# 2024-25 fees and charges for biosecurity and imported food regulatory activity from 1 July 2024

## Fees and charges for biosecurity regulatory activity from 1 July 2024

Table 1 sets out the indexed prices for biosecurity activities commencing 1 July 2024.

Table 1 Indexed fees and charges for biosecurity regulatory activities

| **Type of charge** | **Charge point** | **Unit** | **Pre-indexed Price ($)** | **Indexed Price ($)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Charge (levy) | Full Import Declaration charge – air | Per import declaration | 43 | 45 |
| Full Import Declaration charge – sea | Per import declaration | 63 | 66 |
| Non-commercial vessel arrival charge | Per vessel | 155 | 161 |
| Vessel, other than a non-commercial vessel arrival charge | Per vessel | 1,354 | 1,410 |
| Permit application charge | Per application | 122 | 127 |
| Approved arrangement application charge | Per application | 194 | 202 |
| Approved arrangement – AEPCOMM entry | Per item | 20 | 21 |
| Approved arrangement – single for full year(Part year 50% of annual charge) | Per item | 2,680 | 2,790 |
| Approved arrangement – multiple for full year(Part year 50% of annual charge)  | Per item | 3,110 | 3,238 |
| Approved arrangement – class 19 for full year (Part year 50% of annual charge) | Per item | 536 | 558 |
| Reservation charge – horses | Per animal | 983 | 1,023 |
| Confirmation of reservation charge – horses | Per animal | 3,934 | 4,095 |
| Reservation charge – ruminants | Per animal | 1,005 | 1,046 |
| Confirmation of reservation charge – ruminants | Per animal | 4,019 | 4,184 |
| Reservation charge – animal not covered by another item of this table (includes cat or dog) | Per animal | 253 | 263 |
| Confirmation of reservation – animal not covered by another item of this table (includes cat or dog) | Per animal | 1,012 | 1,053 |
| Reservation charge – bees | Per bee consignment | 837 | 871 |
| Confirmation of reservation charge – bees | Per bee consignment | 3,350 | 3,487 |
| Reservation of charge – avian (eggs for hatching) | Per hatching egg consignment | 13,109 | 13,646 |
| Confirmation of reservation charge – avian (eggs for hatching) | Per hatching egg consignment | 52,434 | 54,584 |
| Reservation charge – avian (live bird) | Per live bird consignment | 4,707 | 4,900 |
| Confirmation of reservation charge – avian (live bird) | Per live bird consignment | 18,827 | 19,599 |
| Importation charge – plants | Per m2 per month | 291 | 303 |
| 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 | 37 | 39 |
| Out-of-office fee during ordinary hours of duty | Per 15 minutes | 62 | 65 |
| Out-of-office fee during ordinary hours of duty | Daily | 1,221 | 1,271 |
| In-office fee outside ordinary hours on weekdays - when activity is provided immediately before or after ordinary hours | Per 15 minutes | 55 | 57 |
| In-office fee outside ordinary hours on weekdays - minimum charge when activity is not provided immediately before or after ordinary hours | Per 30 minutes | 110 | 114 |
| In-office fee outside ordinary hours on a weekend or departmental holiday | Per 30 minutes | 120 | 124 |
| In-office fee outside ordinary hours, after the first 30 minutes on a weekend or departmental holiday | Per 15 minutes | 60 | 62 |
| Out-of-office fee outside ordinary hours on weekdays when activity is provided immediately before or after ordinary hours only | Per 15 minutes | 80 | 83 |
| Out-of-office fee outside ordinary hours on weekdays - minimum charge when activity is not provided immediately before or after ordinary hours only | Per 30 minutes | 160 | 166 |
| Out-of-office fee outside ordinary hours on a weekend or departmental holiday | Per 15 minutes | 85 | 88 |
| Out-of-office fee outside ordinary hours on a weekend or departmental holiday - minimum of 30 minutes followed by the per 15-minute rate thereafter | Per 30 minutes | 170 | 176 |
| 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 | 37 | 39 |
|  | Assessment of a permit application fee outside ordinary hours on a weekday - in addition to the initial assessment fee when activity is provided immediately before or after ordinary hours | Per 15 minutes | 18 | 19 |
|  | Assessment of a permit application fee outside ordinary hours on a weekday - in any other case, a minimum of 30 minutes applies followed by the per 15-minute rate thereafter, in addition to the initial assessment fee | Per 30 minutes | 36 | 38 |
|  | Assessment of a permit application fee outside ordinary hours, on a weekend or departmental holiday - in addition to the initial assessment fee for the first 30 minutes | Per 30 minutes | 46 | 48 |
|  | Assessment of a permit application fee outside ordinary hours on a weekend or departmental holiday - a minimum of 30 minutes applies followed by the per 15-minute rate, thereafter, charged in addition to the initial assessment fee | Per 15 minutes | 23 | 24 |
| 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 | 45 | 47 |
| 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 516 but not more than 1,032  | At least 537 but not more than 1,074 |
| 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 43 but not more than 86  | At least 45 but not more than 90 |
| Fee for service – husbandry | Husbandry fee – horses that overstay the initial 14-day period | Per animal per day over 14 days | 44 | 46 |
| Husbandry fee – ruminants | Per animal per day | 101 | 105 |
| Husbandry fee – animal not covered by another item of this table (includes cat or dog) | Per animal per day | 50 | 52 |
| Husbandry fee – avian (eggs for hatching) | Per egg consignment per day | 76 | 79 |
| Husbandry fee – avian (consignment of birds) | Per live bird consignment per day | 57 | 59 |
| Husbandry fee – bees | Per bee consignment monthly | 469 | 488 |
| Husbandry fee – plants | Per m2 per month | 60 | 62 |
| Fee for service—assessment of permit application | Assessment Category 1 Permit application | Each application | 74 | 77 |
| Assessment Category 2 Permit application | Each application | 148 | 154 |
| Assessment Category 3 Permit application | Each application | 296 | 308 |
| Assessment Category 4 Permit application | Each application | 444 | 462 |
| Assessment Category 5 Permit application | Each application | 592 | 616 |

