

BIOSECURITY ACT 2015

Biosecurity Regulation 2017

Fees

The *Biosecurity Act 2015* (the Act) provides a range of tools and powers to enable the management of the risks posed by pests, diseases, weeds and contaminants across the biosecurity spectrum. The Act also provides for fees to be charged for some services and the recovery of costs for actions taken.

The fees under the Act are divided into 2 categories:

1. Fees prescribed in Schedule 5 of the *Biosecurity Regulation 2017* (the Regulation).
2. Fees for the recovery of costs for actions taken.

1. Prescribed fees

Twelve fee types have been prescribed in Schedule 5 of the Regulation. The Act includes a provision for the Secretary to waive, reduce or refund a prescribed fee. This provides for a maximum fee to be prescribed in the Regulation however the actual fee can be determined by the Secretary.

The Act does not distinguish between different types of biosecurity certificates, such as animal and plant health certificates, or registrations for a person who keeps bees or non-indigenous animals.

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A maximum fee has been prescribed in the Regulation and the actual fee payable has been determined under the authority of the Secretary.

Similarly under the Act, permits and accreditations may be granted for up to a maximum of 5 years. Extending the period of the authorisation reduces both red tape and administration costs.

Table 1 includes the details of the prescribed fees including the maximum fee prescribed in the Regulation.

2. Fees for the recovery of costs

The Act also provides for fees for the recovery of costs for certain actions taken under the Act, for example audits. The Act requires that the fees are to be no more than is reasonable to recover the costs and expenses incurred with respect to the action taken. These fees are not prescribed in the Regulation. **Table 2** includes the details of the hourly rate that may be charged.

3. Review of fees and charges

Note: Fees and charges are reviewed and may be amended following review of specific biosecurity programs.

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200(5)(a)	Application for renewal of accreditation as biosecurity certifier	\$160 (annually)	\$160
244(5)(a)	Application for appointment as biosecurity auditor	\$835 (2 years)	\$1000
248(5)(a)	Application for renewal of appointment as biosecurity auditor	\$750 (2 years)	\$1000
263(3)	Application for approval to exercise functions of accreditation authority	\$1150 (2 years)	\$1500
267(3)	Application for renewal of approval to exercise functions of accreditation authority	\$1150 (2 years)	\$1500
341(3)	Application for a permit: To keep a prohibited dealing non-indigenous animal Other permits (note the charging of a fee will be determined on a case by case basis)	\$720 (5 years) \$420 (5 years) for existing license holder under the Non-Indigenous Act 1987 \$80/hour	\$720
Clause 28, Schedule 7	Application for certificate from local control authority as to weed control notices, expenses and charges on land		\$200

Table 2 - Recovery of costs for actions taken under the Act

Section of Act	Action	Fee
222	Accreditation Audit	\$150/hour
230	Compliance Audit	\$150/hour
59	To comply with an Emergency Order	\$150/hour
76	To comply with a Control Order	\$150/hour
88	To comply with a Biosecurity Zone	\$150/hour
104	For action taken by an authorised officer	\$150/hour
133	To comply with an individual biosecurity direction	\$150/hour
147	To comply with a biosecurity undertaking	\$150/hour

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