Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (Fees) Regulations 2016

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STATUTORY RULES 2016

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Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998

Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (Fees) Regulations 2016

The Governor in Council makes the following Regulations:

Dated:

Responsible Minister:

MARTIN PAKULA Attorney-General

Clerk of the Executive Council

1 Objectives

The objectives of these Regulations are to prescribe—

- (a) fees payable for the commencement and hearing of proceedings in the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal; and
- (b) fees payable for—
 - (i) the issuing of warrants and witness summonses; and
 - (ii) inspection of the register; and
 - (iii) the provision of ancillary services by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal; and
- (c) other matters relating to fees payable under the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998.

2 Authorising provision

These Regulations are made under section 161 of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998.

3 Commencement

These Regulations come into operation on 1 July 2016.

4 Revocation

The following Regulations are revoked—

- (a) the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (Fees) Regulations 2013¹;
- (b) the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2013²;
- (c) the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2015³;
- (d) the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (Fees) Further Amendment Regulations 2015⁴;
- (e) the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (Fees) Amendment (Powers of Attorney) Regulations 2015⁵.

5 Definitions

(1) In these Regulations—

commencement, in relation to a proceeding, includes the lodgement of any of the following—

- (a) an application;
- (b) a claim;
- (c) a counterclaim;
- (d) a third party notice;

- (e) any other originating process;
- complex case means a proceeding that the principal registrar has determined to be complex case under regulation 6;
- concession fee payer means a person who holds a health care card within the meaning of the Social Security Act 1991 of the Commonwealth;
- corporate fee payer means a person other than a standard fee payer or a concession fee payer;
- **dwelling** has the same meaning it has in the Victoria Planning Provisions in relation to the use of land;
- hearing includes any accompanied site visit or inspection, but does not include any of the following—
 - (a) a compulsory conference;
 - (b) a directions hearing;
 - (c) a mediation;
 - (d) a practice day hearing;
- major case means proceeding entered into the Major Cases List within the Planning and Environment List in accordance with regulation 7;

standard fee payer means the following—

- (a) a natural person other than a natural person acting in the capacity of a statutory office holder;
- (b) any other person or entity that has—
 - (i) as its whole or dominant purpose a charitable, benevolent, or philanthropic purpose, other than a school or a government body; or

(ii) a turnover of less than \$200,000 in the financial year before the financial year in which the fees are to be paid;

taxing Act has the same meaning that it has in Schedule 1 to the Act;

the Act means the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998;

VicSmart proceeding means a proceeding that relates to a VicSmart permit application for the purposes of a planning scheme approved under the Planning and Environment Act 1987;

Victoria Planning Provisions has the same meaning as it has in the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

- (2) For the purposes of paragraph (b)(ii) of the definition of *standard fee payer*, if the person or entity has not been in operation for a full financial year, it is taken to have a turnover of less than \$200,000 if—
 - (a) it certifies that it expects to have a turnover of less than \$200,000 in its first full financial year of operation; and
 - (b) provides any documents required by the principal registrar to support the certification under paragraph (a).

6 Complex case

At any time, the principal registrar may determine that a proceeding is a complex case, having regard to the following—

(a) whether the proceeding relates to an occupational licensing, registration or disciplinary matter;

- (b) whether the hearing of the proceeding is likely to take 2 or more days;
- (c) whether an expert witness is giving or is likely to give evidence in the proceeding;
- (d) whether there are 3 or more parties to the proceeding, including any parties that have joined the proceeding after lodgement;
- (e) whether a substantial volume of documentary evidence has been, or is likely to be, filed in the proceeding;
- (f) whether more than one member has been, or is likely to be, appointed to hear the proceeding;
- (g) whether a presidential member has been, or is likely to be, appointed to hear the proceeding.

