

NOTICEBOARD

Corporations fees adjusted from 1 July 2000

The Australian Securities and Investment Commission has advised that fees for lodging documents and obtaining corporate information have been adjusted. The new charges will be payable from 1 July 2000.

The regulations to amend the current fees scale were signed by the Governor General on 7 June 2000.

The fees adjustments reflect the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) since the last fee increase in August 1997.

The fee adjustment is not related to the GST, which also commences on 1 July 2000. Corporations fees are not subject to GST.

The annual return fee for a proprietary company remains at \$2000, while a return for a public company increases from \$870 to \$900 and for a special purpose company from \$35 to \$36.

Application for registration as a company having share capital increases from \$690 to \$720, while registration as a company that does not have share capital increase from \$290 to \$3000.

The fee for a voluntary deregistration application goes from \$29 to \$30.

If a document is lodged within one month after the prescribed time the late fee will remain at \$60, however if it is lodged more than a month after the prescribed time the late fee will rise from \$230 to \$240.

Application for reservation of a name increases from \$35 to \$36.

More complete details of the new fees can be found in the information sheets; Fees for commonly lodged documents and Fees for ASIC company search information. These sheets are available from ASIC Business Centres, the ASIC Customer Enquiry line on 03 5177 3988 or the ASIC website: www.asic.gov.au

2000 Children's Lawyer of the Year Awards - call for nominations

The National Children's and Youth Law Centre is now calling for nominations for the 2000 Children's Lawyer of the Year Awards.

The Awards are open to solicitors, barristers, legal volunteers in legal centres or community organisations, legal policy workers and organisations/departments working in the area of children and the law.

The Awards are judged at State and Territory levels, in addition to awards in the following categories:

1. National Award for Excellent and Outstanding Achievement in the legal representation of children;
2. Outstanding representation of indigenous children.

Nominations, containing a statement of achievement (1000 words maximum) should be sent to:

National Children's and Youth Law Centre

c/ UNSW SYDNEY NSW 2052

Email: ncylc@unsw.edu.au

Tel: 02 9398 7488

Fax: 02 9398 7416

Nominations close on 15 September 2000.

Practice Direction No.4 of 2000

Goods and Service Tax

Practitioners are notified that in taxing costs under Order 63 the Taxing Master may allow a reasonable amount for GST paid or payable pursuant to the GST law, as defined in A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999, on the taxed costs.

Practitioners claiming GST are required to account for any savings that may result from the implementation of the New Tax System.

Practice direction No. 1 of 2000

Form 17 — Transitional compliance arrangements

The Family Court notifies practitioners that following the practice direction has effect from 1 July 2000:

Order 17 rule 2 of the Family Law Rules provides:

"A person who:

- (a) files an application instituting proceedings to which this Order applies; or
- (b) is a respondent to proceedings to which this Order applies and who files a response in those proceedings;

must file with the application or response a financial statement in accordance with Form 17."

Pursuant to Statutory Rules 2000 No.172 a new version of the prescribed Form 17 titled "Financial Statement" is inserted into Schedule 1 of the Family Law Rules. The requirement to use the new version of the Form 17 commences on 1 July 2000.

For the convenience of parties and their legal representatives, the Family Court of Australia will deem the former version of Form 17 as having complied with the requirements of the Family Law Rules if it is filed prior to the date of 30 September 2000.

Tenancy Rules

The Magistrates Court notifies practitioners that the Local Court rules have been amended to take into account the introduction of the Residential Tenancies Act and there are new forms included in those amendments. The rules commenced on the 5th of July 2000.

Copies of the rules are available on the internet and from the government printer.