# Fees and charges for biosecurity and imported food regulatory activities

## Fees and charges for biosecurity regulatory activity from 1 July 2025

Table 1 Fees and charges for biosecurity regulatory activities, 2024–25 to 2025–26

| **Type of charge** | **Charge point** | **Unit** | **2024–25 price ($)** | **2025–26 price ($)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Charge (levy) | Full import declaration charge – air | Per import declaration | 45 | 46 |
| Full import declaration charge – sea | Per import declaration | 66 | 68 |
| Self-assessed clearance charge | Per declaration | 0.36 | 0.37 |
| Permit application charge | Per application | 127 | 130 |
| Reservation charge – horses | Per animal | 1,023 | 1,048 |
| Confirmation of reservation charge – horses | Per animal | 4,095 | 4,193 |
| Reservation charge – ruminants | Per animal | 1,046 | 1,071 |
| Confirmation of reservation charge – ruminants | Per animal | 4,184 | 4,284 |
| Reservation charge – animal not covered by another item of this table (includes cats or dogs) | Per animal | 263 | 269 |
| Confirmation of reservation – animal not covered by another item of this table (includes cats or dogs) | Per animal | 1,053 | 1,078 |
| Reservation charge – bees | Per bee consignment | 871 | 892 |
| Confirmation of reservation charge – bees | Per bee consignment | 3,487 | 3,571 |
| Reservation charge – avian (live birds) | Per live bird consignment | 4,900 | 5,018 |
| Confirmation of reservation charge – avian (live birds) | Per live bird consignment | 19,599 | 20,069 |
| Reservation of charge – avian (eggs for hatching) | Per hatching egg consignment | 13,646 | 13,974 |
| Confirmation of reservation charge – avian (eggs for hatching) | Per hatching egg consignment | 54,584 | 55,894 |
| Importation charge – plants | Per m2 per month or part thereof | 303 | 310 |
| Approved arrangement application charge | Per application | 202 | 207 |
| Approved arrangement – multiple for full year | Per item | 3,238 | 3,316 |
| Approved arrangement – multiple for part year  (Part year 50% of annual charge) | Per item | 1,619 | 1,658 |
| Approved arrangement – class 19 for full year | Per item | 558 | 571 |
| Approved arrangement – class 19 for part year  (Part year 50% of annual charge) | Per item | 279 | 285.50 |
| Approved arrangement – single for full year | Per item | 2,790 | 2,857 |
| Approved arrangement – single for part year  (Part year 50% of annual charge) | Per item | 1,395 | 1,428.50 |
| Approved arrangement – upgrade full year– class 19  (Covered by a class 19 then approved for at least one further arrangement of a different class) before 1 January in the same financial year) | Per item | Nil | 2,744 |
| Approved arrangement – upgrade **part year– class 19**  **(Covered** by a class 19 then approved for at least one further arrangement of a different class **after 1 January** in the same financial year) | Per item | Nil | 1,086 |
| Approved arrangement – upgrade part year – class 19  (Covered by a class 19 for the first time after 1 January then approved to hold at least one further arrangement of a different class in the same financial year) | Per item | Nil | 1,372 |
| Approved arrangement – upgrade full year  (Covered by a single approved arrangement then approved to hold at least one further approved arrangement before 1 January in the same financial year) | Per item | Nil | 459 |
| Approved arrangement – upgrade part year  (Covered by a single approved arrangement after January 1 then approved to hold at least one further arrangement after 1 January in the same financial year) | Per item | Nil | 229 |
| Approved arrangement – Class 19 entry | Per item | 21 | 22 |
| Non-commercial vessel arrival charge | Per vessel | 161 | 165 |
| Vessel, other than a non-commercial vessel arrival charge | Per vessel | 1,410 | 1,444 |
| Fee for service – inspection (including virtual inspections), examination, document assessment, analysis, diagnostic activity, clearance of cargo, treatment, audit, supervision, training | In-office fee during ordinary hours of duty | Per 15 minutes for each person | 39 | 40 |
