



## COVERSHEET

<b>Minister</b>	Hon Poto Williams	<b>Portfolio</b>	Building and Construction
<b>Title of Cabinet paper</b>	<b>Proposal to increase the annual registration fee under the <i>Engineering Associates Fees Regulations 2002</i></b>	<b>Date to be published</b>	4 April 2022

### List of documents that have been proactively released

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16 February 2022	<i>Proposal to increase the annual registration fee under the Engineering Associates Fees Regulations 2002</i>	<i>Office of the Minister for Building and Construction</i>
16 February 2022	DEV-22-MIN-0008	<i>Cabinet Office</i>
2 February 2022	Stage 2 Cost Recovery Impact Statement	<i>MBIE</i>

### Information redacted

**NO**

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# Cabinet Economic Development Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Engineering Associates Fees Amendment Regulations 2022

**Portfolio**                      **Building and Construction**

On 16 February 2022, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

- 1        **noted** that the Engineering Associates Act 1961 provides for a voluntary credential of 'Registered Engineering Associate' to be held by those who meet the minimum standards for registration;
- 2        **noted** that the Registered Engineering Associates scheme should be fully cost-recovered from fees paid by registered persons and set by Order in Council;
- 3        **noted** that the number of Registered Engineering Associates has steadily declined, and that annual registration fees received by the Engineering Associates Registration Board do not adequately recover the Board's costs;
- 4        **noted** that the Engineering Associates Registration Board has reported deficits in recent years, is drawing on reserves to meet its normal operating costs, and projects it will not have funds to operate by 2023/24;
- 5        **noted** that the Minister for Building and Construction intends to address the longer term future of the Registered Engineering Associates scheme as part of legislative reforms to the occupational regulation of engineers;
- 6        **noted** that an interim solution is needed to ensure that the Engineering Associates Registration Board can meet its statutory obligations over the next three years;
- 7        **agreed** to amend the Engineering Associates Fees Regulations 2002 to increase the annual registration fee from \$95.00 to \$200.00 (including GST);
- 8        **agreed** that the fee increase referred to above will apply from 1 April 2022;
- 9        **agreed** to remove the discount of \$10.00, currently provided under the Fees Regulations, when the annual registration fee is paid before 1 July;

#### Legislative implications

- 10       **noted** that the Engineering Associates Fees Amendment Regulations 2022 will give effect to the decisions referred to in paragraphs 7 to 9 above;
- 11       **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Engineering Associates Fees Amendment Regulations 2022 [PCO 24324/2.0];

- 12 **noted** that the Engineering Associates Fees Amendment Regulations 2022 come into force on 1 April 2022;
- 13 **noted** that the Engineering Associates Registration Board will communicate the fee increase to Registered Engineering Associates, and to people considering applying for registration in 2022.

Janine Harvey  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)  
Hon Dr Megan Woods  
Hon Carmel Sepuloni  
Hon David Parker  
Hon Poto Williams  
Hon Damien O'Connor  
Hon Stuart Nash  
Hon Kris Faafoi  
Hon Michael Wood  
Hon Dr David Clark  
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall  
Hon Meka Whaitiri  
Hon Phil Twyford  
Rino Tirikatene MP  
Dr Deborah Russell MP

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Officials Committee for DEV