

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.

GEMS requirements 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. A registration fee applies for products to be registered in Australia.

Registration Fee Bands

Products required to be registered under GEMS are grouped into one of four fee bands. The fees range from \$440 to \$780 and cover a five year registration period. GST does not apply to the fees.

The fee bands are:

Band & Fee	Products in this Band
1 - \$440	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All lighting products • Dishwashers • Televisions • Set Top Boxes • Clothes Washing Machines • Clothes Dryers • External Power Supplies • Computers • Computer Monitors
2 - \$540	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric Water Heaters
3 - \$670	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps • Refrigerators and Freezers • Gas Water Heaters • Electric Motors
4 - \$780	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refrigerated Cabinets • Chiller Towers • Distribution Transformers • Close Control Air Conditioners

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 to monitor and enforce 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.

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 added to an existing approved registration, provided they meet the family of models definition. The fee for such additions is \$210.

Payment of fees

Payment is made via credit, debit or prepaid credit card through an online payment facility in the system.

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

Surcharges apply to payments made through the online facility. These surcharges have been supplied by the Reserve Bank of Australia. For Visa and MasterCard transactions, the applied surcharge varies depending on the type of card used (i.e. credit, debit or prepaid card):

Visa Credit: 0.93%

Visa Debit/Prepaid Credit: 0.46%

MasterCard Credit: 0.49%

MasterCard Debit/Prepaid Credit: 0.22%

Amex: 1.45%