## Fees and charges for imported food regulatory activity from 1 July 2024

[Table 2](#Title_2) sets out the indexed prices for imported food regulatory activity commencing 1 July 2024.

Table 2 Indexed fees and charges for imported food regulatory activities

| **Type of charge** | **Charge point** | **Unit** | **Pre-indexed Price ($)** | **Indexed Price ($)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Charge (levy) | Full Import Declaration charge – air | Per import declaration | 43 | 45 |
| Full Import Declaration charge – sea | Per import declaration | 63 | 66 |
| Compliance agreement application charge | Per application | 194 | 202 |
| Compliance agreement – single for full year (Part year 50% of annual charge) | Per item | 2,680 | 2,790 |
| Fee for chargeable service – issue of approval or other relevant documentation, inspection, treatment, audit, analysis, training | In-office fee during ordinary hours of duty. | Per 15 minutes | 37 | 39 |
| Out-of-office fee during ordinary hours of duty. | Per 15 minutes | 62 | 65 |
| Out-of-office fee during ordinary hours of duty. | Daily | 1,221 | 1,271 |
| In-office fee outside ordinary hours on weekdays – when activity is provided immediately before or after ordinary hours. | Per 15 minutes | 55 | 57 |
| In-office fee outside ordinary hours on weekdays – minimum charge when activity is not provided immediately before or after ordinary hours. | Per 30 minutes | 110 | 114 |
| In-office fee outside ordinary hours on a weekend or public holiday. | Per 30 minutes | 120 | 124 |
| In-office fee outside ordinary hours, after the first 30 minutes on a weekend or departmental holiday. | Per 15 minutes | 60 | 62 |
| Out-of-office fee outside ordinary hours on weekdays when activity is provided immediately before or after ordinary hours only. | Per 15 minutes | 80 | 83 |
| Out-of-office fee outside ordinary hours on weekdays – minimum charge when activity is not provided immediately before or after ordinary hours only. | Per 30 minutes | 160 | 166 |
| Out-of-office fee outside ordinary hours on a weekend or departmental holiday.  | Per 15 minutes | 85 | 88 |
| Out-of-office fee outside ordinary hours on a weekend or public holiday – minimum of 30 minutes followed by the per 15-minute rate thereafter. | Per 30 minutes | 170 | 176 |

**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 2024

The indexation factor for 1 July 2024 is calculated using the [All-Groups Consumer Price Index (CPI) number](https://www.abs.gov.au/) for the 2023 December quarter and the CPI for the 2022 December quarter.

