

**MUTUAL RECOGNITION GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
OCCUPATION OF SURVEYOR UNDER THE *MUTUAL RECOGNITION  
(NORTHERN TERRITORY) ACT 1993* OR THE *TRANS-TASMAN MUTUAL  
RECOGNITION ACT 1998***

## **INTRODUCTION**

This process applies to Licensed or Registered Surveyors from other Australian States or Territories or New Zealand seeking registration to practice cadastral surveying in the Northern Territory.

If you have previously been registered in the Northern Territory, the procedure below does not apply. Please contact the Secretary to ascertain the correct procedure for restoration of your registration.

## **DEEMED REGISTRATION**

Deemed registration is granted from the date of lodgement of the application. Deemed registration continues until it is made substantive or until it is cancelled or refused by the Surveyors Board of the Northern Territory. Deemed applicants must be notified of such decisions within one calendar month from the date of lodgement.

Section 34 of the *Mutual Recognition (Northern Territory) Act* outlines the appeal provisions that apply to any decision regarding registration.

Registrants are subject to disciplinary procedures or arrangements under the law in the Northern Territory.

## **SUBSTANTIVE REGISTRATION**

Substantive registration may be postponed or refused in cases where, for example, statements made in the application are found to be materially false or misleading. Substantive registrants will be issued with a Certificate of Registration.

Registrants are subject to disciplinary procedures or arrangements under the law in the Northern Territory.

## **CONDITIONAL REGISTRATION**

Conditions may be applied to a surveyor's deemed or substantive registration if the Board is of the view that this is necessary to achieve equivalence of occupation.

## **REVIEW OF DECISIONS AND COSTS**

Subject to the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975*, applications may be made to the Tribunal for review of a decision of the Board in relation to its functions under the *Mutual Recognition (Northern Territory) Act 1993*. The Tribunal may order a party in proceedings before it to pay costs if the party has acted unreasonably.

## **VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION**

A local registering or licensing authority in a State, Territory or New Zealand must, when requested, provide information to the Board in regard to an application for registration. The Board, as the recipient of this information is subject to any law relating to secrecy or confidentiality that applies under the law.

## **APPLICATION**

1. A written application in accordance with Section 19 of the *Mutual Recognition (Northern Territory) Act 1993* must be completed and returned to the Secretary with the relevant documents. The application is to be a Statutory Declaration witnessed by a Justice of the Peace, and
2. Evidence of the applicant's existing registration being:
  - (a) The original or a complete and accurate copy of your current certificate of Registration or Licence or Annual Practising Certificate from the State or Territory or New Zealand on which your application is based, or
  - (b) Sufficient information to identify the person and the person's registration; and
3. Documented evidence of change of name (ie Marriage Certificate, Deed Poll) if registration is sought under a name different from that appearing on required documentation, and

## **PRESCRIBED FEES**

The application fee and registration fee for the remaining part of the current year is 172 revenue units. Payment is required to the Surveyors Board of the Northern Territory. These fees are not subject to Goods and Services Tax.

## **PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS**

This cannot be undertaken until all the preceding requirements are met.

If approved, substantive registration will be granted to the 31st December of the current year.

## **SECRETARY**