



## Licensing Charges

### Changes to Licensing charges from 1 January 2016

As part of the 2015-16 Commonwealth Budget, the Government is introducing changes to the charging structure and prices associated with the application and renewal of licences. These changes are cost recovery in nature and will address current under-recoveries.

There are three changes being made to licensing arrangements:

- Introduction of an application charge for Broker and Warehouse licences, noting that there will be a commensurate reduction in the licence grant fee for Warehouses.
- Introduction of a variation charge for Warehouse licences. This will align the variation charge for Depot licences.
- Increase in broker charges to address current under recovery. However these are being applied on partial cost recovery basis.

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

Final prices for all Licensing application, renewal and variation charges will be determined following this comprehensive review. This review will include stakeholder engagement (as appropriate) to support understanding of the changes being implemented.

Licensing charges 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 Item	Current Charge	New Charge (prior to CRIS process)
Depot Licence Application	\$3000	\$3000
Depot Licence renewal	\$4000 (annual) - large	\$4000 (annual) - large
	\$1500 (annual) - small	\$1500 (annual) - small
Depot Licence Variation	\$300	\$300
Warehouse licence application	\$0	\$3000
Warehouse license grant	\$7000	\$4000 <sup>1</sup>
Warehouse license renewal	\$4000	\$4000
Warehouse Licence Variation	\$0	\$300
'Nominee' broker's licence application	\$0	\$130
'Sole trader' or 'Corporate' broker's licence application	\$0	\$1300
'Nominee' broker's licence grant or renewal	\$120 (every 3 years)	\$240 (every 3 years)
'Sole trader' or 'Corporate' broker's licence grant or renewal	\$1200 (every 3 years)	\$2400 (every 3 years)

<sup>1</sup> the commensurate reduction in Warehouse licence grant charges, with introduction of the Warehouse licence application charge