

## Proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026-27

### *Scale of Charges*

The following Scale of Charges is to be applied where indicated to activities includes in this Schedule of Fees and Charges.

<b>Charge</b>	<b>Current (2025-26)</b>	<b>Proposed (2026-27)</b>
<b>Staff time per hour:</b>		
- Management	\$215	\$215
- Team Leader/Principal	\$195	\$195
- Senior Technical	\$175	\$175
- Technical	\$150	\$150
- Field staff	\$150	\$150
- Administration	\$115	\$115
- Specialist Expert Services. For example: Science, Hazards or Engineering time.	\$175	\$175
Disbursements	Actual	Actual
Additional Site Notice	Actual	Actual
Advertisements	Actual	Actual
Vehicle use per kilometre	As per IRD Published Rates	As per IRD Published Rates
Harbourmaster vessel per hour	\$395	\$395
Travel and accommodation	Actual	Actual
Testing charges	Actual	Actual
Consultants	Actual	Actual
Commissioners	Actual	Actual
<b>Councillor Hearing fees per hour:</b>		
- Chairperson	\$116	\$116
- Member	\$93	\$93
- Expenses	Actual	Actual

### Resource Management Act – Section 36 Charges

Set out below are details of the amounts payable for those activities to be funded by fees and charges, as authorised by Section 36(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

### *Resource Consent Application Fees*

Note that the fees shown below are a deposit to be paid on lodgement of a consent application and applications for exemptions in respect of water measuring devices. The deposit will not usually cover the full cost of processing the application, and further actual and reasonable costs are incurred at the rate shown in the scale of charges. GST is included in all fees and charges. Costs for applications are typically invoiced at the end of process.

### Pre-Application Work

We offer a pre-application service to help customers. The first 30 minutes of pre-application advice or review of application documents is free of charge. We will always advise before we start charging for application advice. For larger pre-application projects we may invoice before, during, and after the process is complete. Fees payable for pre-application work carried out before a consent application is lodged with Council will be incurred at the rates shown in the scale of charges.

Deposits		Current (2025-26)	Proposed (2026-27)
<b>Publicly Notified Deposits:</b> <sup>3</sup>		\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>Non-Notified and Limited Notification Deposits:</b> <sup>3</sup>	First consent	\$3,000	\$3,000
	Subsequent consents	\$200	\$200
<b>Other Application Types</b>			
	Variation to Conditions – s127	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>Fixed Fees</b>			
Single Bore		\$1,365	\$1,365
Single farm dairy effluent storage and discharge to land		\$5,000	\$5,000
Single dairy effluent discharge to land		\$3,500	\$3,500
Small scale contaminated land disturbance		\$3,500	\$3,500
Exemption under regulation 7A of the Water Metering Regulations		\$250	\$250
Exemption under regulations 9 or 10 of the Water Metering Regulations		\$600	\$600
Transfer consent holder and certificate		\$200	\$200
<b>Hearings</b>			
Hearings		Per Note 2 below	Per Note 2 below
Payment for Commissioner request – s100A		Per Note 4 below	Per Note 4 below
<b>Objections</b>			
Payment for Commissioner request – s357AB		Per Note 4 below	Per Note 4 below
<b>Transfer of Consent Holder and Certificates Deposits:</b>			
Priority Table		\$200	\$200
Certificate of Compliance		\$2,000	\$2,000
All Other Costs		As per Scale of Charges	As per Scale of Charges

### Notes:

- For additional permits in respect of the same site, activity, applicant, time of application, and closely related effect as the first application. Applications for more than one activity require an additional deposit for each activity. The \$200 deposit is required for each additional activity applied for in an application this deposit amount includes a one-off compliance administration fee of \$100.
- An interim invoice of costs to date in addition to a deposit payable shall be 90% of the cost of a hearing as calculated by Council in accordance with information contained in the application file and using the scale of charges. The amount payable will be due at least 10

working days before the commencement of the hearing. If the amount is not paid by the due date, then the Council reserves the right under S36(7) of the Resource Management Act to stop processing the application. This may include cancellation of the hearing.

- i. Should a hearing be cancelled or postponed due to the non-payment of the charge, the applicant will be invoiced for any costs that arise from that cancellation or postponement.
  - ii. Following completion of the hearing process, any shortfall in the recovery of hearing costs will be invoiced, or any over recovery will be refunded to the applicant
3. This deposit is to be paid as the initial deposit if you request public notification when your application is lodged with Council, or when there is a decision made to publicly notify your application. This is as well as the other costs associated with notified applications. Where actual and reasonable costs are less than the deposit paid, a refund will be given.
4. Where an applicant requests under s100A (for a consent hearing) or under s357AB (for the hearing of an objection) an independent commissioner(s); the applicant will be required to pay any increase in cost of having the commissioner(s).

