



2026-27 fees and charges for biosecurity and imported food regulatory activity

In the 2026-27 financial year, most cost recovery charges for biosecurity and imported food regulatory activity will increase by 3.8% in accordance with legislated indexation provisions. The exception to this is the cost recovery charges that apply to companion animals which are proposed to increase above the indexation amount. This increase is driven by additional costs to deliver regulatory activity associated with companion animals at the Post Entry Quarantine (PEQ) facility.

In addition, in the 2026-27 financial year the department is proposing to:

- introduce new cost recovery charges for live snail consignments when housed at the PEQ
- make improvements to cost recovery for diagnostics through the introduction of new charge points and a revised fees structure
- amend specific legislative provisions and remove provisions that are no longer applied.

Further information on these proposed changes is provided in the accompanying documents ‘*Improving cost recovery for diagnostic activities*’ and ‘*Changes to cost recovery legislation in 2026-27*’.

Proposed fees and charges for companion animal regulatory activity

Table 1 sets out the proposed 2026-27 prices for cost recovery charges for companion animals. This increase is needed to allow the department to recover the additional costs to deliver regulatory activity in the companion animal pathway supporting ongoing alignment of cost to price.

Table 1 - Fees and charges for companion animal regulatory activities – above indexation

Type of charge	Charge point	Unit	2025-26 Price (\$)	Indexation only Increase (\$)	*2026-27 Price (\$)
Charge	Reservation charge – animal not covered by another item of this table (includes cat or dog)	Per animal	269	279	282
	Confirmation of reservation – animal not covered by another item of this table (includes cat or dog)	Per animal	1,078	1,119	1,132
Fee	Husbandry fee – animal not covered by another item of this table (includes cat or dog)	Per animal per day	53	55	56

*Price increases above indexation are pending decision of government.

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Table 2 includes proposed new fees and charges, proposed revisions to some existing charge points and indexed prices for biosecurity activities commencing 1 July 2026.

Table 2 Fees and charges for biosecurity regulatory activities

Type of charge	Charge point	Unit	2025-26 Price (\$)	2026-27 Price (\$)
Charge	Full Import Declaration charge – air	Per import declaration	46	48
	Full Import Declaration charge – sea	Per import declaration	68	71
	Self-Assessed Clearance charge	Per declaration	0.37	0.38
	Permit application charge	Per application	130	135
	Reservation charge – horses	Per animal	1,048	1,088
	Confirmation of reservation charge – horses	Per animal	4,193	4,352
	Reservation charge – ruminants	Per animal	1,071	1,112
	Confirmation of reservation charge – ruminants	Per animal	4,284	4,447
	Reservation charge – bees	Per bee consignment	892	926
	Confirmation of reservation charge – bees	Per bee consignment	3,571	3,707
	Reservation charge - live snails	Per consignment	New charge proposed to commence 1 July 2026	892
	Confirmation of a reservation charge - live snails	Per consignment	New charge proposed to commence 1 July 2026	3,571
	Reservation charge – avian (live bird)	Proposed to amend ‘per consignment’ to ‘per biocontainment unit’	5,018	5,209
	Confirmation of reservation charge – avian (live bird)	Proposed to amend ‘per consignment’ to ‘per biocontainment unit’	20,069	20,832
Reservation of charge – avian (eggs for hatching)	Proposed to amend ‘per consignment’ to ‘per biocontainment unit’	13,974	14,505	
Confirmation of reservation charge – avian (eggs for hatching)	Proposed to amend ‘per consignment’ to ‘per biocontainment unit’	55,894	58,018	
Importation charge – plants	Per m ² per month	310	322	
Approved arrangement application charge	Per application	207	215	
Approved arrangement – multiple for full year	Per item	3,316	3,442	
Approved arrangement – multiple for part year	Per item	1,658	1,721	

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Type of charge	Charge point	Unit	2025-26 Price (\$)	2026-27 Price (\$)
	(Part year 50% of annual charge)			
	Approved arrangement – class 19 for full year	Per item	571	593
	Approved arrangement – class 19 for part year	Per item	285.50	296.50
	(Part year 50% of annual charge)			
	Approved arrangement – single for full year	Per item	2,857	2,966
	Approved arrangement – single for part year	Per item	1,428.50	1,483
	(Part year 50% of annual charge)			
	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	2,744	2,848
	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	1,086	1,127
	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	1,372	1,424
	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	459	476
	Approved arrangement – upgrade part year (Covered by a single approved arrangement after January 1 then applies for and is approved to hold at least one further arrangement after 1 January in the same financial year)	Per item	229	238
	Approved arrangement – Class 19 entry (entry of information into the automated entry processing system)	Per item	22	23

