



IMPORTANT UPDATE

Change to FOI Application Fee in Victoria

Please note that from 1 July 2009 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 \$23.40

The Victorian Government Gazette (No. S132) dated 15 May 2009 contained a notice from the Treasurer advising that the value of one fee unit under the *Monetary Units Act 2004* will, from 1 July 2009, be \$11.69.¹

The FOI Act states that an application fee will be two fee units. Therefore, the application fee under the FOI Act will be \$23.40. Note that the Monetary Units Act permits rounding to the nearest 10 cents² and that it only applies from **1 July 2009**. Therefore, you should amend any forms, literature, web sites or other information generated by your agency to reflect that change from 1 July 2009.

Finally, just another 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 us.

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¹ See web page <http://www.gazette.vic.gov.au/gazette/Gazettes2009/GG2009S132.pdf#page=1> for more details.

² See s 7(3), Monetary Units Act.