7 Major case

- (1) At the commencement of a proceeding arising under the following, the applicant may elect to have the proceeding entered into the Major Cases List within the Planning and Environment list—
 - (a) section 77, 79, 80 or 87A of the **Planning** and Environment Act 1987;
 - (b) section 33(1) or 33A(1) of the **Environment Protection Act 1970**.
- (2) At any time after the commencement of a proceeding arising under the following, the applicant for the permit that is the subject of the proceeding may pay a fee of 165 fee units and elect to have the proceeding entered into the Major Cases List within the Planning and Environment list—
 - (a) section 82 or 82B of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987**;

(b) section 33B of the **Environment Protection** Act 1970.

8 Fees

- (1) The fees set out in the Scale of Fees in Schedule 1 are payable at the Tribunal as specified in that Schedule and in accordance with this regulation.
- (2) For a corporate fee payer, the fee for an item specified in column 2 of Schedule 1 is the amount specified in the corresponding entry of column 3 of Schedule 1.
- (3) For a standard fee payer, the fee for an item specified in column 2 of Schedule 1—
 - (a) in respect of a proceeding that is not a major case, is 70 per cent of amount specified in the corresponding entry of column 3 of Schedule 1, rounded to the nearest 10 cents;
 - (b) in respect of a major case, is the amount specified in the corresponding entry of column 3 of Schedule 1.
- (4) Subject to subregulation (5), for a concession fee payer, the fee for an item specified in column 2 of Schedule 1—
 - (a) in respect of a proceeding that is not a major case, is the lesser of the following—
 - (i) 35 per cent of amount specified in column 3 of Schedule 1 for the relevant item, rounded to the nearest 10 cents;
 - (ii) for the period commencing 1 July 2016 and ending 30 June 2017, \$150.00;
 - (iii) for the period commencing 1 July 2017, 11 fee units; and

- (b) in respect of a major case, is the amount specified in the corresponding entry of column 3 of Schedule 1.
- (5) Despite subregulation (4), no fee is payable by a concession fee payer in respect of a proceeding that is—
 - (a) allocated to the residential tenancies division; or
 - (b) allocated to the civil division and is for a specified sum that is not more than \$10,000.

9 Proceeding commenced under more than one enactment

Only one fee is payable, which is the higher or highest of the applicable fees if—

- (a) a proceeding is commenced under—
 - (i) more than one enabling enactment; or
 - (ii) more than one provision of an enabling enactment; or
- (b) an item for which a fee is payable under Schedule 1 can be described by more than one of the specifications in column 2 of Schedule 1.

10 Time for payment of hearing fee

Any fee payable under Part 3 of Schedule 1 must be paid by 9.30 a.m. on the day of the hearing to which the fee relates.

11 Inspection of register of proceedings

For the purposes of section 144(4) of the Act, the prescribed fee—

- (a) for a person other than a concession fee payer, is 5 fee units; and
- (b) for a concession fee payer, is 1.9 fee units.

12 Principal registrar's certificate

For the purposes of section 145(2) of the Act, the prescribed fee—

- (a) for a person other than a concession fee payer, is 5.2 fee units; and
- (b) for a concession fee payer, is 2 fee units.

13 Inspection of proceeding files

For the purposes of section 146(3) of the Act, the prescribed fee—

- (a) for a person who is not a party to the proceeding, to inspect a proceeding file—
 - (i) for a person other than a concession fee payer, is 8.1 fee units; and
 - (ii) for a concession fee payer, is 3 fee units;
- (b) for the provision by the principal registrar of a copy of a document from a proceeding file, is 60 cents per page.

14 Fee for issue of a witness summons

The prescribed fee for the issue of a witness summons under the Act or any enabling enactment—

- (a) for a person other than a concession fee payer, is 1.6 fee units; and
- (b) for a concession fee payer, is \$8.00.

15 Reduction, waiver, postponement, remission or refund of fees

For the purposes of section 132(1) and (1A) of the Act, each of the following is a prescribed ground—

- (a) a fee in relation to a proceeding has been paid more than once;
- (b) a person has paid the fee payable by a standard fee payer but is eligible to pay the fee payable by a concession fee payer;
- (c) a person has paid the fee payable by a corporate fee payer but is eligible to pay the fee payable by a standard fee payer or a concession fee payer;
- (d) the principal registrar considers there are special reasons for doing so.

