

PRACTICE CIRCULAR 5 OF 2007

To All Law Firms / Law Organisations

Additional fee payable under Rule 55 of the Land Titles Rules

1. Rule 55(2) of the Land Titles Rules has been amended by the Land Titles (Amendment) Rules 2007.
2. With this amendment, I am pleased to announce a reduction in the additional fee payable for a deficient instrument which requires rectification or amendment. Effective 11 December 2007, the additional fee will be standardised at a flat rate of \$38 regardless of the nature of the deficient instrument.
3. Previously, the additional fee was the same amount as the lodgment fee payable for the deficient instrument. Depending on the nature of the deficient instrument, this additional fee could range from \$38.30 to \$508.30. The reduction in fee will reduce cost for lawyers.
4. Paragraph 1.1(e) of Part 3 of the Consolidated Practice Circulars 2003, as amended by Practice Circular 5 of 2006, will now be superseded by the following paragraph:

“An additional fee as specified in the Schedule to the Land Titles Rules is chargeable if the Registrar is of the opinion that an instrument lodged for registration or notification is not in order for registration or notification because:

- i) an amendment or rectification to the instrument is required; or
- ii) the certificate of title or duplicate instrument of title or other supporting document, required for the registration or notification of the instrument was not produced at the time of lodgment.

Note: If the certificate of title or duplicate instrument of title or supporting document has been lodged in connection with an earlier set of instruments at the Registry, solicitors are requested to attach a letter (stating the instrument number to which the certificate of title or duplicate instrument of title or supporting document, is attached) to the later set of instruments presented for registration. If the earlier set of instruments was lodged by a different law firm, an Authorisation Form from that law firm is also required.”

Date: 11 December 2007

VINCENT HOONG
REGISTRAR OF TITLES