| In-office fee outside ordinary hours - when activity is provided immediately before or after ordinary hours  (continuous) | Per 15 minutes for each person | 57 | 58 |
| In-office fee outside ordinary hours on weekdays – when activity is not provided immediately before or after ordinary hours, initial 30–minute rate applies followed by the 15-minute rate  (non-continuous) | Per 30 minutes for each person | 114 | 116 |
| In-office fee outside ordinary hours after the first 30 minutes on weekdays | Per 15 minutes for each person | 57 | 58 |
| In-office fee on a weekend or departmental holiday, minimum 30-minute charge followed by the 15-minute rate | Per 30 minutes for each person | 124 | 126 |
| In-office fee after the first 30 minutes on a weekend or departmental holiday | Per 15 minutes for each person | 62 | 63 |
| Out-of-office fee during ordinary hours of duty | Per 15 minutes for each person | 65 | 67 |
| Out-of-office fee during ordinary hours of duty | Daily for each person | 1,271 | 1,302 |
| Out-of-office fee outside ordinary hours on weekdays when activity is provided immediately before or after ordinary hours only  (continuous) | Per 15 minutes for each person | 83 | 85 |
| Out-of-office fee outside ordinary hours on weekdays – minimum 30-minute charge when activity is not provided immediately before or after ordinary hours, followed by the 15-minute rate  (non-continuous) | Per 30 minutes for each person | 166 | 170 |
| Out-of-office fee outside ordinary hours on weekdays after the first 30 minutes | Per 15 minutes for each person | 83 | 85 |
| Out-of-office fee on a weekend or departmental holiday – minimum of 30 minutes followed by the per 15-minute rate | Per 30 minutes for each person | 176 | 180 |
| Out-of-office fee on a weekend or departmental holiday after the initial 30 minutes | Per 15 minutes for each person | 88 | 90 |
| Fee for service – consumable materials | Provision of consumable materials used in performing a diagnostic activity | A fee equivalent to the cost of the consumable materials | At cost | At cost |
| Fee for service – temporary storage in relation to international travellers and their baggage | Temporary storage at premises owned or managed by the Commonwealth, of baggage brought into Australian territory | Per 30 days per piece of baggage | 47 | 48 |
| Fee for service – special processing areas, agreed fee in relation to international travellers and their baggage | Any period up to 3 hours during which one or more fee bearing activities are carried out | First 3 hours for each person carrying out those activities | At least 537 but not more than 1,074 | At least 550 but not more than 1,100 |
| Immediately following the first 3 hours during which those activities are carried out | Per 15 minutes immediately following first 3 hours for each person carrying out those activities | At least 45 but not more than 90 | At least 46 but not more than 92 |
| Fee for service – husbandry | Husbandry fee – horses that overstay the initial 14-day period | Per animal per day over 14 days | 46 | 47 |
| Husbandry fee – ruminants | Per animal per day | 105 | 108 |
| Husbandry fee – animal not covered by another item of this table (includes cats or dogs) | Per animal per day | 52 | 53 |
| Husbandry fee – bees | Per bee consignment per month (or part thereof) | 488 | 500 |
| Husbandry fee – avian (consignment of birds) | Per live bird consignment per day | 59 | 60 |
| Husbandry fee – avian (eggs for hatching) | Per egg consignment per day | 79 | 81 |
| Husbandry fee – plants | Per m2 per month (or part thereof) | 62 | 63 |
| Fee for service—assessment of permit application | Assessment of a permit application not completed within the initial assessment period for the application – in ordinary hours | Per 15 minutes after the initial assessment period | 39 | 40 |
| Assessment Category 1 Permit application | Each application | 77 | 79 |
| Assessment Category 2 Permit application | Each application | 154 | 158 |
| Assessment Category 3 Permit application | Each application | 308 | 315 |
| Assessment Category 4 Permit application | Each application | 462 | 473 |
| Assessment Category 5 Permit application | Each application | 616 | 631 |