16 Transitional provisions

- (1) These Regulations apply to any proceeding in the Tribunal which has commenced, but is not completed, before the day these Regulations come into operation.
- (2) Despite subregulation (1), if, before these Regulations come into operation—
 - (a) a fee has already been paid in relation to a corresponding item under either of the following, a second or higher fee is not payable in relation to a proceeding referred to in that subregulation—
 - (i) Schedule 1 to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (Fees) Interim Regulations 2012⁶; or
 - (ii) Schedule 1 to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (Fees) Regulations 2013.; or
 - (b) a fee waiver has already been granted under section 132 of the Act, a fee is not payable in relation to a proceeding referred to in that subregulation.

Schedule 1—Fees

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Regulation 8

Column 1 Column 2

Column 3

Item No. Enactment

Fee payable

Part 1—Fee for commencement of a proceeding

1. No fee is payable for the commencement of a proceeding under the following enabling enactments or provisions of enabling enactments—

Assisted Reproductive Treatment Act 2008

Children, Youth and Families Act 2005

Disability Act 2006, except section 45

Equal Opportunity Act 2010, except section 89(5)(a)

Freedom of Information Act 1982, applications under section 50 if—

- (a) the application is for the review of a deemed decision under section 53 refusing to grant access to a document; or
- (b) the applicant is a natural person and the document to which access is sought contains information relating to the applicant's personal affairs

Guardianship and Administration Act 1986

Health Records Act 2001

Medical Treatment Act 1988, section 5C

Mental Health Act 2014

Powers of Attorney Act 2014

Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014

Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008, sections 122 and 204

Racial and Religious Tolerance Act 2001

Residential Tenancies Act 1997, Part 10

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Supported Residential Services (Private Proprietors) Act 2010, sections 105 and 121

2. For the commencement of a proceeding under the following enabling enactments—

Landlord and Tenant Act 1958, Part V

Motor Car Traders Act 1986, section 45

Residential Tenancies Act 1997, except Part 10

Supported Residential Services (Private Proprietors) Act 2010, section 123

6.3 fee units

3. For the commencement of a proceeding under the following enabling enactments—

Building Act 1993, except sections 25J and 182A, Division 12 of Part 12A and clause 10(3) and (4) of Schedule 7

Company Titles (Home Units) Act 2013

Estate Agents Act 1980, sections 56A(4) and 56B(1)

House Contracts Guarantee Act 1987

Housing Act 1983

Owner Drivers and Forestry Contractors Act 2005

Retirement Villages Act 1986

Sale of Land Act 1962, section 44

Subdivision Act 1988, Part 5

Water Act 1989, section 19

47 fee units

4. For the commencement of a proceeding under the following enabling enactments—

Accident Compensation Act 1985

Accident Towing Services Act 2007

Adoption Act 1984, section 129A

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 1992

Architects Act 1991

Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012

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Back to Work Act 2015

Biological Control Act 1986

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996

Building Act 1993, sections 25J and 182A, Division 12 of Part 12A and clause 10(3) and (4) of Schedule 7

Bus Safety Act 2009

Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003

Children's Services Act 1996

Conveyancers Act 2006, sections 33, 34, 146 and 187

Co-operatives National Law (Victoria)

Country Fire Authority Act 1958

Dairy Act 2000

Dangerous Goods Act 1985

Disability Act 2006, section 45

Domestic Animals Act 1994

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981

Education and Care Services National Law (Victoria)

Education and Training Reform Act 2006, Division 14 of Part 2.6 and Part 4.8

Electoral Act 2002

Electricity Safety Act 1998

Emergency Management Act 1986

Emergency Services Superannuation Act 1986

Equal Opportunity Act 2010, section 89(5)(a)

Equipment (Public Safety) Act 1994

Estate Agents Act 1980, except sections 56A(4) and 56B(1)

Firearms Act 1996, section 182

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First Home Owner Grant Act 2000

