

Food Act 2014 Fees



Statement of Proposal for fees and charges under the Food Act 2014 (Summary)

The Food Act 2014 – A new approach

The Food Act 2014 came into force on 1 March 2016 replacing the Food Act 1981 and the Food Hygiene Regulations 1974.

The central feature of the new Act is that businesses will be regulated according to the level of food safety risk that their food presents to the public. Those that are a higher risk will have more stringent food safety requirements and checks compared to lower risk businesses.

Fees under the Food Act 2014

Councils can charge fees to recover the direct and indirect costs of providing Registration, Compliance and Monitoring and Verification/Auditing under the new Act.

When setting the fees Councils are required to take into account the following principles:

Equity – funding is sourced from users or beneficiaries at a level that is in line with the use or benefit they gain from the function, power or service being provided.

Efficiency – costs are allocated and recovered to ensure that maximum benefits are delivered at minimum cost.

Justifiability – costs are collected only to meet actual and reasonable costs (including indirect costs).

Transparency – costs are identified and allocated as closely as practicable to tangible service provision for the recovery period in which the service is provided.

Proposed Fees

Council is proposing a mix of fixed fees and fees based on an hourly rate. These are shown in the table.

Fixed fees are proposed for services like registration where the process has very few variables. The benefit of a fixed fee is that it gives business owners certainty regarding how much a service will cost.

In other instances where there is likely to be more variability in the costs for the services provided, an hourly rate charge is considered more appropriate.

A copy of the full Statement of Proposal can be viewed on the Council's website www.timaru.govt.nz or by phoning **03 687 7200**

Have your say

Let us know what you think about our proposed Food Act fees.

- Go to the Council website www.timaru.govt.nz and complete the online feedback form
- Email a submission to submission@timdc.govt.nz
- Write a submission and send this to Food Act Fees Submission, Freepost Authority No 95136, PO Box 522, Timaru 7940.

Want more information?

If you have any questions about the proposed fees or need further information you can contact Paul Cooper, Environmental Services Manager (paul.cooper@timdc.govt.nz).

If you have any questions about the consultation process, please contact Ann Fitzgerald (ann.fitzgerald@timdc.govt.nz) or Mark Low (mark.low@timdc.govt.nz)

(1) New Registration	
Food Control Plan (FCP) – single site	\$150 fixed fee plus \$150 per hour after the first hour
FCP – multi site	\$225 fixed fee plus \$150 per hour after the first hour
National Programme (NP)	\$150 fixed fee plus \$150 per hour after the first hour
Consultancy (optional) – new business set up assistance/pre opening visit	\$150 per hour
FCP Mentoring (optional)	\$300 fixed fee
(2) Registration Renewal	
12 month renewal – FCPs single site	\$150 fixed fee
12 month renewals – FCPs multi site	\$225 fixed fee
24 month renewals – NPs	\$200 fixed fee
FCP Mentoring	\$300 fixed fee
(3) Compliance and Monitoring	
FCP – annual (incl those FCPs registered before 1 March 2016)	\$75 fixed fee
NP – 24 month	\$150 fixed fee
(4) Verification (Audit)	
FCP – single site audit	\$300 fixed fee
FCP – multi site audit	\$300 fixed fee plus \$150 per hour after the first 2 hours
FCP Audit close-out over 15 minutes	\$150 per hour
NP1 Check (one-off)	\$150 per hour
NP2 Audit – 3 yearly	\$150 per hour
NP3 Audit – 2 yearly	\$150 per hour
(5) Complaint driven investigation	
Complaint resulting in issue of improvement notice by Food Safety Officer and its review	\$150 per hour plus actual travel costs and disbursements
(6) Exemption	
Application & Assessment	\$150 per hour
(7) Travel Charges (applied to the fees above as appropriate)	
Zone 1 (Timaru District Council)	\$10 fixed charge per visit
Zone 2 (Mackenzie District Council)	\$55 fixed charge per visit
Zone 3 (Waimate District Council)	\$30 fixed charge per visit
Actual Travel Costs	Where applicable, charged at 85cents per km plus staff travel time at \$150 per hour

Timeline for considering the proposed fees

14 April 2016 – 16 May 2016	Consultation period
5pm, 16 May 2016	Submissions close
Week of 30 May 2016	Joint Committee of Timaru, Waimate and Mackenzie District Councils consider submissions
June 2016	Councils decisions on fees to be charged
1 July 2016	New fee structure applicable