



Fees and charges for biosecurity and imported food regulatory activities

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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 m ² 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

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	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

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Type of charge	Charge point	Unit	2024–25 price (\$)	2025–26 price (\$)
	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

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	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 m ² 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

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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
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Fee for service – issue of approval or other relevant documentation,	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	Per 15 minutes for each person	57	58

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inspection, treatment, audit, analysis, training	immediately before or after ordinary hours (continuous)			
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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](#) for the 2024 December quarter and the CPI for the 2023 December quarter.

The formula is:

$$\text{CPI for the 2024 December quarter (reference quarter)} \div \text{CPI for the 2023 December quarter (base quarter)} = \text{Indexation factor } (139.4 \div 136.1 = 1.024)$$

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:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{the dollar amount of the relevant fee or charge immediately before 1 July 2025} \times \\ &\text{the indexation factor for 1 July 2025 (1.024).} \end{aligned}$$

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 × 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 × 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](#) webpage.

For information on 2025–26 prices, email BioCRIS@aff.gov.au.

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