

# Consular Fees Amendment Regulations 2000 (No. 1) 2000 No. 156

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

### Statutory Rules 2000 No. 156

Issued by the authority of the Minister for Trade

*Consular Fees Act 1955*

Consular Fees Amendment Regulations 2000 (No. 1)

These Regulations amend the Consular Fees Regulations to increase the fees charged under the Regulations for the performance of consular acts.

Regulation 1 is a declaratory provision.

Regulation 2 provides that the Regulations commence on 1 July 2000.

Regulation 3 provides that Schedule 1 amends the *Consular Fees Regulations*, by increasing the fees for performance of consular acts according to the following table:

Col 1 Item	Column 2 Consular Act	Column 3 Present Fee	Proposed Fee
1	Administering an oath or receiving a declaration or affirmation, with or without witness of signature	\$10	\$20
2	Marking an exhibit to an affidavit or declaration in writing	\$5	\$10
3	Witnessing:	\$10	\$20
	(a) a signature; or		
	(b) the seal; or		
	(c) the signature and seal;		
4	of an authority or person, other than a person specified in regulation 3 Signing a document, or affixing a seal to a document or other article, in a case not otherwise specified in this Schedule;	\$10	\$20
5	Signing and affixing a seal to a document in a case not otherwise specified in this Schedule	\$10	\$20
6	Preparing a declaration or other document in a case not otherwise specified in this Schedule or taking down in writing an oral declaration or deposition made before a person specified in regulation 3	\$15 and in addition, \$ 10 for each 50 words, or part of 50 words, by which the document exceeds 50 words	\$30 and in addition, \$20
7	Making and certifying a copy of a document or part of a document	\$15 and. in addition:	\$30 and in addition
		(a) if the consular act includes the typing	

		of the document or a part of the document - \$ 10 for each 50 typed words	(a) \$20
		(b) \$1 for each copy, other than the first typed copy, of a page of the document	(b) \$2
8	Verifying and certifying a copy of a document, or part of a document	\$15 and. in addition	\$30 and in addition
		(a) if the consular act includes the typing of the document or a part of the document - \$ 10 for each page	(a) \$20
		(b) \$5 for each copy, other than the first typed copy, of the document	(b) \$10
9	Uniting documents and affixing a seal to the fastening	\$10	\$20
10	Initialling alterations to, or initiallings, or interlineations in, a document not prepared by a person specified in regulation 3	\$2.50 for each 3, or part of 3 initiallings	\$5
11	Taking evidence under a commission or order from a court	\$25 for each hour, or part of an hour, spent in taking evidence or \$ 100, whichever is the greater	\$50 ... or \$20
12	Effecting, or attempting to effect,	\$15 \$30	\$30
	service of a document and issuing a certificate or affidavit of service or attempted service		
13	Transmitting through official channels a document or other article	\$6 and. in addition, the amount of postal charges which would be payable if the document or article were transmitted by post	\$12
14	Witness the execution of a will	\$20	\$40
15	Transferring funds through official accounts, other than for the purpose of the realisation of a deceased estate	\$20	\$40
15A	Preparation and issue of an Apostille (being a certificate of the kind referred to in Article 3 of the Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents)	\$30	\$60
16	The performance of a consular act specified in a preceding item of this Schedule	\$5 and, in addition:  (a) if the act is performed away from diplomatic or consular premises;  (a) away from diplomatic or consular premises; or  (b) outside the hours when those premises are open to the public for business	\$10
		(i) the cost of the travel of a person specified in regulation 3 from those premises to the place where he or she performs the act (ii) if the person is required to be absent overnight from his or her usual place of residence - the cost of his or her meals and accommodation	
		(b) if the act is performed outside the hours when those premises are open to the public for business - the amount of the	

remuneration (if any) of the person in  
respect of the period in which the act was  
performed