

Proposed Fees and Charges

Building

Frequently asked questions



What fees are changing?

Charge-out rate range

We've made a small adjustment to our hourly charge-out rates from \$115 - \$280 per hour to \$130 - \$300 per hour, as they haven't been reviewed for several years. The updated rates are in line with industry ranges and support us to continue providing a reliable service.

Project information memoranda (PIM)

We've updated our PIM fee to better reflect the actual time involved in assessing applications from \$330 + actual cost to \$500. This also recognises the increasing number of independent Building Consent Authorities, which means more applications may require a PIM. The revised fee helps ensure the cost of this work is applied fairly and accurately.

Building consent deposits

We've rounded some deposit amounts to the nearest \$10 to make payments simpler for customers. The deposit is only an initial payment and does not reflect the total cost of the building consent.

Online service provider levies

Our online consenting system, Objective Build, applies fees for certain application types. These costs are passed through to customers, and the updates reflect changes made by the provider. There are a number of online service provider levies in our Fees and Charges schedule. These have increased on average by 5%. For more information please refer to section 11 of the draft Fees and Charges 26/27 schedule.

Applications for extension of time to start of complete building work

We're proposing a minor adjustment to the fee for applications to extend a consent lapse date or the Code Compliance Certificate decision timeframe, increasing it from \$145 to \$150. This helps keep our fees up to date with the cost of delivering the service.

What fees are new?

Project information memoranda (PIM) for small stand-alone dwellings

A new PIM application has been introduced for small stand-alone dwellings following recent legislative changes. This will be charged as actual cost with an initial \$1,000 deposit required. This applies where the proposed work is exempt from building consent under the 'granny flat' exemption. It ensures key site-specific matters, such as natural hazards and servicing, are considered early in the process.

Why are we introducing a fee for small stand-alone dwellings PIMS?

Even where work is exempt under the 'granny flat' exemption, a PIM is required under legislation to identify key site-specific matters early. As there is no building consent process, the PIM ensures important information, such as natural hazards and servicing requirements, is considered before work begins.