Fisheries Act 1995

Freedom of Information Act 1982, except applications under section 50 if—

- (a) the application is for the review of a deemed decision under section 53 refusing to grant access to a document; or
- (b) the applicant is a natural person and the document to which access is sought contains information relating to the applicant's personal affairs

Fundraising Act 1998

Gas Safety Act 1997

Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Victoria) Act 2009

Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Victoria)

Health Services Act 1988, sections 57C and 110

Liquor Control Reform Act 1998

Livestock Disease Control Act 1994

Local Government Act 1989, except sections 183, 185 and 185AA

Major Sporting Events Act 2009

Meat Industry Act 1993, section 24

Metropolitan Fire Brigades Act 1958

Motor Car Traders Act 1986, except section 45

Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004

Owners Corporations Act 2006, section 191

Parliamentary Salaries and Superannuation Act 1968

Pharmacy Regulation Act 2010, section 62

Pipelines Act 2005, sections 64, 83 and 182

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986, section 33

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Private Security Act 2004, Part 7

Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Act 1985

Property Law Act 1958, Part IV

Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008, section 207

Racing Act 1958

Rail Safety (Local Operations) Act 2006, Part 7

Rail Safety National Law (Victoria)

Relationships Act 2008, Part 2.4 of Chapter 2

Road Management Act 2004

Road Management (General) Regulations 2016

Road Safety Act 1986

Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 2009, regulations 128 and 215

Seafood Safety Act 2003

Second-Hand Dealers and Pawnbrokers

Act 1989, sections 9B, 14 and 18A

Sentencing Act 1991, section 105L

Sex Work Act 1994

Small Business Commissioner Act 2003, section 11A

State Employees Retirement Benefits Act 1979

State Superannuation Act 1988

Superannuation (Portability) Act 1989

Supported Residential Services (Private Proprietors) Act 2010, section 206

Surveying Act 2004, section 33

taxing Act

Therapeutic Goods (Victoria) Act 2010, section 30

Transport Accident Act 1986

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Transport Superannuation Act 1988

Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act 1983

Unclaimed Money Act 2008, sections 59, 61 and 63

Veterinary Practice Act 1997, section 55

Vexatious Proceedings Act 2014

Victims of Crime Assistance Act 1996

Victoria State Emergency Service Act 2005

Victoria State Emergency Service Regulations 2006

Victorian Plantations Corporation Act 1993

Wildlife Act 1975

Working with Children Act 2005

Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013

64 fee units

5. For the commencement of a proceeding under the following enabling enactments—

Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006

Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994, section 48

Climate Change Act 2010

Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987, section 76

Education and Training Reform Act 2006

Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988, sections 34(3), 41, 41A and 43(12)

Gambling Regulation Act 2003

Health Services Act 1988, section 67

Heritage Act 1995

Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986

Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014, section 91

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Legal Profession Uniform Law (Victoria)

Local Government Act 1989, sections 183, 185 and 185AA

Petroleum Act 1998

Pipelines Act 2005, section 154

Plant Biosecurity Act 2010, section 59

Major Transport Projects Facilitation Act 2009

Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990

Subdivision Act 1988, except Part 5

Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010

Urban Renewal Authority Victoria Act 2003

Valuation of Land Act 1960

Water Act 1989, except section 19

84 fee units

- 6. For the commencement of a proceeding under—
 - (a) the Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012, except a proceeding allocated to the residential tenancies division;
 - (b) the Domestic Building Contracts Act 1995;
 - (c) the Owners Corporations Act 2006, except section 191;
 - (d) section 99 of the **Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014**—

where the claim is—

(e)	for a sum that is specified, but is not more than \$3,000	6.3 fee units
(f)	for a sum that is more than \$3,000 but not more than \$10,000	18.3 fee units
(o)	for a sum that is more than \$10,000 but not	

(g) for a sum that is more than \$10,000 but not more than \$100,000 or not for a sum or for nil

