



Australian Government Charging Framework

Audience

This Factsheet is to assist **responsible Ministers** to understand the Australian Government Charging Framework.



At a glance

- The Australian Government Charging Framework (the Framework) applies to activities where the Australian Government charges the non-government sector for regulation, goods, services, or access to resources and infrastructure.
- The Framework provides that where an individual or organisation creates the demand for a government activity they should generally be charged for that activity, unless the Government has decided to fund the activity.
- The Framework commenced on 1 July 2015. Government entities in the General Government Sector are required to apply the Framework to new charging activities from 1 July 2015. Existing activities will be reviewed against the new framework as part of the rolling five-year portfolio charging reviews. (available at www.finance.gov.au)
- The Framework consists of a charging policy statement, charging principles and charging considerations to guide the design, implementation and review of charging activities.
- The Framework:
 - builds on the 2014 cost recovery framework
 - provides a consistent approach to guide policy development
 - helps government determine when it is appropriate to charge for a government activity.



What you need to do

Ministers are responsible for:

- seeking policy approval from the Cabinet for:
 - all new or amended regulatory charging activities
 - material or sensitive resource and commercial charging activities
- approving cost recovery implementation statements (CRIS) for regulatory charging activities
- continuing to seek the Finance Minister's agreement to publish CRISs with a high risk assessment rating
- ensuring legislation is developed to provide authority for charging activities
- facilitating ongoing stakeholder engagement
- agreeing the outcomes of the portfolio charging reviews.



Useful resources

- [Australian Government Charging Framework](#)
- [Cost recovery implementation statement template](#)
- [Charging risk assessment template](#)
- [Portfolio charging review schedule](#)



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