***Use of Consultants for resource consents***

If ORC uses an external consultant for the processing of a consent, or to provide technical input into the application then the full actual and reasonable costs of the consultant is charged to the applicant. This may include instances where the applicant makes a request for urgency, the application involves complex and/or technical matters or a peer review is necessary. ORC will also charge the applicant for time spent managing the consultant. ORC will advise the applicant before engaging a consultant.

If ORC uses a consultant to commission a report under section 92(2) of the RMA, the full cost of the consultant is charged to the applicant.

***Review of Consent Conditions***

Following the granting of a consent, a subsequent review of consent conditions may be carried out at either the request of the consent holder, or as authorised under Section 128, as a requirement of Council. Costs incurred in undertaking reviews requested by the Consent Holder, or as authorised under Section 128 will be payable by the Consent Holder at the rates shown in the Scale of Charges above.

***Compliance Monitoring***

***Performance Monitoring***

The following charges will apply to the review and/or monitoring of performance monitoring conditions for all consent holders, except those listed in ‘Fees for Specific Consent Holders’ section below. The charges shown are annual fixed fees per performance monitoring report or plan, and are inclusive of GST.

<b>Resource Consent Monitoring and Annual Administration Charges</b>	<b>Current (2025-26)</b>	<b>Proposed (2026-27)</b>
One off compliance set up fee to be charged on all new applications 1 <sup>st</sup> consent. Covers the cost of compliance monitoring systems. <i>This is included in the consent deposit and fixed fees above and only to be charged if a deposit or fixed fee is not paid.</i>	\$180	\$180
One off compliance set up fee to be charged on all new applications (subsequent consents) covers the cost of compliance monitoring systems. <i>This is included in the consent deposit and fixed fees above and only to be charged if a deposit or fixed fee is not paid.</i>	\$100	\$100

Ongoing compliance management fee to be charged on consents with Performance Monitoring requirements.	\$62	\$62
Late performance monitoring fee to be charged as required.	\$180	Removed
<b>Annual Consent Compliance Monitoring Charges</b>	<b>Current (2025-26)</b>	<b>Proposed (2026-27)</b>
Compliance monitoring charge for each other item due during the financial year (unless covered by one of the fees below) examples include management plans, provision of photos, bore logs, notifications, record of complaints, annual reports.	\$87	\$87
Annual charge for the receipt and processing of telemetered water take data/information (including verifications returns)	\$230	\$230
Each additional telemetered water measuring device	\$62	\$62
Annual charge for the receipt and processing of manual and data logger water take data/information (including verification returns), excludes those who hold a WEX for the installation of telemetry.	\$290	\$290
Each additional non telemetered water measuring device	\$125	\$125
Annual charge for the receipt and processing of all returns relating to small/simple discharge consents.	\$102	\$102
Annual charge for the receipt and processing of all returns relating to medium/moderately complex discharge consents.	\$390	\$390
Annual charge for the receipt and processing of all returns relating to large/complex discharge consents.	\$1,145	\$1,145
Annual charge for the receipt and processing of all returns relating to simple/small earthworks consents.	\$335	\$335
Annual charge for the receipt and processing of all returns relating to standard/medium earthworks consents.	\$1,075	\$1,075
Annual charge for the receipt and processing of all returns relating to complex/large earthworks consents. Very large developments may be set up as major clients.	\$2,250	\$2,250
Inspection reports for small dams (RMA Consents)	\$175	\$175
Inspection reports for large dams (RMA Consents)	\$340	\$340
Structural integrity report	\$125	\$125
CMA Structure Permit (Annual Charge)	\$30	\$30
<b>Low flow monitoring charges</b>		
Kakanui at McCones	\$410	\$410

### ***Fees for Specific Consent Holders***

Performance monitoring will be charged as 100% of actual costs where applying the fixed charges listed above do not represent a fair and reasonable charge. This includes major consent holders who hold a large number of individual consents and/or consents which contain complex monitoring requirements. It also includes consents where data or information is consistently submitted in a way which generates significant extra costs for Council.

Additional charges may be incurred for new consents granted during the year.

## ***Resource consent monitoring***

### ***Resource consent audits***

Audits and site inspections for monitoring consents will be as follows:

Resource Consent Monitoring audit fee <sup>1</sup>	Current (2025-26)	Proposed (2026-27)	Change
Coastal permit – structure	\$300	\$300	
Coastal permit – mooring	\$250	\$250	
Bore inspection	\$400	\$400	
Small/simple on-site waste water discharge consent	\$450	\$450	
Dairy Consent Audit (note - to cover and replace dairy targeted rate)	\$500	\$500	

All other audits of resource consents will be charged at the actual and reasonable cost incurred using the Scale of Charges. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Staff time to carry out an inspection (including travel), assess any information provided by consent holders, report back to consent holders and follow up any non-compliance (if required).
- Any disbursements related to the monitoring, including sampling and testing costs and any specialist or technical advice needed.