## Fees and charges for imported food regulatory activity from 1 July 2025

Table 2 Fees and charges for imported food regulatory activities

| **Type of charge** | **Charge point** | **Unit** | **2024–25 price ($)** | **2025–26 price ($)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Charge (levy) | Compliance agreement application charge | Per application | 202 | 207 |
| Compliance agreement – multiple for full year | Per item | 3,328 | 3,316 |
| Compliance agreement – multiple for part year  (Part year 50% of annual charge) | Per item | 1,619 | 1,658 |
| Compliance agreement – single for full year | Per item | 2,790 | 2,857 |
| Compliance agreement – single for part year  (Part year 50% of annual charge) | Per item | 1,395 | 1,428.50 |
| Compliance agreement – upgrade full year– class 19  (Covered by a class 19 then approved to hold an agreement before 1 January in the same financial year) | Per item | Nil | 2,744 |
| Compliance agreement – upgrade part year– class 19  (Covered by a class 19 then approved to hold an agreement after 1 January in the same financial year) | Per item | Nil | 1,086 |
| Compliance agreement – upgrade part year – class 19  (Covered by a class 19 for the first time after 1 January then approved to hold an agreement in the same financial year) | Per item | Nil | 1,372 |
| Compliance agreement – upgrade full year  (Covered by an agreement then approved to hold an approved arrangement before 1 January in the same financial year) | Per item | Nil | 459 |
| Compliance agreement – upgrade part year  (Covered by an agreement after January 1 then approved to hold at an arrangement after 1 January in the same financial year) | Per item | Nil | 229 |
| Fee for service – issue of approval or other relevant documentation, inspection, treatment, audit, analysis, training | In-office fee during ordinary hours of duty | Per 15 minutes for each person | 39 | 40 |
| In-office fee outside ordinary hours – when activity is provided immediately before or after ordinary hours  (continuous) | Per 15 minutes for each person | 57 | 58 |
| In-office fee outside ordinary hours on weekdays – when activity is not provided immediately before or after ordinary hours, initial 30-minute rate applies followed by the 15-minute rate  (non-continuous) | Per 30 minutes for each person | 114 | 116 |
| In-office fee outside ordinary hours after the first 30 minutes on weekdays | Per 15 minutes for each person | 57 | 58 |
| In-office fee on a weekend or departmental holiday, minimum 30-minute charge followed by the 15-minute rate | Per 30 minutes for each person | 124 | 126 |
| In-office fee after the first 30 minutes on a weekend or departmental holiday | Per 15 minutes for each person | 62 | 63 |
| Out-of-office fee during ordinary hours of duty | Per 15 minutes for each person | 65 | 67 |
| Out-of-office fee during ordinary hours of duty | Daily for each person | 1,271 | 1,302 |
| Out-of-office fee outside ordinary hours on weekdays when activity is provided immediately before or after ordinary hours only (continuous) | Per 15 minutes for each person | 83 | 85 |
| Out-of-office fee outside ordinary hours on weekdays - minimum 30-minute charge when activity is not provided immediately before or after ordinary hours, followed by the 15-minute rate (non-continuous) | Per 30 minutes for each person | 166 | 170 |
| Out-of-office fee outside ordinary hours on weekdays after the first 30-minutes | Per 15 minutes for each person | 83 | 85 |
| Out-of-office fee on a weekend or departmental holiday – minimum of 30 minutes followed by the per 15-minute rate | Per 30 minutes for each person | 176 | 180 |
| Out-of-office fee on a weekend or departmental holiday after the initial 30-minutes | Per 15 minutes for each person | 88 | 90 |

## Legislation

New prices for regulatory charges have been calculated using methodology prescribed in legislation:

* Biosecurity Regulation 2016 – Chapter 9, Part 2, Division 1, Section 107A ‘Indexation of fees’.
* Biosecurity Charges Imposition (Customs) Regulation 2016, and Biosecurity Charges Imposition (General) Regulation 2016 – Part 2, Section 9A ‘Indexation of Charges’.
* Imported Food Control Regulations 2019 – Part 4, Section 30A ‘Indexation of charges’.
* Imported Food Charges (Imposition – Customs) Regulation 2015 and the Imported Food Charges (Imposition – General) Regulation 2015 – Part 2, Section 6A – ‘Indexation of charges’.

