

# RPA News

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### Review of Lawyers' Practising Certificate Fees - Discussion Paper

In December we released RPA News Bulletin No.30 which outlined what was going to happen in relation to the Victorian Legal Services Board's review of practising certificate fees.

As a reminder, the *Legal Profession (Practising Certificate Fees) Regulations 2012* are due to sunset on 30 June 2017, and therefore the Board is required to review practising certificate fees for the legal profession in recommending new Regulations.

It is expected that the current practising certificate fees will be retained for another 12 months to enable further consultation to occur. The Board has therefore prepared a [discussion paper](#) outlining potential options for setting fees for the 2018-2019 financial year and beyond.

The Board is looking to receive stakeholder views in order to inform itself about selecting a preferred option, as required by the Regulations. We encourage you to provide feedback on the options presented and submit alternative proposals if you wish.

All written comments and submissions to the discussion paper will be considered by the Board in the development of a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS), which is scheduled to be released in mid-2017. This RIS will set out a preferred option, with supporting arguments, and the Board will again seek further feedback about that option.

Further details on the process for setting new fees are set out in the discussion paper.

Comments and submissions are invited by no later than 5pm on 31 March 2017 to:

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