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## *Agriculture export regulatory services*

# Changes from draft cost recovery implementation statement – horticulture 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 horticulture exports cost recovery implementation statement \(CRIS\)](#) from what was published in the draft horticulture 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 horticulture 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 horticulture 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.
- 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 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.
- Overall tonnage charges for horticulture have been reduced. This reflects adjustments made to registration charges.
- We have also revised the charging risk assessment in consultation with the Department of Finance. The overall risk rating for 2026–27 financial year is rated as medium.

Fees and charges for agricultural export regulatory services from 1 July 2026

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](#).

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## Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the continuous connection of First Nations Traditional Owners and Custodians to the lands, seas and waters of Australia. We recognise their care for and cultivation of Country. We pay respect to Elders past and present, and recognise their knowledge and contribution to the productivity, innovation and sustainability of Australia's agriculture, fisheries and forestry industries.

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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 Variance	Comments
				Proposed 2026-27 (\$)	Proposed 2027-28 (\$)	Proposed 2028-29 (\$)	Proposed 2029-30 (\$)	2026-27 (\$)	2027-28 (\$)	2028-29 (\$)	2029-30 (\$)		
Levy-based charges	Establishment registration – grower or exporter	Annual	1,180	1056	1163	1276	1363	1,180	1,281.69	1,413.16	1,518.89	11%	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
Levy-based charges	Establishment registration – simple	Annual	5,900	5,282	5813	6381	6817	5,900	6,408.45	7,065.82	7,594.47	11%	
Levy-based charges	Establishment registration – simple – part year	Annual	2,950	2641	2906.5	3190.5	3408.5	2,950	3,204.23	3,532.91	3,797.23	11%	
Levy-based charges	Establishment registration – complex	Annual	11,799	10,563	11,624	12,761	13,632	11,799	12,815.82	14,130.44	15,187.64	11%	
Levy-based charges	Establishment registration – complex – part year	Annual	5,899.50	5281.5	5812	6380.5	6816	5,899.50	6,407.91	7,065.22	7,593.82	11%	
Levy-based charges	Establishment application	Per application	786	704	774	850	908	786	853.74	941.31	1,011.74	11%	
Levy-based charges	Authorised officer annual charge	Annual	983	1750	1926	2113	2293	983	1,915.39	2,090.76	2,209.95	-4%	

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													<p>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>
Levy-based charges	Tonnage charge – non protocol rate	Per tonne	1.28	1.85	2.03	2.21	2.35	1.28	1.98	2.14	2.28	-3%	Overall tonnage charges for horticulture have been reduced. This is a direct result of feedback from Industry consultation and the reduction in the overall cost base
Levy-based charges	Tonnage charge – protocol rate	Per tonne	2.56	3.7	4.05	4.42	4.7	2.56	3.96	4.29	4.56	-3%	

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Fee	Core inspection	Per quarter hour	47	44	48	52	56	47	58.61	63.8	67.71	21%	Pricing amendments made to inspection and audit price points reflect work to align prices for 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	108	111	114	117	98	122.21	133.03	141.19	21%	
Fee	Audit – authorised officer	Per quarter hour	47	61	66	72	77	47	62.76	68.2	72.09	-6%	
Fee	Audit – accredited property	Per quarter hour	47	61	66	72	77	47	62.76	68.2	72.09	-6%	
Fee	Audit – establishment	Per quarter hour	47	61	66	72	77	47	62.76	68.2	72.09	-6%	
Fee	Authorised officer application	Per application	328	538	588	641	692	328	807.86	880.09	928.38	34%	
Fee	Authorised officer approval	Per approval	328	359	392	428	461	328	538.58	586.73	618.92	34%	

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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%	to third party authorised officer fees resulting in price increases. These increases reflect an alignment of effort to cost.
Fee	Authorised officer assessment per function a	Per person delivered assessment	n/a	448	490	535	576	216	673.22	733.41	773.65	34%	
Fee	Authorised officer – application to vary authorisation (add function) a	Per application	328	336	367	401	432	328	504.92	550.06	580.24	34%	
Fee	Authorised officer eLearning a	Per person	n/a	269	294	321	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		

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													additional fees to applying the assessment and training (per function) fee as appropriate.
Fee	Export document – manually-issued phytosanitary certificate	Per document	197	116	124	132	140	197	169	147.63	157.48	12%	Amendments made to fee and charge components for export documents reflect work done to ensure more targeted allocation of function prices to effort.
Fee	Export document – manually-issued permit	Per document	197	116	124	132	140	197	169	147.63	157.48	12%	
Fee	Export document – other manually-issued	Per document	197	116	124	132	140	197	169	147.63	157.48	12%	
Fee	Export document – other electronically-issued	Per document	24	14	15	16	17	24	5.15	4.50	4.80	-72%	

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Fee	Export document – electronically-issued permit	Per document	24	14	15	16	17	24	5.15	4.5	4.8	-72%	
Fee	Replacement export document	Per document	574	514	582	659	719	574	220.54	192.66	205.52	-71%	
Fee/levy-based charge	Export document – electronically-issued phytosanitary certificate – (including fee and levy-based charge) b	Per document	99	123	134	146	155	99	121.17	130.17	138.53	-11%	
Fee/levy-based charge	– Levy-based charge		75	109	119	130	138	75	116.03	125.67	133.73	-3%	
Fee/levy-based charge	– Fee		24	14	15	16	17	24	5.15	4.50	4.80	-72%	
Fee/levy-based charge	Export document – tariff rate quota certificate – (including fee	Per document	87	81	88	96	101	87	37.24	38.24	39.29	-61%	Separate fee and levy-based charge points have been introduced for the issuance of

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Fee/levy-based charge	– Levy-based charge		46	67	73	80	84	46	6.55	6.72	6.91	-92%		
Fee/levy-based charge	– Fee		41	14	15	16	17	41	30.69	31.52	32.38	90%		
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
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	23.50	24.16	24.84	-1%		
OOH fee	Weekend and public holiday non-continuous	Any period up to 30 minutes	40	50	56	62	66	40	62.67	64.43	66.24	0%		

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	(up to 30 minutes)													
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%	years represent adjustments to account for rounding provisions.	
Organics c	Organic certifying body	Annual	8,608	8,338	8,878	9,171	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	4585.5	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%		

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Organics c	Assessment of applications or approvals	Per quarter hour	39	49	53	54	56	39	49.88	50.68	52.31	-7%	