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**LANDS SURVEYORS ACT 2017
(NO. 2 OF 2017)**

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT

I, **Hon. Moses Garu**, Minister for Lands, Housing and Survey, under section 2 of the *Land Surveyors Act 2017* (No. 2 of 2017), appoint 12 June 2017 as the date the Act commences.

MADE AT HONIARA this sixth day of June, 2017.

HON. MOSES GARU
Minister for Lands, Housing and Survey

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LAND SURVEYORS REGULATIONS 2017

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LAND SURVEYORS REGULATIONS 2017

Under section 38(1) of the *Land Surveyors Act 2017*, I make these Regulations:

1 Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the Land Surveyors Regulations 2017.

2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on the date it is published in the *Gazette*.

3 Definition

In these Regulations:

“*tertiary qualification*” means a certificate, diploma or degree in land surveying.

4 Fee to apply for registration

For section 19(3)(b) of the Act, the prescribed fee for an application for registration is \$250.00

5 Qualifications for registration

(1) For section 20(a) of the Act, the prescribed qualifications for registration are as follows:

- (a) a degree in land surveying plus at least 2 years work experience in land surveying including at least 18 months predominately doing land survey fieldwork; or
- (b) a diploma in land surveying plus at least 4 years work experience in land surveying including 3 years predominately doing land survey fieldwork; or

- (c) a certificate in land surveying plus at least 6 years work experience in land surveying including 4 years, 6 months predominately doing land survey fieldwork; and
- (2) a comprehensive knowledge of the land acquisition and registration processes under the Land and Titles Act.

6 Fee to apply for practising certificate

For section 23 of the Act, the prescribed fee for an application for practising licence is \$1,500.00.

MADE AT HONIARA this sixth day of June, 2017.

HON. MOSES GARU
Minister for Lands, Housing and Survey

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SURVEYOR-GENERAL'S (AMENDMENT) RULES 2017

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SURVEYOR-GENERAL'S (AMENDMENT) RULES 2017

Under section 38(1) of the *Land Surveyors Act 2017*, I make the following Rules:

1 Citation

These Rules may be cited as *The Surveyor-General's (Amendment) Rules 2017*.

2 Commencement

These Rules commence on the date it is published in the *Gazette*.

3 Amendment of principal Rules

These Rules amend The Surveyor-General's Rules (the "*principal Rules*").

4 Amendment of Rule 6

Rule 6 is amended by deleting "three miles" and substituting "five kilometres".

5 Amendment of Rule 7

Rule 7 is amended by deleting "astronomical observations by azimuth (True North) and latitude" and substituting "Universal Transverse Mercator co-ordinates by Global Positioning System surveying techniques".

6 Amendment of Rule 12

Rule 12 is amended as follows:

- (a) delete "Each parcel of land depicted on the plan shall be edged in varying colors to avoid doubt."

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- (b) delete "Lettering, area of each parcel of land, boundary lines and the bearings and distances of boundary lines shall be written in approved black ink; other data shall be written in approved red ink" and substitute "All information on the plan must be written in black ink".

7 Amendment of Rule 13

Rule 13 is amended by deleting "inch" and substituting "centimetre".

MADE AT HONIARA this sixth day of June, 2017.

HON. MOSES GARU
Minister for Lands, Housing and Survey

[Legal Notice No. 43]

**LAND AND TITLES (GENERAL) (AMENDMENT)
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**LAND AND TITLES (GENERAL) (AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS 2017**

Under section 260 of the *Land and Titles Act* (Cap. 133), I make these Regulations:

1 Citation

These Regulations may be cited as The Land and Titles (*General*) (*Amendment*) Regulations 2017.

2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on the date it is published in the *Gazette*.

3 Replacement of Regulation 6(1)

Regulation 6(1) of the *Land and Titles (General) Regulations* (LN 164 of 1993) is replaced with the following:

“(1) The following fees must be paid:

A. REGISTRAR OF TITLES

For certified copy of the register	\$30.00
For certified copy of any registered instrument, per document	\$30.00
For certified copy of any registry map, filed plan or per sheet	\$25.00
For inspection of register or registered filed documents	\$30.00
For any search, per parcel number	\$30.00
Registration of dealing	\$200.00
Any other service performed by the Registrar of Titles or, his or her staff	\$100.00

B. VALUATION SERVICES (LAND/PROPERTY)

For any property	\$500.00
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C. ISSUE OF CONSENT TO TRANSFER/LEASE/CHARGE

For any property \$300.00

D. EXTENSION OF DEVELOPMENT COVENANT

For commercial and industrial land \$100.00 per month

For any other development covenant including residential \$50.00 per month

MADE AT HONIARA this sixth day of June, 2017.

