



Pricing for value

A guide for government services

Frequently asked questions

What comprises the Pricing for Value Guide?

The Guide comprises:

- the [overview](#): which outlines the pricing principles and playbook;
- the [pricing principles](#): which sets out the principles, circumstances where they may be appropriate, examples of their application, and compliance information;
- the [pricing playbook](#): which is a step-by-step guide to undertaking a pricing review (government entities can access the full playbook at dtf.vic.gov.au); and
- a [quick reference guide](#): which is a one-page summary of the pricing guidance.

Will the Pricing for Value Guide replace the Cost Recovery Guidelines?

There will be a transition period (ending on 30 June 2021) during which agencies will be able to apply the Cost Recovery Guidelines or the Pricing for Value Guide. From 1 July 2021, agencies will be required to apply the Pricing for Value Guide.

Which government entities will be required to apply the Pricing for Value Guide?

Agencies as defined in the Standing Directions will be required to apply the Pricing for Value Guide from 1 July 2021.

Do government entities have to apply all the pricing principles in the Guide?

Entities would apply the pricing principles that are appropriate in the circumstances (i.e. a case by case approach), noting that there are trade-offs between some of the principles.

Will entities be able to set fees above or below cost recovery?

Entities will need to determine which pricing principles are appropriate to the circumstances of each service. Some of the principles support setting fees above cost recovery and some support fees below cost recovery. The rationale needs to be clearly demonstrated. Legal advice is strongly advised if setting fees above cost recovery.

**Are fines, penalties
or taxes in scope of
the Pricing for Value
Guide?**

No, they are not within scope of the framework nor is local government. That said, some of the principles may be used to inform fines design.

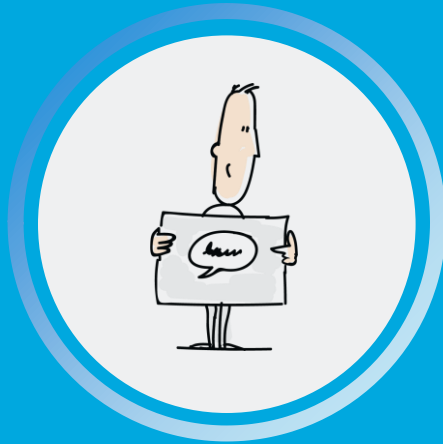
When is the Treasurer's approval required?

Agencies are required to notify the Department of Treasury and Finance of any new prices or price changes.

For any proposed new prices or price changes that impose a significant economic or social burden, agencies will require the Treasurer's approval. In such cases, agencies should engage with the Department of Treasury and Finance at least six months before the price changes are scheduled to take effect.

See the Treasurer's Approval Guidance for more information.

Further information



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- The guidance materials include:
 - the overview;
 - the pricing principles;
 - the pricing playbook;
 - a quick reference guide; and
 - frequently asked questions (i.e. this document).
- These are available at dtf.vic.gov.au

Contact details

- For further information about the guidance materials, please contact Economic Policy, Department of Treasury and Finance:
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