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Type of charge	Charge point	Unit	2025-26 Price (\$)	2026-27 Price (\$)
	Non-commercial vessel arrival charge	Per vessel	165	171
	Vessel, other than a non-commercial vessel arrival charge	Per vessel	1,444	1,499
	Diagnostic activity in relation to an international vehicle carrier vessel entering Australian waters	Per vessel	New charge proposed to commence 1 July 2026	710
	Diagnostic activity in relation to an international vessel other than a vehicle carrier vessel entering Australian waters	Per vessel	New charge proposed to commence 1 July 2026	189
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	40	42
	In-office fee outside ordinary hours - when activity is provided immediately before or after ordinary hours (continuous)	Per 15 minutes for each person	58	60
	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	116	120
	In-office fee outside ordinary hours after the first 30-minutes on weekdays	Per 15 minutes for each person	58	60
	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	126	130
	In-office fee after the first 30 minutes on a weekend or departmental holiday	Per 15 minutes for each person	63	65
	Out-of-office fee during ordinary hours of duty	Per 15 minutes for each person	67	70
	Out-of-office fee during ordinary hours of duty	Daily for each person	1,302	1,351
	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	85	88
Out-of-office fee outside ordinary hours on weekdays - minimum 30-minute charge when activity is not provided immediately before or	Per 30 minutes for each person	170	176	

Fees and charges for biosecurity and imported food regulatory activity from 1 July 2026

Type of charge	Charge point	Unit	2025-26 Price (\$)	2026-27 Price (\$)
	after ordinary hours, followed by the 15-minute rate (non-continuous)			
	Out-of-office fee outside ordinary hours on weekdays after the first 30-minutes	Per 15 minutes for each person	85	88
	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	180	186
	Out-of-office fee on a weekend or departmental holiday after the initial 30-minutes	Per 15 minutes for each person	90	93
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	48	50
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 550 but not more than 1,100	At least 571 but not more than 1,142
	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 46 but not more than 92	At least 48 but not more than 95
Fee for service – husbandry	Husbandry fee – horses that overstay the initial 14-day period	Per animal per day over 14 days	47	Proposed to remove fee
	Husbandry fee – ruminants	Per animal per day	108	112
	Husbandry fee – bees	Per bee consignment monthly	500	519
	Husbandry fee – live snails	Per calendar month or part thereof, per consignment	New fee proposed to commence 1 July 2026	2,470
	Husbandry fee – avian (consignment of birds)	Proposed to amend ‘per consignment’ to ‘per biocontainment unit’ per day	60	62
	Husbandry fee – avian (eggs for hatching)	Proposed to amend ‘per consignment’ to ‘per biocontainment unit’ per day	81	84
	Husbandry fee – plants	Per m ² per month	63	65
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	40	42
	Assessment Category 1 Permit application	Each application	79	82

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Type of charge	Charge point	Unit	2025-26 Price (\$)	2026-27 Price (\$)
	Assessment Category 2 Permit application	Each application	158	164
	Assessment Category 3 Permit application	Each application	315	327
	Assessment Category 4 Permit application	Each application	473	491
	Assessment Category 5 Permit application	Each application	631	655

Note: all proposed changes are pending decision of government.

Fees and charges for imported food regulatory activity from 1 July 2026

Table 3 sets out the indexed prices for imported food regulatory activity commencing 1 July 2026.

