



Citizenship Fees

Citizenship fees moving to full cost recovery from 1 January 2016

As part of the 2015-16 Commonwealth Budget, the Government has decided to move all Citizenship application types to full cost recovery. Significant increases in the volume of Citizenship applications and changes in complexity have resulted in current prices not adequately supporting service delivery.

The move to full cost recovery will allow the department to continue to support the increasing Citizenship workload and complexity, while assisting maintenance of service delivery standards.

In complying with the Australian Government Cost Recovery Guidelines Cost Recovery Implementation Statement process, a comprehensive review of the costs of Citizenship program service delivery and the charging framework which supports it will be undertaken.

Final prices for all Citizenship application types will be determined following this comprehensive review which will include stakeholder engagement (as appropriate) to support understanding of the changes being implemented.

Concession rates and exemptions currently applied to individual application types are not directly affected by the decision to move to full cost recovery. However, the comprehensive review (CRIS review) may impact on the level of these concessions.

Citizenship fees which are currently proposed to change are highlighted in the following table. These prices are based on cost recovery against the current cost base following the current cost methodology. **These prices are indicative only and will change as a result of the cost base review currently underway as part of the CRIS process.**

Charge Type	Current % recovered	Current charge	Updated % recovered	New charge (prior to CRIS process)
Citizenship by conferral grant with test	80%	\$ 260	100%	\$ 325
People resuming Australian citizenship	50%	\$ 70	100%	\$ 140
Citizenship grant without test	100%	\$ 130	100%	\$ 130
Certificates of evidence citizenship	100%	\$ 60	100%	\$ 60
Register citizenship by descent	100%	\$ 120	100%	\$120
Registered loss of citizenship	100%	\$ 285	100%	\$ 285
Citizenship grant with test (concession)	100%	\$ 40	100%	\$ 40
Citizenship grant without test (concession)	100%	\$ 20	100%	\$ 20