

# Circular

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## Name change for Registrar General's Directions and introduction of lodgment rules

The Government has proclaimed 19 May 2017 as the commencement date for the remaining provisions of the *Land and Property Information NSW (Authorised Transaction) Act 2016* (the *LPI Authorised Transaction Act*). At the same time, amendments have been made to the Real Property, Conveyancing and Strata Development Regulations that adjust current LPI fees. The amendment to the fees will commence on 1 July 2017. Further information in relation to fees will be issued closer to July.

### What are the changes?

The *LPI Authorised Transaction Act* amends the *Real Property Act 1900* and the associated land titling legislation to:

- Make reference to the Office of the Registrar General
- Rename the Registrar General's Directions as the Registrar General's Guidelines
- Provide for Lodgment Rules to be developed
- Establish a procedure for administrative review of decisions by the Registrar General
- Adjust current LPI fees to include an increase for Consumer Price Index

### Lodgment Rules

The *LPI Authorised Transaction Act* introduces a new category of rules that can be made by the Registrar General to set requirements for the preparation and lodgment of documents. These Lodgment Rules are treated as requirements under an Act so; dealings and plans that do not comply with them can be rejected or not accepted for lodgment.

The amending Regulations have removed procedural and operation provisions from the Real Property, Conveyancing and Strata Development Regulations. These provisions will form the basis for a consolidated set of Lodgment Rules for plans and dealings.

### Registrar General's Guidelines

A further consequence of the changes is the Registrar General's Directions will be renamed as the Registrar General Guidelines. This name more accurately reflects its purpose, as a detailed practice guide to the preparation and lodgment of a wide range of registry instruments that includes comprehensive details of the mandatory requirements.

This change will not impact on the day-to-day operations of Land and Property Information; however there will be some updates required.

### What will change?

Commencing 1 May 2017, LPI will be updating our websites to reflect the name change and you may notice interruptions to the websites while we make these updates.

- The current [Registrar General's Directions Website](#) will be renamed to reflect the new name.
- Links on the current [LPI Website](#) will also be updated to reflect these changes.

**More information**

Enquiries may be made by email to the Office of the Registrar General at:  
[ORG.Admin@finance.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ORG.Admin@finance.nsw.gov.au) regarding the legislative changes.

Enquiries regarding the updating of LPI's website may be made to:  
[GeneralEnquiry@lpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:GeneralEnquiry@lpi.nsw.gov.au)