

EXPOSURE DRAFT

Civil Aviation (Unmanned Aircraft Levy) Amendment (Indexation) Regulations 2026

I, the Honourable Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, make the following regulations.

Dated 2026

Sam Mostyn AC
Governor-General

By Her Excellency's Command

Catherine King **[DRAFT ONLY—NOT FOR SIGNATURE]**
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Civil Aviation (Unmanned Aircraft Levy) Amendment (Indexation) Regulations 2026*.

2 Commencement

(1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	**Commencement**	**Date/Details**
1. The whole of this instrument	The day after this instrument is registered.	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

(2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under the *Civil Aviation (Unmanned Aircraft Levy) Act 2020*.

4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendments

Civil Aviation (Unmanned Aircraft Levy) Regulations 2021

1 At the end of Part 2

Add:

6 Indexation

Indexation of unmanned aircraft levy

(1) If the indexation factor on 1 July 2027 or a later 1 July (an ***indexation day***) is greater than 1, the amount of the unmanned aircraft levy is, on that day, replaced by the amount worked out using the following formula:

$$\text{The amount of the unmanned aircraft levy immediately before the indexation day} \times \text{Indexation factor for the indexation day}$$

(2) The amount worked out under subsection (1) is to be rounded down to the nearest cent.

(3) If the amount worked out under subsections (1) and (2) would result in the amount of the unmanned aircraft levy exceeding $300, the amount of the unmanned aircraft levy is $300.

Indexation factor

(4) The ***indexation factor*** for an indexation day is the number worked out using the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Index number for the reference quarter}}{\text{Index number for the base quarter}}$$

where:

base quarter means the March quarter that has the highest index number of the March quarters before the reference quarter (but not earlier than the March quarter in the year before the year in which the first indexation day occurs).

index number, for a quarter, means the All Groups Consumer Price Index number (being the weighted average of the 8 capital cities) published by the Australian Statistician for that quarter.

March quarter means a period of 3 months starting on 1 January.

reference quarter means the last March quarter before the indexation day.

(5) The indexation factor is to be worked out to 3 decimal places (rounding up if the fourth decimal place is 5 or more).

Changes to CPI index reference period and publication of substituted index numbers

(6) Amounts are to be worked out under this section:

(a) using only the index numbers published in terms of the most recently published index reference period for the Consumer Price Index; and

(b) disregarding index numbers published in substitution for previously published index numbers (except where the substitution is to transition to a new index reference period).