



New South Wales

Child Protection (Working with Children) Amendment (Fee Increase) Regulation 2024

under the

Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012

Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following regulation under the *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012*.

KATE WASHINGTON, MP
Minister for Families and Communities

Explanatory note

The object of this regulation is to amend the *Child Protection (Working with Children) Regulation 2013* to—

- (a) update the application fee for certain worker clearances from \$80 to \$105, and
- (b) provide for the annual indexation of the application fee.

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1 Name of regulation

This regulation is the *Child Protection (Working with Children) Amendment (Fee Increase) Regulation 2024*.

2 Commencement

This regulation commences on 1 August 2024.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Child Protection (Working with Children) Regulation 2013

[1] Clause 17 Application fees

Omit clause 17(1)(b). Insert instead—

- (b) otherwise—the fee calculated in accordance with Schedule 1A.

[2] Schedule 1A

Insert after Schedule 1—

Schedule 1A Fee indexation

clause 17(1)(b)

1 Definitions

In this schedule—

CPI number means the Consumer Price Index (All Groups Index) for Sydney published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in the latest published series of the index.

fee means the application fee for a clearance under clause 17(1)(b).

financial year means a period of 12 months commencing on 1 July.

2 Calculation of fee for regulation

(1) For this regulation, the fee is—

- (a) in the financial year 2024–25—\$105, and
(b) in each later financial year—the amount calculated as follows—

$$\$105 \times \frac{A}{B}$$

where—

A is the CPI number for the March quarter in the financial year immediately preceding the financial year for which the amount is calculated.

B is the CPI number for the March quarter of 2024.

(2) The amount of the fee must be rounded to the nearest dollar, and an amount of 50 cents must be rounded down.

(3) However, if the amount of the fee calculated for a financial year is less than the amount that applied for the previous financial year, the amount for the previous financial year applies instead.

3 Notice of indexed fees

(1) As soon as practicable after the CPI number for the March quarter is first published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, the Children's Guardian must—

- (a) notify the Parliamentary Counsel of the amount of the fee for the next financial year so notice of the amount may be published on the NSW legislation website, and

- (b) give public notice on an appropriate government website of the actual amounts of the fees applying in each financial year resulting from the application of the amount of a fee calculated under this schedule.
- (2) This schedule operates to change an amount of a fee calculated under clause 2 and the change is not dependent on the notification or other notice required by this clause.