HON. MOSES GARU
Minister for Lands, Housing and Survey

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**FEES FOR GOVERNMENT SURVEYS (AMENDMENT)
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**FEES FOR GOVERNMENT SURVEYS (AMENDMENT)
ORDER 2017**

Under section 38(2)(a) of the Land Surveyors Act 2017 Act, I make the following Order:

1 Citation

This Order may be cited as the *Fees for Government Surveys (Amendment) Order 2017*.

2 Commencement

This Order commences on the date it is published in the Gazette.

3 Amendment of principal Order

This Order amends the *Fees for Government Surveys Order* (LN 53 of 1995) (the "*principal Order*").

4 Amendment of Part A

The definition of "closer settled land" in Part A of the principal Order is amended by deleting "closer settled land" and substituting "town land".

5 Amendment of Part B

(1) Part B of the principal Order is amended as follows:

- (a) in paragraph (i), delete "closer settled land" and substitute "town land", and delete "\$150.00" and substitute "\$2,500.00";
- (b) in paragraph (ii)(a), insert "smaller than 500 square metres" after "lots", and delete "\$300.00" and substitute "\$1,500.00";

- (c) insert the following new paragraph after paragraph (a) and renumber "(aa) for the creation of new lots of 500 square metres or larger, the charge is \$2,000.00 per lot";
- (d) in paragraph (b), delete "\$25.00" and substitute "\$250.00", and delete "\$40.00" and substitute "\$500.00";
- (e) in paragraph (c), delete "\$10.00" and substitute "\$100.00";
- (f) in paragraph (d), delete "\$5.00" and substitute "\$50.00";
- (g) in paragraph (e), delete "\$100.00" and substitute "\$200.00"; and
- (h) in paragraph (f), delete "\$50.00" and substitute "\$200.00"; and delete "\$10.00" and substitute "\$50.00".

6 Amendment of Part C

- (1) Part C of the principal Order is amended as follows:
 - (a) in paragraph (i), delete "\$200.00" and substitute "\$4,000.00";
 - (b) in paragraph (ii)(a), delete "\$200.00 per lot requested by the subdivider" and substitute "\$1.00 per square metre inside the total of all lots";
 - (c) in paragraph (ii)(b), delete "\$30.00" and substitute "\$250.00", and delete "\$45.00" and substitute "\$500.00";
 - (d) in paragraph (ii)(c), delete "\$20.00" and substitute "\$100.00";
 - (e) in paragraph (ii)(d), delete "\$5.00" and substitute "\$50.00"; and
 - (f) in paragraph (ii)(f), delete "\$50.00" and substitute "\$200.00", and delete "\$10.00" and substitute "\$50.00".

7 Amendment of Part D

- (1) Part D of the principal Order is amended as follows:
 - (a) in paragraph (i), insert “(other than provided in (iv))” after “transport” and “(other than provided in (iii))” after “accommodation”;
 - (b) replace paragraph (iv) with the following: “(iv) The vehicle charge is \$10.00 per kilometre travelled to undertake the survey”.

8 Amendment of Part E

- (1) Part E of the principal Order is amended as follows:
 - (a) insert the numbering “(a)” before “For” and insert “using simple equipment (compass, tape, hand-held Global Positioning System and camera)” after “surveys”;
 - (b) in new paragraph (a), insert “Principle Surveyor \$1,200.00 per day or part thereof”;
 - (c) in new paragraph (a), delete “\$675.00” and substitute “\$900.00”, and delete “with or without party” wherever occurring;
 - (d) in new paragraph (a), delete “\$525.00” and substitute “\$700.00”;
 - (e) in new paragraph (a), delete “\$375.00” and substitute “\$500.00”;
 - (f) in new paragraph (a), delete “Chairman \$95.00 per day or part thereof with or without party”; and
 - (g) in new paragraph (a), delete “\$30.00” and substitute “\$100.00”.

(2) Part E is amended by inserting the following:

“(aa) For any other specialised surveys such as topographic survey, engineering survey, mining survey, photogrammetry, hydrographic, bathymetric and geodetic surveys, daily rates must be charged for the whole party involved in the work as follows:

Principle Surveyor	\$5,000.00 per day or part thereof
Senior Surveyor	\$4,500.00 per day or part thereof
Surveyor	\$3,500.00 per day or part thereof
Technician	\$2,500.00 per day or part thereof
Casual	\$300.00 per day or part thereof.”

(3) in paragraph (c), delete “\$100.00” and substitute “\$200.00”, and delete “\$25.00” and substitute “\$50.00”.

MADE AT HONIARA this sixth day of June, 2017.

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