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Agriculture export regulatory services

Changes from draft cost recovery implementation statement – grain and plants products exports arrangement

The [Australian Government Cost Recovery Policy](#) requires that regulators recover some or all of the efficient costs of the effort required to deliver their services, unless the government has decided to fund the activity.

We have developed an ongoing sustainable funding model to support our delivery of export regulatory services to Australia's agricultural sector. The new modelling of fees and charges reflects the government's decision to return to full cost recovery and the transition of 5 existing and one new activity into exports cost recovery arrangements. The modelling also reflects the government's announcement of a further decision to defer the phased transition to full cost recovery by 12 months, with the intention to return export cost recovery arrangements to full cost recovery by 2029–30.

This fact sheet presents the changes to fees and charges in the [final grain and plant products exports cost recovery implementation statement \(CRIS\)](#) from what was published in the draft grain and plant products exports CRIS on 29 January 2026. [Appendix A](#) provides a comparison of the cost recovery fees and levy-based charges proposed in draft and final grain and plant products exports CRISs with brief explanations for these changes.

Changes

In addition to the appendix, the following points highlight some of the main changes in the final grain and plant products exports CRIS, including in response to stakeholder feedback received through consultation.

- The prices for 2026–27 are unchanged from 2025–26 with the exception of adjustments to how fees are structurally applied for third-party authorised officers and reduction in the tonnage throughput charge for grain.
- Review of fee for service and levy-based charges has resulted in minor adjustment of some prices.
- Through a review of fees and levy-based charges, increased ICT-related costs underpinning fixed levy-based activities driven by data and property system requirements were identified, resulting in higher establishment registration charges.
- Separate fee and levy-based charge points have been introduced for issuing tariff rate quota certificates. These new price points have been introduced to better reflect associated effort related to issuing these certificates when compared to other export documents.

- We have also revised the charging risk assessment in consultation with the Department of Finance. The overall rating for 2026–27 financial year is rated as medium.

More information is available within each of the [2026–27 Agricultural Exports Cost Recovery Implementation Statements \(CRIS\)](#).

Industry consultation

We engage regularly with industry on charging arrangements.

Although prices remain unchanged for 2026–27, the prices proposed from 1 July 2027 align with the prices communicated to industry during consultation of the 2026–27 exports CRIS between January and March 2026. During this process the department released 7 CRISs for public consultation and invited stakeholder feedback through a submissions process and meetings with key industry bodies. A summary of feedback is included in each CRIS.

We are committed to transparent, meaningful consultation and careful consideration of stakeholder feedback on an ongoing basis.

More information

Learn more about [cost recovery fees and charges](#).

Web <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/about/fees/cost-recovery>

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Acknowledgement of Country

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Appendix A: Summary of fees and charges by arrangement

Type of charge	Cost recovery charges	Unit	Current 2025-26	Draft CRIS				Final CRIS				2029-30 Draft to Final Variance	Comments
				Proposed 2026-27 (\$)	Proposed 2027-28 (\$)	Proposed 2028-29 (\$)	Proposed 2029-30 (\$)	2026-27 (\$)	2027-28 (\$)	2028-29 (\$)	2029-30 (\$)		
Charge	Establishment application	Per application	786	712	738	765	792	786	797.25	831.87	867.91	10%	Through a review of fees and levies, increased ICT-related costs underpinning fixed levy-based activities driven by data and property system requirements were identified, resulting in higher establishment registration charges
Charge	Establishment registration simple	Annual	3,931	3,562	3,692	3,825	3,963	3,931	3,987.25	4,160.42	4,340.68	10%	
Charge	Establishment registration simple – part year	Annual	1,965.50	1781	1846	1912.5	1981.5	1,965.50	1,993.62	2,080.21	2,170.34	10%	
Charge	Establishment registration complex	Annual	7,862	7,125	7,384	7,650	7,927	7,862	7,974.50	8,320.84	8,681.36	10%	
Charge	Establishment registration complex – part year	Annual	3,931	3562.5	3692	3825	3963.5	3,931	3,987.25	4,160.42	4,340.68	10%	
Charge	Tonnage charge grain	Per tonne	0.14	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.12	0%	

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Charge	Authorised officer annual charge	Annual	983	1,825	1,974	2,174	2,293	983	1,884.54	2,050.72	2,209.95	-4%	<p>Through review of prices between the draft and final CRIS, adjustments have been made to third party authorised officer fees resulting in price increases. These increases reflect an alignment of effort to cost.</p> <p>This alignment of effort to cost has consequently resulted in a reduction to the authorised officer annual charge price.</p>
Fee	Audit – authorised officer	Per quarter hour	47	55	59	64	68	47	62.76	68.2	72.09	6%	Pricing amendments made to inspection and audit price points reflect work to align prices for
Fee	Audit – establishment	Per quarter hour	47	55	59	64	68	47	62.76	68.2	72.09	6%	

