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#### **REVENUE UNITS ACT 2009**

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## Act No. 35 of 2009

An Act to provide for fees and charges expressed as revenue units, the indexation of the monetary value of revenue units and for related purposes

[Assented to 15 December 2009] [Second reading 13 October 2009]

#### The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:

#### 1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Revenue Units Act 2009*.

#### 2 Commencement

This Act commences on 1 January 2010.

#### 3 Monetary amount of fee or charge

(1) A reference in a law of the Territory to a fee or charge that is expressed as a number of revenue units is a reference to an amount of money equal to the amount obtained by multiplying the monetary value of a revenue unit, as calculated in accordance with section 4, by the number of revenue units.

Note for subsection (1)

The number of revenue units may be a whole number or a decimal or fractional number.

(2) However, if the amount obtained for the fee or charge is not a multiple of \$1, the amount is to be rounded down to the nearest \$1.

Example for subsection (2)

If a fee is expressed as 10 revenue units and the value of a revenue unit is \$1.06, the actual fee will be \$10.00.

(3) In its application to an Act, subsection (1) is subject to a contrary intention in the Act.

## 4 Indexation of monetary value of revenue unit

- (1) The monetary value of a revenue unit:
  - (a) is \$1.00 until 30 June 2011; and
  - (b) for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2011, or a subsequent financial year, is the amount calculated in accordance with the formula in subsection (2) and as provided by subsections (3) and (4).
- (2) The formula is:

$$A = B \times \frac{C}{D}$$

where:

**A** is the monetary value of a revenue unit for the financial year for which the calculation is made.

**B** is \$1.00.

*C* is the average of the CPI figures for Darwin for each of the 4 quarters of the calendar year immediately preceding the financial year for which the calculation is made.

**D** is the average of the CPI figures for Darwin for each of the 4 quarters of the calendar year 2009.

(3) The monetary value of a revenue unit, calculated in accordance with subsection (2), is to be rounded down to 2 decimal places.

#### Example for subsection (3)

By calculating in accordance with the formula in subsection (2), A is equal to \$1.129. A is rounded down to 2 decimal places which gives a value of \$1.12.

- (4) However, if the figure for A, after rounding under subsection (3), is less than the figure for the previous financial year, the monetary value of a revenue unit for the financial year is the same as that for the previous financial year.
- (5) In this section:

*CPI figure for Darwin* means the Consumer Price Index: All Groups Index Number for Darwin published by the Australian Statistician under the authority of the *Census and Statistics Act 1905* (Cth).

*quarter*, of a calendar year, means the period of 3 months ending at the end of March, June, September or December in that year.

#### 5 New monetary value of revenue unit

If the monetary value of a revenue unit calculated under section 4 for a financial year (the *new financial year*) increases from that of the previous financial year, the new value:

- (a) takes effect on 1 July of the new financial year; and
- (b) applies in calculating the amount of a fee or charge incurred only on or after the day on which the new value takes effect.

#### 6 Notifying new monetary value of revenue unit

- (1) The Commissioner of Territory Revenue must notify the new value of a revenue unit by *Gazette* notice before the date on which the new value takes effect.
- (2) However, a failure to do so does not affect the operation of section 5(a).
- (3) In this section:

*Commissioner of Territory Revenue*, see section 6 of the *Taxation Administration Act*.

#### 7 Regulations

The Administrator may make regulations under this Act.

#### 8 Repeal

The Revenue Units Act 2000 (Act No. 18 of 2000) is repealed.

#### 9 Application and transitional matters

- (1) This Act applies to a fee or charge incurred after the commencement.
- (2) Despite section 8, the repealed Act continues to apply to a fee or charge incurred before the commencement but not paid as at the commencement.
- (3) In this section:

*commencement* means the commencement of this section.

*repealed Act* means the *Revenue Units Act* as in force immediately before the commencement.