

REGISTRATION SERVICES

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CHARGING FOR SURVEY PLANS

We are standardising our charges for Survey Plans which under special circumstances are currently delivered at no cost where a sketch is requested together with the purchase of a Certificate of Title.

For many years in Western Australia the 'sketch on title' has been an integral component of the old paper Certificate of Title. In 2001 the new digital (electronic) title was introduced and the transition to online services began. The old paper title and the sketch on title became obsolete and information formerly recorded on the sketch was then recorded exclusively on the Survey Plan.

During this time of transition it was agreed that anyone requesting a sketch when ordering a Certificate of Title would be provided with a Survey Plan free of charge, but only in instances where a sketch on title no longer exists. There is otherwise a charge for Survey Plans when ordered independently. This concession was never applied where titles relate to a Strata Plan.

While it was recognised within Landgate that this special concession would create an irregularity in relation to charging for plans, it was intended only as a temporary measure to assist with the transition to online services. As time passed and more sophisticated products and services were developed and offered online it also resulted in a technical anomaly. It has now become necessary to remedy this situation.

As from 5 August 2009 a charge will apply for all Survey Plans ordered with, or independently of, a Title. Sketches, where a sketch exists, will continue to be available on request at no cost.

It is important to note that where a sketch on title exists, it may contain easement information not recorded on a Survey Plan. Where a paper title has been superseded with a digital title, the digital title will carry a notation to alert you should any interests be registered on the sketch. In such cases you are strongly advised to obtain a copy of the old paper title which, even though it is no longer in circulation, will still exist in our archives. You can order a historical title by faxing your request to us at (08) 9250 3187 or for further enquires call us on (08) 9273 7333 or email onlinesupport@landgate.wa.gov.au

Sketches have not been produced for properties constructed after 2001 and therefore no historical title (or sketch on title) will exist in our archives for such properties.

Please be aware that there are many possible interests that could be held over a parcel of land and no one document will necessarily carry all interest information. We advise anyone undertaking transactions on property to ask a property professional to check if any interests are held over a subject property.



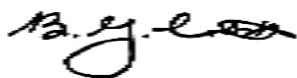
How this will impact on Land Enquiry

From 5 August 2009, if you opt to receive a sketch on title by ticking the appropriate box when using Land Enquiry, the service will no longer automatically deliver a Survey Plan under certain circumstances.

Instead Land Enquiry will provide you with an option to purchase a Survey Plan at the current charge. You can view the current fees on our website at www.landgate.wa.gov.au

Where a sketch on title forms a component of a Title i.e. *if no digital title has been issued for a subject property* then you will continue to receive the sketch on request at no cost.

We will issue a further notice closer to 5 August which will include illustrations of a new screen on Land Enquiry which, when ordering a Title, will allow you to opt for a Survey Plan should no sketch exist.



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