The formula is:

CPI for the 2023 December quarter (reference quarter) ÷ CPI for the 2022 December quarter (base quarter) = Indexation factor (136.1 ÷ 130.8 = 1.041)

Based on this formula, the indexation factor for July 2024 is 1.041.

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

Because the indexation factor for 1 July 2024 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 2024 × the indexation factor for 1 July 2024 (1.041).

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

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

Scenarios 1, 2 and 3 set out examples of how new prices are calculated where a dollar value is prescribed in legislation.

Scenario 1 Price calculation of full Import declaration charge for air cargo

| Price calculation | Price |
| --- | --- |
| Pre-indexed price for full import declaration charge for air cargo | $43 |
| Indexation factor | 1.041 |
| Calculation of new price | $43 x 1.041 |
| Price after indexation | $44.76 |
| New price (rounded to the nearest whole dollar) | $45 |

Scenario 2 Price calculation of a category 3 permit assessment fee

| Price calculation | Price |
| --- | --- |
| Pre-indexed price for category 3 permit assessment fee | $296 |
| Indexation factor | 1.041 |
| Calculation of new price | $296 x 1.041 |
| Price after indexation | $308.13 |
| New price (rounded to the nearest whole dollar) | $308 |

Scenario 3 Price calculation of application charge to enter into an approved arrangement

| Price calculation | Price |
| --- | --- |
| Pre-indexed price for an approved arrangement application charge | $194 |
| Indexation factor | 1.041 |
| Calculation of new price | $194 x 1.041 |
| Price after indexation | $201.95 |
| New price (rounded to the nearest whole dollar) | $202 |

## 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 the new price is calculated by working out the indexed price for the full amount and then applying the prescribed percentage. An example is provided in Scenario 4.

Scenario 4 Part year charge for a single approved arrangement

The annual charge that applies to enter into a single approved arrangement, where it has been applied for prior to 1 January in a financial year (full year) is currently $2,680.

If a person applies to enter into an arrangement after 1 January in a financial year (part year), the current charge is 50% of the full year charge, which is $1,340.

**The indexed rate for the annual charge for a full year is calculated as follows:**

* Pre-indexed price multiplied by the indexation factor = $2,680 x 1.041
* Price after indexation = $2,789.88
* New price rounded to the nearest whole dollar = $2,790
* The new price to enter into a single approved arrangement for a part year is 50% of the annual charge for a full year = $1,395.

Where a provision in legislation does not specify a dollar value, and the amount payable is set by reference to ‘twice the amount’ for a quarter hour increment, the new price is calculated by working out the indexed price for the quarter hour and then multiplying it by 2 an example is provided in Scenario 5.

Scenario 5 Non-continuous inspection on a weekday outside ordinary hours of duty

Where the department performs an inspection on a weekday outside ordinary hours of duty for each person carrying out the inspection the current rates that apply are:

* If the inspection is carried out immediately before or immediately after an in‑office activity during ordinary hours of duty — $55 for each quarter hour or part of a quarter hour.
* If the inspection is not carried out immediately before or immediately after an in‑office activity during ordinary hours of duty, a minimum fee for 30 minutes applies, which is set at an amount that is ‘twice the dollar amount’ specified for each quarter hour or part of a quarter hour.

**The indexed rate for the minimum 30 minutes where the activity is not continuous is calculated as follows**:

* New price for each quarter hour or part of a quarter hour = $55 x 1.041
* New price for the quarter hour = $57.26
* New price rounded to the nearest whole dollar = $57

When an inspection is not carried out immediately before or immediately after an in‑office activity during ordinary hours of duty the rate that applies is for a minimum of 30 minutes.

* The rate that applies for the 30-minute period is ‘twice the amount’ specified for each quarter hour.
* The new price for this 30-minute period = 2 x $57 = $114.

## More information

Access the 2024-25 biosecurity cost recovery implementation statement on the [department’s website](https://www.agriculture.gov.au/about/fees/biosecurity-cris).

For information on indexed prices e-mail: BioCRIS@aff.gov.au.

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