

# Customer Information Bulletin

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## EARLY ADVICE OF PROPOSED NEW SCALE OF FEES, PRICES AND CHARGING FROM 1 JULY 2011

Landgate has undertaken a review of charges for the provision of products and services and gives early advice to customers of a proposed increase in fees from 1 July 2011 to recover increase in costs. The proposed new pricing will affect regulated fees, Electronic Advice of Sale (EAS2) requests, hourly service rates and the cost of commercial products and services.

Landgate is conscious that there has been a number of price increases in recent years. This situation has been compounded by the lowest property transaction rates in 19 years and the high fixed costs associated with providing a reliable and responsive registration service, regardless of transaction levels. Current action to reduce Landgate's cost base will minimise the need for fee increases in the 2012-13 financial year.

### Regulated Fees

Subject to the Lieutenant Governor's approval in Executive Council, from 1 July 2011 a new scale of fees will apply for regulated services. The new scale of fees relate to the provision of services for document registration, plan lodgement, and searching.

Regulated fees enable Landgate to recover the costs associated with the delivery of title registration and searching services, and to undertake ongoing improvements to these services for the benefit of the State's rapidly changing land and property industry.

The focus in 2011-12 will be to 1) ensure that our systems remain stable and deliver the high service levels expected by our customers; and 2) drive business process improvements and lower overheads to reduce overall business costs and resultant pressures on fees.

### Summary of Proposed New Fees for Regulated Services

The proposed fee amendments for regulated services, if approved, will increase the base document registration fee from \$135.00 to \$160.00; and the deposited plan and strata/survey strata plan general lodgement fee from \$213.00 to \$227.00. The fee to obtain a copy of a Record of Certificate of Title and/or document will increase from \$19.00 to \$24.00. Other fee amendments include:

- The production fee for a duplicate title will increase from \$67.50 to \$80.00 for the first Certificate of Title. The fee for producing subsequent duplicate Certificates of Title, for the same document, will remain at \$6.00 each.
- The fee for the withdrawal of a document from registration will increase from \$67.50 to \$80.00.
- The check search fee will increase from \$9.50 to \$12.00.
- Lodgement fees for a replacement plan will increase from \$213.00 to \$227.00.

See below, the proposed schedule of fees for the most commonly lodged documents. Should the fees be approved, we will inform you through an updated bulletin and online notices.

## **EAS2 Requests**

The percentage-based service fee for Electronic Advice of Sale (EAS2) requests will increase from 7.5 per cent to 10 per cent, and the current \$5.00 minimum charge will increase to \$10.00.

EAS2 customers pay a fee to each EAS2 participating agency for enquiry services and a percentage-based service fee, or a prescribed minimum fee, to Landgate. There has been no increase to the EAS2 service fee since it was introduced in January 2006.

The funds generated from service fees are used by Landgate to maintain EAS2 to the highest standard and to invest in improvements to ensure the best possible service for all customers.

## **Hourly Service Rates**

The proposed standard hourly commercial service rate will increase from \$136.40 to \$143.00 incl. GST.

The hourly service rate recovers the cost of extracting and delivering a range of products and services to customers from a wide range of industries.

Any orders received by us prior to 1 July 2011 and orders in progress prior to this time will be charged at the current rate. However the new prices will be applied to all other orders.

## **Commercial Product and Services**

Also from 1 July 2011, a CPI increase of three per cent will be applied to Landgate's commercial products and services. For convenience and where applicable prices will be rounded to the nearest dollar.

Any orders received by us prior to 1 July 2011 and orders in progress prior to this time will be charged at the current rate. Quotes will continue to be valid for 30 days from date of issue. However the new prices will be applied to all other orders.



