

# Acts Interpretation (Fee Unit) Amendment Regulation 2025

Explanatory notes for SL 2025 No. 27

made under the

*Acts Interpretation Act 1954*

## General Outline

### Short title

*Acts Interpretation (Fee Unit) Amendment Regulation 2025*

### 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 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 2025* is to index the value of a fee unit by the GIR.

To reduce the administrative burden associated with this annual regulation amendment process and to provide Queensland Government agencies with greater budget certainty, the Regulation will be amended to prescribe the annual value of the fee unit for each of the next four financial years (i.e. 2025-26 to 2028-29).

## Achievement of policy objectives

The *Acts Interpretation (Fee Unit) Amendment Regulation 2025* will achieve its policy objectives by amending the Regulation to index the value of a fee unit by GIR for the 2025-26, 2026-27, 2027-28 and 2028-29 financial years, and corresponding annual periods for fees utilising alternative indexation cycles.

## **Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law**

The *Acts Interpretation (Fee Unit) Amendment Regulation 2025* 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 2025* 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 2025* 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 2025* provides for the indexation of the fee unit value for future years rather than the amendment of a significant amount of regulations to index each individual fee.

There are no additional costs associated with implementing the *Acts Interpretation (Fee Unit) Amendment Regulation 2025*.

## **Consistency with fundamental legislative principles**

The *Acts Interpretation (Fee Unit) Amendment Regulation 2025* is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

## **Consultation**

As this was an administrative machinery of government amendment, external consultation was not required.