## Price calculation methodology

Indexation provisions in legislation provide the methodology for determining if indexation will increase the dollar amounts imposed for specified fees or charges. This is a 2-step process, where the indexation factor is calculated and if greater than 1, is used to calculate the indexed fee or charge.

### Step 1 Calculate the ‘indexation factor’ for 1 July 2025

The indexation factor for 1 July 2025 is calculated using the [All-Groups Consumer Price Index (CPI) number](https://www.abs.gov.au/) for the 2024 December quarter and the CPI for the 2023 December quarter.

The formula is:

CPI for the 2024 December quarter (reference quarter) ÷ CPI for the 2023 December quarter (base quarter) = Indexation factor (139.4 ÷ 136.1 = 1.024)

Based on this formula, the indexation factor for July 2025 is 1.024.

### Step 2 Calculate the ‘indexed amount’ for the fee or charge in question

Because the indexation factor for 1 July 2025 is greater than 1, fees and charges covered by an indexation provision will be indexed using:

the dollar amount of the relevant fee or charge immediately before 1 July 2025 × the indexation factor for 1 July 2025 (1.024).

The indexed amount of the fee or charge is to the nearest whole dollar.

## Example price calculations for fees and charges subject to indexation

Table 3 provides examples of how we calculate new prices where the dollar value is prescribed in legislation.

Table 3 Example indexation calculations

| Scenario | Pre-indexed price ($) | Indexation factor | Pre-indexed price × indexation factor ($) | Indexed price ($) | 2025-26 price a ($) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Full import declaration for air cargo | 45 | 1.024 | 45 x 1.024 | 46.08 | 46 |
| Category 3 permit assessment fee | 308 | 1.024 | 308 x 1.024 | 315.39 | 315 |
| Approved arrangement application charge | 202 | 1.024 | 202 x 1.024 | 206.85 | 207 |

**a** the indexed price is rounded to the nearest whole dollar, which is the 2025–26 price.

## Example calculation of prices where no dollar value is prescribed

Where a provision in legislation does not specify a dollar value, and the amount payable is set by reference to a percentage we calculate the new price by working out the indexed price for the full amount and then applying the prescribed percentage.

Table 4 Annual charge for a single approved arrangement

| Scenario | Pre-indexed price ($) | Indexation factor | Pre-indexed price × indexation factor ($) | Indexed price ($) | 2025–26 price a ($) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Annual charge that applies to hold a single approved arrangement, for a full year | 2,790 | 1.024 | 2,790 x 1.024 | 2,856.96 | 2,857 |

**a**the indexed price is rounded to the nearest whole dollar, which is the 2025–26 price.

If a person enters an arrangement after 1 January in a financial year, they are liable to pay the part year charge, which is 50% of the full year annual charge and would equal $1,428.50.

Where a provision in legislation does not specify a dollar value, and the amount payable, and is set by a reference to ‘twice the amount’ for a quarter hour increment, we calculate the new price by working out the indexed price for the quarter hour and then multiplying it by 2.

Table 5 Fee for in‑office activity carried out outside of ordinary hours of duty

| Scenario | Pre-indexed price ($) | Indexation factor | Pre-indexed price × indexation factor ($) | Indexed price ($) | 2025-26 price a ($) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Fee for in‑office activity carried out outside of ordinary hours of duty per 15-minute increments | 57 | 1.024 | 57 x 1.024 | 58.37 | 58 |

**a** the indexed price is rounded to the nearest whole dollar, which is the 2025–26 price

If we do not carry out the activity immediately before or immediately after an in‑office activity during ordinary hours of duty, a minimum fee for 30 minutes applies.

The rate for the 30-minute period is ‘twice the dollar amount specified for each quarter hour or part of a quarter hour, which equals $116.

## More information

For further information on biosecurity and imported food fees and visit the [biosecurity cost recovery implementation statements](https://www.agriculture.gov.au/about/fees/biosecurity-cris) webpage.   
  
For information on 2025–26 prices, email [BioCRIS@aff.gov.au](mailto:BioCRIS@aff.gov.au).

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