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ACTING GENERAL MANAGER OPERATIONS  
REGISTRAR OF TITLES  
27 MAY 2011**

**PROPOSED REGISTRATION AND SEARCH FEES PAYABLE FROM 1 JULY 2011**

**Subject to Lieutenant Governor's approval in Executive Council**

<b>PERSONAL AND ONLINE SEARCHES</b>		
Certificate of Title	\$24.00	
Document (eg. Transfer/Mortgage/Caveat)	\$24.00	
Search of Power of Attorney file for the number of a power of attorney document (online)	\$1.00	
Check Search	\$12.00 9.50	
Enduring Power of Attorney Document	\$24.00	
Deposited Plan, Diagram, Strata	\$24.00	
Memorial (Deeds Office)	\$24.00	
Dealing Search (per document copied)	\$24.00	
History List (digital titles)	\$12.00	
Certified Copy of Certificate of Title or Document	\$60.00	
Postage (less than 50 grams in Australia - normal mail)	\$9.00	

<b>DOCUMENTS</b>			
Application	\$160.00	Lease	\$160.00
Application Lost C/T (for each new edition of a duplicate title being issued)	\$160.00	Extension (per Mortgage/Lease)	\$160.00
Discharge (per Mortgage)	\$160.00	Transfer of Mortgage	\$160.00
Caveat	\$160.00	(Additional Mortgages)	\$13.00
Withdrawal (per Caveat)	\$160.00	Notification (if not exempt)	\$160.00
14 Days Notice (per Caveat)	\$140.00	Memorial (if not exempt)	\$160.00
21 Days Notice (Application)	\$300.00	Easement	\$160.00
Power of Attorney	\$160.00	PSSO	\$160.00
Revocation	\$160.00	Restrictive Covenant	\$160.00
Mortgage	\$160.00	Declaration of Trust	\$160.00
Production Fee	\$80.00	Surrender	\$160.00
(Extra Production)	\$6.00	Priority Processing (where applicable)	\$39.00
Application for Deposited Plan plus an extra \$6 per lot other than a vesting lot	\$160.00 \$6.00	For each document – an additional fee per title or lease in excess of 10 titles or leases shown in each document	\$6.00
Application for Strata/Survey Strata plus an extra \$6 for each lot other than a vesting or common property lot	\$160.00 \$6.00		
<b>STOPPED DOCUMENTS</b>			
Requisition Fee	\$80.00	Timely Requisition Fee	\$52.00
Withdrawal from Registration	\$80.00	Rejection Fee = 75% of the lodging fee paid rounded down to the nearest multiple of \$1	



## TRANSFERS

Registration fees for Transfer documents are based on the consideration or value assessed by the Office of State Revenue

CONSIDERATION				
	Up	To	\$ 85,000	\$160
	\$ 85,001	To	\$ 120,000	\$170
	\$ 120,001	To	\$ 200,000	\$190
	\$ 200,001	To	\$ 300,000	\$210
	\$ 300,001	To	\$ 400,000	\$230
	\$ 400,001	To	\$ 500,000	\$250
	\$ 500,001	To	\$ 600,000	\$270
	\$ 600,001	To	\$ 700,000	\$290
	\$ 700,001	To	\$ 800,000	\$310
	\$ 800,001	To	\$ 900,000	\$330
	\$ 900,001	To	\$ 1,000,000	\$350
	\$ 1,000,001	To	\$ 1,100,000	\$370
	\$ 1,100,001	To	\$ 1,200,000	\$390
	\$ 1,200,001	To	\$ 1,300,000	\$410
	\$ 1,300,001	To	\$ 1,400,000	\$430
	\$ 1,400,001	To	\$ 1,500,000	\$450
	\$ 1,500,001	To	\$ 1,600,000	\$470
	\$ 1,600,001	To	\$ 1,700,000	\$490
	\$ 1,700,001	To	\$ 1,800,000	\$510
	\$ 1,800,001	To	\$ 1,900,000	\$530
	\$ 1,900,001	To	\$ 2,000,000	\$550

Over \$2,000,000-\$550 plus \$20 for every \$100,000 or part thereof.

SURVEY LODGEMENT FEES			
General Fee Deposited Plan & Strata/Survey-Strata Plan (includes strata plan of conversion & sketch plan for merger of strata schemes)	\$227.00	For each Lot	\$62.00
Requisition on Deposited Plan or Strata/Survey-Strata Plan	\$100.00		
Replacement Plan	\$227.00		

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