

MemberUpdate

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TOPIC: Call for Industry Feedback – Increase in Export Certification Fees

Distribution: GTA Members - primary contact list. Please circulate to all appropriate internal parties

Call for Industry Feedback

BACKGROUND

The Department of Agriculture (DA) has released a consultation paper called a Cost Recovery Implementation Standard ([CRIS](#)). The purpose of the CRIS is a result of the DA revising its cost recovery arrangements for exporting food and plant related commodities. The consultation calls for feedback on the draft CRIS prior to the setting of future fees and charges that will apply from season 2020/2021.

The consultation document states the main changes as outlined are:

1. A document fee will be charged for requests to amend or re-submit documents.
2. The AO learning and assessment charge cover 5 training modules. This fee will revert to a per module basis.
3. Phytosanitary certificate and tonnage levies (throughput based) were adjusted to ensure exporter pay a share proportional to their use of the export certification system.
4. A single multicommodity audit rate will now be charged to reflect the cross-skilled workforce and to simplify arrangements for industry.

Individual fees for service have been adjusted by DA and as shown in the attached [Table](#), there has been some substantive increases as compared to 2018/2019 unit-price fees.

Table 1. Comparison of unit-fee variations - 19/20 to 18/19

Fee Name	Charge Basis	18/19 Fee	19/20 Volume	19/20 FEE	Revenue forecast	Fee % Change
Establishment registration - simple	Annual	\$ 3,000	498	\$ 3,333	1,659,834	11%
Establishment registration - complex	Annual	\$ 6,000	15	\$ 6,666	99,990	11%
Authorised Officer Annual Charge	Annual	\$ 750	1000	\$ 999	999,000	33%
Organic Certifying Organisation	Annual	\$ 7,500	1	\$ 9,746	9,746	30%
Export volume - grain and related products	Per tonne	\$ 0.11	40859547	\$ 0.13	5,311,741	18%
Phyto sanitary certificate	Per Doc	\$ 36	55414	\$ 57	3,158,598	58%
Document - Replacement	Per Doc	\$ 500	45	\$ 500	22,500	0%
Establishment application (one - off)	On-Off	\$ 600	23	\$ 778	17,894	30%
					11,279,303	
Standard Audit	Every 15mins	\$ 36	25516	\$ 57	1,454,412	58%
Inspection	Every 15mins	\$ 75	10594	\$ 76	805,144	1%
Document - Electronic	Per Doc	\$ 12	58026	\$ 14	812,364	17%
Document - Manual	Per Doc	\$ 100	1	\$ 66	66	-34%
Electronic Permit	Per Doc	\$ 12	51497	\$ 14	720,958	17%
AAO Application	Per Application	\$ 250	219	\$ 290	63,510	16%
AAO Approval	Per Approval	\$ 250	650	\$ 290	188,500	16%
AAO Learning and Assessment	Per Module	\$ 1,750	456	\$ 1,012	461,472	-42%
					4,506,426	
*Note - fee changes in 19/20 to per module whereas prior year is for 5 modules						
					15,785,729	

CALLING FOR INDUSTRY SUBMISSION

GTA is seeking to consult further and receive feedback from Member's via Industry Submissions on the DA consultation paper. Submission received will be used to assist GTA to develop an industry submission on the consultation paper.

Industry feedback on the above issue must be received by **Friday 15 November 2019** and be forwarded to submissions@graintrade.org.au

All other submissions should be presented on the [GTA Technical Committee Submission Form](#).