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Fee	Core inspection	Per quarter hour	47	33	34	35	36	47	42.15	43.29	44.46	24%	These activities across the horticulture and grain and plant products arrangements. This reflects that the core of these activities are similar across both arrangements.
Fee	Inspection by departmental authorised officer	Per quarter hour	98	104	107	110	113	98	119.25	129.4	137.67	22%	
Fee	Application for exemption	Per quarter hour	47					47	67.58	69.46	71.40	n/a	The application for exemption fee was previously not included within the draft CRIS and has now been reflected in the final CRIS.
Fee	Export document – electronically-issued permit	Per document	16	19	22	26	28	16	24.67	28.45	31.57	13%	Amendments made to fee and charge components for

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Fee	Export document – other electronically-issued	Per document	16	19	22	26	28	16	24.67	28.45	31.57	13%	export documents reflect work done to ensure more targeted allocation of function prices to effort.
Fee	Export document – manually-issued phytosanitary certificate	Per document	131	159	181	210	233	131	202	232.91	258.45	11%	
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Fee	Replacement export document	Per document	574	537	610	710	788	574	265.72	289.97	310.67	-61%	Following industry consultation associated with the cost related to replacement export documents, the department conducted a

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													review process into effort and cost allocations resulting in a price decrease.
Fee	Authorised officer application	Per application	328	561	603	660	692	328	807.86	880.09	928.38	34%	Through review of prices between the draft and final CRIS, adjustments have been made to third party authorised officer fees resulting in price increases. These increases reflect an alignment of effort to cost.
Fee	Authorised officer approval	Per approval	328	374	402	440	461	328	538.58	586.73	618.92	34%	
Fee	Authorised officer training per function a	Per person delivered training	n/a	529	544	560	576	216	673.22	733.41	773.65	34%	
Fee	Authorised officer assessment per function a	Per person delivered assessment	n/a	467	502	550	576	216	673.22	733.41	773.65	34%	
Fee	Authorised officer – application to vary authorisation	Per application	328	351	377	412	432	328	504.92	550.06	580.24	34%	

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Fee	Authorised officer eLearning a	Per person	n/a	280	301	330	346	130	403.93	440.05	464.19	34%	
Fee	Additional Authorised Officer learning and assessment	Per additional person delivering training and assessment for up to 5 job functions	2,621	3,581	3,915	4,271	4,606	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		Additional Authorised Officer learning and assessment fees have been removed from the final CRIS. This removal represents a shift away from charging additional fees to applying the assessment and training (per function) fee as appropriate.
Fee/charge	Export document – electronically issued	Per document	63	56	60	65	71	63	53.47	57.68	61.67	-13%	Amendments made to fee and charge components for

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Fee/charge	– Charge		47	37	38	39	43	47	28.8	29.23	30.10	-30%		
Fee/charge	– Fee		16	19	22	26	28	16	24.67	28.45	31.57	13%		
Fee/charge	Export document – tariff rate quota certificate – (including fee and charge) b	Per document	87	86	95	106	116	87	37.24	38.24	39.29	-66%	Separate fee and levy-based charge points have been introduced for the issuance of tariff rate quota certificates. These new price points have been introduced to better reflect associated effort related to issuance of these certificates when compared to other export documents.	
Fee/charge	– Charge		46	36	38	39	43	46	6.55	6.72	6.91	-84%		
Fee/charge	– Fee		41	50	57	67	73	41	30.69	31.52	32.38	-56%		

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OOH fee	Weekday continuous	Per quarter hour	15	19	21	23	25	15	23.5	24.16	24.84	-1%	Pricing amendments within the final CRIS for financial year 2026-27 reflect government policy decision to keep prices unchanged for this financial year. Amendments for later financial years represent adjustments to account for rounding provisions.
OOH fee	Weekday non-continuous (up to 30 minutes)	Any period up to 30 minutes	30	38	42	46	50	30	47	48.32	49.68	-1%	
OOH fee	Weekday non-continuous (after 30 minutes)	Per quarter hour	15	19	21	23	25	15	23.5	24.16	24.84	-1%	
OOH fee	Weekend and public holiday non-continuous (up to 30 minutes)	Any period up to 30 minutes	40	50	56	62	66	40	62.67	64.43	66.24	0%	
OOH fee	Weekend and public holiday non-continuous (after 30 minutes)	Per quarter hour	20	25	28	31	33	20	31.33	32.22	33.12	0%	

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Organics c	Organic certifying body	Annual	8,608	8,338	8,878	9,170	9,480	8,608	8,455.25	8,588.96	8,863.99	-6%	The modelling of effort to cost of organic work across documentation, annual registrations and applications has resulting in a recalculation and lower price.
Organics c	Organic certifying body – part year	Annual	4,304	4169	4439	4585	4740	4,304	4,227.63	4,294.48	4,432.00	-6%	
Organics c	Application charge for organic goods certification operation	Per application	689	710	730	751	772	689	384.32	390.39	402.90	-48%	
Organics c	Audit fee for organic good certification operations	Per quarter hour	39	49	53	54	56	39	49.96	50.75	52.38	-6%	
Organics c	Assessment of applications or approvals	Per quarter hour	39	49	53	54	56	39	49.88	50.68	52.31	-7%	