47 fee units

(h) for a sum that is more than \$100,000 but not more than \$500,000

77 fee units

(i) for a sum that is more than \$500,000 but not more than \$1 million

105 fee units

Schedule 1—Fees

(j)			133 fee units
(k)			161 fee units
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(a)			6·3 fee units
(b)	for a sur \$10,000	n that not specified or is more than	18·3 fee units
(a)			47 fee units
(b)		•	77 fee units
(c)			105 fee units
(d)			133 fee units
(e)	for a sur	n that is more than \$5 million	161 fee units
secti Envi	on 77 or ' ironment	79 of the Planning and 2 Act 1987 if the proceeding is not a	
(a)		84 fee units	
(b) a development of a kind not referred to in paragraph (a) having an estimated cost of—			
	(i)	nil	111 fee units
	(ii)	more than nil but is not more than \$1 million	94 fee units
	(iii)	more than \$1 million but is not more than $$5$ million	111 fee units
	(iv)	more than $$5$ million but is not more than $$15$ million	139 fee units
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Schedule 1—Fees

	(v)	more than \$15 million but is not more than \$50 million	167 fee units
	(vi)	more than \$50 million or is not specified	195 fee units
Plan		nencement of a proceeding under d Environment Act 1987,	17 fee units
majo	or case, w	hencement of a proceeding that is a having an estimated cost of—	
(a)	nil		223 fee units
(b)	more th	an nil but is not more than \$1 million	206 fee units
(c)	more th \$5 milli	an \$1 million but is not more than	223 fee units
(d)	more th \$15 mil	an \$5 million but is not more than lion	251 fee units
(e)	more th \$50 mil	an \$15 million but is not more than lion	279 fee units
(f)	more th	an \$50 million or is not specified	307 fee units
prov Act Act	ision of t 1987 or t	he Planning and Environment he Environment Protection otherwise specified in Part 1 of this	84 fee units
enab		nencement of a proceeding under any etment not otherwise specified in Part edule	64 fee units
		for an application and other elation to an existing proceeding	
14. For the making of an application in relation to a proceeding, after the commencement of that proceeding under the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998—			
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(b)	which the	120, if the proceeding in relation to he application is made was allocated ribunal's—		
	(i)	administrative division	17 fee units	
	(ii)	civil division	6.3 fee units	
with	Clause 5	statement of grounds in accordance 6 of Schedule 1, unless accompanied notice under clause 56(5)	5.5 fee units	
16. For transfer of a proceeding from the Magistrates' Court to the Tribunal (payable, in addition to the relevant fee for commencement of the proceeding in the Tribunal) 6.3 fee unit				
urge	ntly (pay	ation for an injunction to be heard able, in addition to the relevant fee ement of the proceeding)	21 fee units	
		g of a warrant in a proceeding in the sidential tenancies division	11 fee units	
Part	t 3—Hea	ring fee		
unde	er Part 1 o	proceeding for which a fee is payable of this Schedule on commencement, fo art of a day, if the proceeding is—	r	
(a)		case or a complex case that is d to the administrative division	241 fee units	
(b)	_	ex case that is allocated to the civil or the human rights division	177 fee units	
(c)	(c) for a claim that is not for a sum, or is for an unspecified sum, or is for a sum more than \$10,000—			
	(i)	day 1, for a proceeding that is a VicSmart proceeding, a proceeding under section 80 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 or a claim for a specified sum that is not more than \$100,000	nil	
	(ii)	day 1, otherwise	35 fee units	
	(iii)	days 2 to 4	35 fee units	
	(iv)	days 5 to 9	70 fee units	
	(v)	day 10 and any subsequent day	105 fee units.	
	(.)	and any succequent any		

Endnotes

Endnotes

¹ Reg. 4(a): S.R. No. 53/2013.

² Reg. 4(b): S.R. No. 142/2013.

³ Reg. 4(c): S.R. No. 24/2015.

⁴ Reg. 4(d): S.R. No. 66/2015.

⁵ Reg. 4(e): S.R. No. 101/2015.

⁶ Reg. 16(2)(a): S.R. No. 147/2012. Revoked by S.R. No. 53/2013.