#### ***Non Compliance – Resource Consent***

The following activities will be charged at the actual and reasonable cost incurred, using the Scale of Charges. For clarification, these costs are in addition to any resource consent auditing costs:

1. Where non-compliance with a resource consent is identified, charges may be paid by a person, for the ORC carrying out any function to determine whether the contravention has occurred.
2. If there has been a breach of a resource consent then the ORC shall charge the consent holder the full costs of monitoring and supervising the exercise of the consent in respect of that breach, including:
  - a. Staff time to consider the non-compliance, prepare reports and correspondence, and any disbursements (eg sampling services, technical advice) related to consent non-compliance.
  - b. Response to an incident notification (eg a complaint about water pollution or odour discharge), the consent holder is only charged if the consent is breached, and non-compliance is observed.
  - c. Costs for external consultants/contractors (actual charges)
3. Charges payable by a person subject to an abatement notice or enforcement order, for the issuing, administering, supervising or monitoring compliance with that notice.

#### ***Non-Compliance General***

Where non-compliance with the Resource Management Act 1991, a National Environmental Standard, a Regulation or a rule in a plan is identified, charges may be paid by a person, for the ORC carrying out any function to determine whether the contravention has occurred, using the Scale of Charges.

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<sup>1</sup> costs are charged on a per consent basis.

## ***Other Compliance Activities***

The following activities will be charged at the actual and reasonable cost incurred, using the Scale of Charges. For clarification, these costs are in addition to any resource consent auditing costs:

1. The monitoring of a person's compliance with any rule that relates to a permitted activity, excluding a rule in a plan that permits the same activity as is permitted in a National Environmental Standard.
2. Performance and compliance monitoring of permitted activities under a National Environmental Standard, including but not limited to Freshwater, Commercial Forestry and Storing of Tyres Outdoors - if the ORC is empowered to charge for the monitoring in accordance with [section 43A\(8\)](#) of the RMA .
3. Charges payable by farm operators, in relation to freshwater farm plans, for ORC carrying out its functions under section 217I of the RMA.

## ***Gravel Inspection and Management***

Gravel extraction fee – \$0.66 per cubic metre. Up to a maximum of \$6,600 per consent per year.

## ***Resource Monitoring***

Water or air monitoring work carried out for external parties – Scale of Charges.

## ***Private Plan Changes***

Work carried out on privately initiated plan changes – Scale of Charges.

## **Building Act 2004 – Section 243 Charges**

### ***Dam Safety and Building Control***

The following table of charges and deposits will apply to the Dam Safety and Building Control activity.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Deposit</b>	<b>Current (2025-26)</b>	<b>Proposed (2026-27)</b>
Issue of Certification of Acceptance (CoA)	Receive, process and grant or refuse applications for CoA	\$2,000	Scale of Charges plus MBIE/BRANZ levies where applicable*	Scale of Charges plus MBIE/BRANZ levies where applicable*
Project Information Memorandum (PIM) for a Dam	Receive, process and issue PIM applications	-	Scale of Charges	Scale of Charges
Dam Safety	Dangerous dams, earthquake - prone dams, and flood-prone dams – inspections and enforcement	-	Scale of Charges	Scale of Charges
	Consider and approve (or refuse) dam classifications	-	Fixed Fee - \$115	Fixed Fee - \$115

	Approve or refuse dam safety assurance programmes	-	Fixed Fee - \$285	Fixed Fee - \$285
	Receive annual dam safety assurance programme compliance certificates	-	Fixed Fee - \$60	Fixed Fee - \$60
Notices to Fix (NTF)	Issue of NTF	-	Scale of Charges	Scale of Charges
	Inspection(s) of building work under NTF	-	Scale of Charges	Scale of Charges
Any other activity under the Building Act		-	Scale of Charges	Scale of Charges

\*Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) and Building Research Association of New Zealand (BRANZ) levies apply to COA applications where the estimated value of building work is greater than \$20,000. The Otago Regional Council is required to collect these levies from the applicant on behalf of MBIE and BRANZ. The levies quoted are as required by regulation and may change in accordance with amendments made to regulations.

### **Biosecurity Act – Section 135 Charges**

#### ***Regional Pest Management Plan Implementation***

Work carried out resulting from inaction of landowners not complying with the Otago Pest Management Plan 2019-2029. The 'Scale of Charges' applies.

Section 128 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 enables the power to act on default when an enforcement document has not been complied with in

- (a) The time specified in it for compliance; or
- (b) If no time was specified in it, a reasonable time.

### **Local Government Act – Section 150 Charges**

#### ***Transport Licensing Exempt Services***

Apply to register or vary an existing registration - Scale of Charges; deposit payable of \$575.

#### ***Bylaw Application Processing***

Processing bylaw applications with the 'Scale of Charges' applying and deposit payable of \$300.

### **Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act – Section 13 and Resource Management Act Section 36(1)**

#### ***Information Requests***

Information requests that require more than half an hour to respond to, and multiple copies of Council reports. The 'Scale of Charges' applies.

**Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 – Section 88 Charges**

***Postponement***

A postponement fee to cover administration and financial costs may be charged on postponed rates – scale of charges.