



Australian Government Charging Framework Fact Sheet

Audience

This Factsheet is designed to assist **responsible Ministers** to understand the new Australian Government Charging Framework (Charging Framework).

At a glance

- The Charging Framework applies to activities where the Australian Government charges the non-government sector for regulation, goods, services, or access to resources and infrastructure.
- The Charging 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 Charging Framework commenced 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 Charging Framework consists of a charging policy statement, charging principles and charging considerations to guide the design, implementation and review of charging activities.
- The Charging Framework:
 - Builds on the 2014 Cost Recovery Guidelines
 - 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
- 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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