

Australian Citizenship Regulations (Amendment) 1997 No. 262

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

STATUTORY RULES 1997 No. 262

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Australian Citizenship Act 1948

Australian Citizenship Regulations (Amendment)

Section 53 of the Australian Citizenship Act 1948 (the Act) provides for the Governor-General to make regulations, not inconsistent with the Act, prescribing all matters which by this Act are required or permitted to be prescribed, or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to the Act.

The purpose of the Regulations is to amend the Australian Citizenship Regulations to increase the application fee for the grant of a certificate of Australian citizenship to implement budget measures and to make a minor technical amendment.

Details of the Regulations are:

Regulation 1 - Commencement

Regulation 1 provides that these Regulations commence on 1 January 1998.

Regulation 2 - Amendment

Regulation 2 provides for the Australian Citizenship Regulations to be amended as set out in the Regulations.

Regulation 3 - Regulation 2 (Repeal and saving)

Regulation 3 makes a minor technical amendment to subregulation 2(1).

Regulation 4 - Regulation 9 (Fee on lodgement of application for grant of certificate of Australian citizenship)

Regulation 4 amends subregulation 9(1) to increase the application fee for the grant of a certificate of Australian citizenship from \$80 to \$120. The amendment is as a result of an increase in the recovery of costs.