT

In accordance with the agreed principles of the new survey plan and approved examiner process introduced by DOLA in 1994, the fee for survey document requisition has been *increased* from \$63.00 to \$80.00.

Fees for lodgement of surveys have remained *unchanged*.

STRATA PLAN LODGEMENT

Under the amendments to the Strata Titles Act, it is now necessary for the Registrar of Titles to provide a copy of each registered strata/survey-strata plan to all relevant rating and taxing authorities. As a result, the general lodgement fee payable under the Strata Titles General Regulations for each Strata Plan lodged has been *increased* from \$70 to \$105.

Complete amendment regulations will be printed in the Government Gazette of 28 June 1996, and may be obtained from the State Law Publisher at 10 William Street, Perth. (Telephone 321 7688) Attached is a summary list of fees which will be included in the Government Gazette, together with a ready reckoner for calculating transfer registration fees.



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REGISTRATION FEES

TRANSFER FEES	
Registration of a transfer where the value of the consideration or the value assessed under the Stamp Act 1921 THE STAMP OFFICE DOES NOT INCLUDE CHATTELS	
RENTAL AGREEMENTS	
Does not exceed \$85,000	\$60
Exceeds \$85,000 but does not exceed \$120,000	\$70
Exceeds \$120,000 but does not exceed \$200,000	\$90
Exceeds \$200,000, plus \$20 for every \$100,000 or part thereof above \$200,000	
\$200,001 to \$300,000	\$110
\$300,001 to \$400,000	\$130
\$400,001 to \$500,000	\$150
\$500,001 to \$600,000	\$170
\$600,001 to \$700,000	\$190
\$700,001 to \$800,000	\$210
\$800,001 to \$900,000	\$230
\$900,001 to \$1,000,000	\$250
\$1,000,001 to \$1,100,000	\$270
\$1,100,001 to \$1,200,000	\$290
\$1,200,001 to \$1,300,000	\$310
\$1,300,001 to \$1,400,000	\$330
\$1,400,001 to \$1,500,000	\$350
\$1,500,001 to \$1,600,000	\$370
\$1,600,001 to \$1,700,000	\$390
\$1,700,001 to \$1,800,000	\$410
\$1,800,001 to \$1,900,000	\$430
\$1,900,001 to \$2,000,000	\$450
\$2,000,001 to \$2,100,000	\$470
\$2,100,001 to \$2,200,000	\$490
\$2,200,001 to \$2,300,000	\$510
\$2,300,001 to \$2,400,000	\$530
\$2,400,001 to \$2,500,000	\$550
\$2,500,001 to \$2,600,000	\$570
\$2,600,001 to \$2,700,000	\$590
\$2,700,001 to \$2,800,000	\$610
\$2,800,001 to \$2,900,000	\$630
\$2,900,001 to \$3,000,000	\$650

DOCUMENT FEES	
Application	\$60
Mortgage	\$60
Discharge (per Mortgage)	\$60
Extension (per Mortgage)	\$60
Lease	\$60
Surrender	\$60
Easement	\$60
Restrictive Covenant	\$60
Warrant, Fi-Fa	\$60
Caveat	\$60
Withdrawal (per Caveat)	\$60
Power of Attorney	\$60
Revocation	\$60
Deed of Trust	\$60
Memorial	\$60
Transfer of Mortgage (Additional Mortgages)	\$60 \$13
14 Days Notice (per Caveat)	\$60
Production Fee (Extra Production)	\$30 \$6
Application Lost C/T	\$180
Application	\$60
Advertising	\$60
New C/T	\$60
SEARCHES (PER PERSON)	
C/T Known	\$8
Name, Location, Lot	\$4
Check Search	\$4
Document	\$8
Plan, Diagram	\$8
Memorial	\$8
CONVEYANCE	
Plan, Diagram	\$110
Lodgement	\$110
plus for each Lot	\$45
Preparation of MFP copies	\$53
Strata Plan	\$105
plus for each lot	\$30
Application	\$60
Notification	\$60