



## REGISTRAR GENERAL'S NEWSLETTER MARCH 2014

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### Fee Increases

#### Land Titles Office

Since 2010 LTO registration fees have been expressed in revenue units in the Registration Regulations. On 1 July 2014, the value of each revenue unit for the 2014/15 financial year will increase to \$1.11. This will give rise to a number of fee increases, including:

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| Standard Lodgement        | \$137.00 |
| Non Standard Lodgement    | \$189.00 |
| Caveat                    | \$222.00 |
| General Power of Attorney | \$127.00 |

The fee schedule will not be updated until the end of June 2014. After that date visit:  
[www.nt.gov.au/justice/bdm/land\\_title\\_office/fees.shtml](http://www.nt.gov.au/justice/bdm/land_title_office/fees.shtml)

Births, Deaths & Marriages Office fees will increase by the same revenue units under the Births, Deaths & Marriages Registration Regulations.

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| Birth, Death or Marriage Certificates | \$ 43.00 |
| Change of Name Certificate            | \$ 43.00 |
| Commemorative Certificates            | \$ 31.00 |
| Correction of Register                | \$ 43.00 |
| Register Change of Name (Total Fee)   | \$ 86.00 |
| Marriage Ceremony (Total Fee)         | \$240.00 |

#### Advance Personal Plans

The *Advance Personal Planning Act* is set to commence on 17 March 2014.

The *Advance Personal Planning Act* will provide for a competent adult to make plans for their future should they lose their decision-making capacity due to dementia, injury or other cause. The adult can do any or all of the following in an *Advance Personal Plan*:

1. appoint one or more decision-makers for any or all matters relating to their health, lifestyle and/or their financial affairs; and/or
2. make advance decisions about their health care; and/or
3. provide general guidelines for their care.

An *Advance Personal Plan* is effective only during the lifetime of the individual and only when they have lost legal decision-making capacity.

One optional element of an *Advance Personal Plan* is the grant of power to conduct financial transactions, including transactions at the Land Titles Office.

The Act, Regulations, detailed explanatory guidelines and the form for an *Advance Personal Plan* can be found at [www.advancepersonalplanning.nt.gov.au](http://www.advancepersonalplanning.nt.gov.au)

#### Enduring Powers of Attorney

As part of the *Advance Personal Planning* reforms, the *Powers of Attorney Act* has been amended to repeal the provisions for enduring powers of attorney, effective 17 March 2014. (enduring powers of attorney give authority to sign documents on behalf of a person who has lost legal capacity, such as persons suffering dementia, or in a coma).

However, an enduring power of attorney signed before 17 March 2014 remains legally valid. After 17 March 2014, enduring powers of attorney may only be granted in an *Advance Personal Plan*.

If an *Advance Personal Plan* grants financial management powers allowing a decision-maker to conduct land transactions, the *Advance Personal Plan* must be registered at the Land Titles Office before the transaction can proceed. The same fees for registration will apply as for enduring powers of attorney.

Interstate enduring powers of attorney will continue to be recognised if they meet the required criteria. The Regulations under the *Advance Personal Planning Act* list the recognised interstate enduring powers of attorney.

NOTE: General Powers of Attorney, effective only when the grantor has legal decision-making capacity, continue unaffected by the new legislation.

If a person wishes to grant a power of attorney that will be effective both before and after they lose decision-making capacity, they will now have to sign both a general power of attorney and an *advance personal plan* (at least that part that gives financial management powers to someone).