



URGENT UPDATE

Change to FOI Application Fee in Victoria

Please note that from 1 July 2005 the application fee for a request for access to documents under section 17 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Vic) (“FOI Act”) will be \$21.00.

The Victorian Government Gazette dated 14 April 2005 contained a notice from the Treasurer advising that the value of one fee unit under the *Monetary Units Act 2004* will, from 1 July 2005, be \$10.49.¹

The FOI Act states that an application fee will be two fee units (ie \$20.98) but the *Monetary Units Act 2004* allows for rounding to the nearest 10 cents. Therefore, the application fee under the FOI Act will be \$21.00.

Note that it only applies from 1 July 2005. Therefore, you should amend any forms, literature, web sites or other information generated by your agency to reflect that change from 1 July 2005.

Just a timely reminder that GST is NOT payable on any application fees or access charges under the FOI Act.

If you require any further information or assistance about how this update affects your agency, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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¹ See the following web page <http://www.gazette.vic.gov.au/Gazettes2005/GG2005G015.pdf> at page 722 for more details.