Table 3 - Fees and charges for imported food regulatory activities

Type of charge	Charge point	Unit	2025-26 Price (\$)	2026-27 Price (\$)
Charge (levy)	Compliance agreement application charge	Per application	207	215
	Compliance agreement – multiple for full year	Per item	3,316	3,442
	Compliance agreement – multiple for part year (Part year 50% of annual charge)	Per item	1,658	1,721
	Compliance agreement – single for full year	Per item	2,857	2,966
	Compliance agreement – single for part year (Part year 50% of annual charge)	Per item	1,428.50	1,483
	Compliance agreement – upgrade full year– class 19 (Covered by a class 19 then approved to hold an agreement before 1 January in the same financial year)	Per item	2,744	2,848
	Compliance agreement – upgrade part year– class 19 (Covered by a class 19 then approved to hold an agreement after 1 January in the same financial year)	Per item	1,086	1,127
	Compliance agreement – upgrade part year – class 19 (Covered by a class 19 for the first time after 1 January then is approved to hold an agreement in the same financial year)	Per item	1,372	1,424
	Compliance agreement – upgrade full year (Covered by an agreement then approved to hold an approved arrangement before 1 January in the same financial year)	Per item	459	476
	Compliance agreement – upgrade part year (Covered by an agreement after January 1 then approved to hold at an arrangement after 1 January in the same financial year)		229	238
Fee for service – issue of approval	In-office fee during ordinary hours of duty	Per 15 minutes for each person	40	42

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Type of charge	Charge point	Unit	2025-26 Price (\$)	2026-27 Price (\$)
or other relevant documentation, inspection, treatment, audit, analysis, training	In-office fee outside ordinary hours - when activity is provided immediately before or after ordinary hours (continuous)	Per 15 minutes for each person	58	60
	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	116	120
	In-office fee outside ordinary hours after the first 30-minutes on weekdays	Per 15 minutes for each person	58	60
	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	126	130
	In-office fee after the first 30 minutes on a weekend or departmental holiday	Per 15 minutes for each person	63	65
	Out-of-office fee during ordinary hours of duty	Per 15 minutes for each person	67	70
	Out-of-office fee during ordinary hours of duty	Daily for each person	1,302	1,351
	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	85	88
	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	170	176
	Out-of-office fee outside ordinary hours on weekdays after the first 30-minutes	Per 15 minutes for each person	85	88
	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	180	186
	Out-of-office fee on a weekend or departmental holiday after the initial 30-minutes	Per 15 minutes for each person	90	93

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 2026

The indexation factor for 1 July 2026 is calculated using the [All-Groups Consumer Price Index \(CPI\) number](#) (being the weighted average of the 8 capital cities) for the 2025 December quarter and the CPI for the 2024 December quarter.

The formula is:

$$\text{CPI for the 2025 December quarter (reference quarter)} \div \text{CPI for the 2024 December quarter (base quarter)} = \text{Indexation factor (100.97} \div \text{97.31} = \text{1.038)}$$

Based on this formula, the indexation factor for July 2026 is 1.038.

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

Because the indexation factor for 1 July 2026 is greater than 1, fees and charges covered by an indexation provision will be indexed using:

$$\text{the dollar amount of the relevant fee or charge immediately before 1 July 2026} \times \text{the indexation factor for 1 July 2026 (1.038)}.$$

The indexed amount of the fee is to the nearest whole dollar. The indexed amount for a charge is rounded to:

- If the amount is below \$1, the nearest cent (rounding 0.5 cents upwards) or
- In any other case, the nearest whole dollar (rounding 50 cents upwards).

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	\$46
Indexation factor	1.038
Calculation of new price	\$46 x 1.038

Price calculation	Price
Price after indexation	\$47.75
New price (rounded to the nearest whole dollar)	\$48

Scenario 2 price calculation of a category 3 permit assessment fee

Price calculation	Price
Pre-indexed price for category 3 permit assessment fee	\$315
Indexation factor	1.038
Calculation of new price	$\$315 \times 1.038$
Price after indexation	\$326.97
New price (rounded to the nearest whole dollar)	\$327

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	\$207
Indexation factor	1.038
Calculation of new price	$\$207 \times 1.038$
Price after indexation	\$214.87
New price (rounded to the nearest whole dollar)	\$215

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 of another charge, the new price is calculated by working out the indexed price for the full amount of the other charge 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 \$2,857.

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 \$1,428.5.

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

- Pre-indexed price multiplied by the indexation factor = $\$2,857 \times 1.038$
- Price after indexation = \$2,965.57
- New price rounded to the nearest whole dollar = \$2,966
- The new price to enter into a single approved arrangement for a part year is 50% of the annual charge for a full year = \$1,483.

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 — \$58 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 = $\$58 \times 1.038$
- New price for the quarter hour = \$60.20
- New price rounded to the nearest whole dollar = \$60

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 \times \$60 = \120 .

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