# Registration fees under GEMS legislation

The *Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (GEMS) Act 2012* commenced on 1 October 2012 to promote the development and adoption of products to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas production.

Greenhouse and energy minimum standards are applied to specified products that use energy, or affect the energy used by another product. These products need to be registered in order to be offered for sale or used commercially in Australia. Products required to be registered under GEMS are grouped into one of four fee bands. These fees range from $440 to $780 and cover a five year registration period. GST does not apply to the fees. The fee bands are:

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| Band 1 | * All types of Lighting Products (5) |  | * Clothes Washers |
| $440 | * Dishwashers |  | * Clothes Dryers |
|  | * Televisions * Set Top Boxes |  | * External Power Supplies * Computers and Computer Monitors |
| Band 2  $540 | * Electric Water Heaters |  |  |
| Band 3  $670 | * Air Conditioners & Heat Pumps * Refrigerators |  | * Gas Water Heaters * Electric Motors |
| Band 4  $780 | * Commercial Refrigerators/Display Cabinets * Chiller Towers |  | * Distribution Transformers * Close Control Air Conditioners |

A merchant fee of 1.1% will be applied to all Visa and Mastercard transactions

**What do fees pay for?**

The registration fee contributes to the cost associated with processing registration applications, maintaining a product register and undertaking compliance monitoring activities. The funds collected also enable the GEMS Regulator to deliver improvements in the registration system and in monitoring and enforcing compliance.

The different fee bands reflect the variation in costs when undertaking verification testing. The cost of monitoring compliance can vary significantly due to the costs of acquiring and testing different product types. For example, some lighting products are relatively inexpensive to purchase and have lower testing costs while complex commercial air-conditioning systems and refrigerators are far more expensive to purchase and test.

**Family of Models**

Applicants may choose to register more than one model under a single registration - where those models are part of a family of models (as defined in the relevant GEMS Determination). The fee for a family registration is the same as for a single model registration.

Additional models may be subsequently added to an existing approved registration, provided they meet the family of models definition. The fee for such additions is $250.

**Payment of fees**

Payment is only possible by credit card - through an online payment facility that applicants are taken to once their application is ready to be submitted.

Online payment provides both the applicant and the Regulator with immediate confirmation that the payment has been approved and the application has been submitted. Only payment by Visa and MasterCard is accepted, as these cards allow immediate payment confirmation.