



# Resource Management Charges

A guide to Greater Wellington's resource management charges

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Greater Wellington undertakes a wide variety of services in administering and implementing the Resource Management Act 1991 and Building Act 2004. The recovery of costs for undertaking these services is outlined in our Resource Management Charging Policy (the Policy).

This guide provides the key information contained in the Policy and overview of the things we charge for including:

- Fees and charges for processing resource consent applications
- Fees and charges for monitoring resource consents

This guide also provides a summary of other charges and key information that will help you in understanding our resource management charges.



## Fees and charges for processing resource consent applications

Greater Wellington processes resource consent applications for various activities within the region. Most applications are processed as non-notified. The initial fixed application fee for processing various non-notified consent types is provided in Table 1.

**Table 1: Non-notified initial fixed application fees**

| Consent Type (s87 RMA unless specified)                         | Initial fee (excl. GST) | Initial fee (incl. GST) |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Discharge to Land   | \$ 825.00               | \$ 948.75               |
| Discharge to Water (agricultural or sewage)                     | \$1,815.00              | \$2,087.25              |
| Discharge to Water (other)                                      | \$1,265.00              | \$1,454.75              |
| Discharge to Air  | \$ 880.00               | \$1,012.00              |
| Take/Use, Water – new application                               | \$1,320.00              | \$1,518.00              |
| Take/Use, Water – replacement application                       | \$ 770.00               | \$ 885.50               |
| Dam/Divert Water  | \$ 605.00               | \$ 695.75               |
| Land Use (land clearing, logging, soil disturbance)             | \$1,045.00              | \$1,201.75              |
| Land Use (works in the bed of a lake or river, bridge, culvert) | \$ 605.00               | \$ 695.75               |
| Land Use (bore)   | \$ 315.00               | \$ 362.25               |
| Coastal Permit (mooring)  | \$ 440.00               | \$ 506.00               |
| Coastal Permit (boatshed)                                       | \$1,320.00              | \$1,518.00              |
| Coastal Permit (other)  | \$ 715.00               | \$ 822.25               |
| Change of consent conditions (s127, RMA)                        | \$ 440.00               | \$ 506.00               |
| Change of lapse date (s125, RMA)                                | \$ 275.00               | \$ 316.25               |
| Certificate of compliance (s139, RMA)                           | \$1,100.00              | \$1,265.00              |
| Other Consent Types   | \$ 825.00               | \$ 948.75               |

Where more than one application is required for the same non-notified project an initial fixed application fee is required for each application lodged.



If your application is required to be notified, an initial fixed application fee is required when your application is lodged and a further fixed application fee is required if a hearing is required to decide your application as shown in Table 2.

**Table 2: Notified initial and further fixed application fees**

| Resource consent process                                 | Initial fee (excl. GST)           | Initial fee (incl. GST)           |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Initial limited notified application fee (up to hearing) | \$4,400.00                        | \$ 5,060.00                       |
| Initial fully notified application fee (up to hearing)   | \$8,800.00                        | \$10,120.00                       |
| Further application fee when hearing required            | \$2,000.00 per scheduled half day | \$2,300.00 per scheduled half day |

Processing of your application will only commence once the correct initial application fee is paid in full.

The initial fixed application fees are set at the average cost for processing various consent types. Greater Wellington charges the actual and reasonable cost for processing any application for staff time at a rate of \$110/hour (excl. GST) plus disbursements. If the cost is less than the application fee you will receive a refund. If the cost is more than the initial fixed application fee additional charges apply. Where additional charges are likely to be significantly more than the initial fixed application fee, we will advise when your application is being processed.

## Fees and charges for monitoring resource consents

Once you hold a resource consent, you will receive either an annual or one-off [Consent Supervision and Monitoring Charge](#). Annual charges apply to consents which have ongoing effects on the environment and are invoiced on the anniversary of the granting of your consent. One-off charges apply to consents where there are effects during the construction period of an activity, but once construction has finished there are no ongoing environmental effects.

There are three components to consent supervision and monitoring charges:

[Customer Service Charge](#) – This is a fixed charge of \$40 and covers costs associated with administering your consent.

[Compliance Monitoring Charge](#) – This is a variable charge dependent on the level of compliance monitoring undertaken for your consent which is tailored to your individual circumstances.

[State of the Environment \(SoE\) Monitoring Charge](#) – This is a variable charge that covers a proportion of the cost of Greater Wellington undertaking SoE monitoring (e.g. groundwater level monitoring).

The total amount of your consent supervision and monitoring charge is dependent on the nature and scale of your activity and the pressures created on the environment as a result of your activity. The range of fixed compliance and SoE monitoring charges is shown in Table 3:

**Table 3: Range of Fixed Compliance and State of the Environment Monitoring Charges**

| Consent type               | Compliance monitoring charges (excl. GST) | State of the environment monitoring charges (excl. GST) |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| Land use consents          | \$55 – \$660                              | None  |
| Surface water take permits | \$55 – \$385                              | \$30 – \$2,000  |
| Groundwater take permits   | \$55 – \$385                              | \$20 – \$1,000  |
| Discharge to water permits | \$110 – \$1,980                           | \$100 – \$2,000   |
| Discharge to land permits  | \$110 – \$1,980                           | \$30 – \$500  |
| Discharge to air permits   | \$110 – \$2,310                           | \$30 – \$1500   |
| Coastal permits            | \$55 – \$660                              | \$100 – \$2,000*  |

\* Coastal permits to discharge contaminants to water only

Additional compliance monitoring charges apply in the following circumstances:

1. If your activity is non-standard and requires a greater level of monitoring
2. If your activity is non-complying and we need to carry out further inspections and assessment of your activity to ensure you met compliance with your consent conditions



## Other charges

### Building Act charges

The Building Act 2004 gives responsibilities pertaining to dams to Regional Councils. Processing building consent applications for dams is completed for Greater Wellington by Environment Waikato. Please refer to [www.waikatoregion.govt.nz](http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz) for information on building consent fees. Other functions pertaining to dams are handled directly by Greater Wellington (e.g. PIM's, building warrant of fitness, certificates of acceptance) and variable fees apply.

### Provision of information

If you need information from Greater Wellington in relation to resource consents and regional plans, staff time spent making information available or providing technical advice is charged at \$55 per half hour (excl. GST) after the first half hour and photocopying charges are 20c per A4 page after the first 10 pages which are free.

### Environmental incident charges

Where a person(s) or organisation(s) carries out an activity in a manner that does not comply with key sections of the RMA which Greater Wellington administers, we charge for the cost of any inspection and follow up work in relation to that activity. The minimum standard charge is \$220.



## Other key information

- Any fixed charges (e.g. initial fixed application fees and scheduled compliance monitoring charges) are made under section 36(1) of the RMA and therefore cannot be objected to or appealed
- Any additional charges are made under section 36(3) of the RMA. Any objections made under section 357 of the RMA to additional charges must be made in writing to Greater Wellington within 15 working days of the charge been received
- If your consent application is not processed within statutory timeframes, you will receive a discount of 1% per day (up to a maximum of 50%) that your application exceeded statutory timeframes. This will be calculated once your consent is processed
- For larger consenting or compliance projects, in order that costs are more evenly spread to applicants and consent holders, frequent invoicing (e.g. monthly or quarterly) can be arranged by mutual agreement
- To assist you in preparing your resource consent application, Greater Wellington provides a pre-application advice service. The first hour of advice provided is free. After that time spent providing advice is charged at \$110/hour
- To obtain a copy of our Resource Management Charging Policy go to [www.gw.govt.nz/Consent-fees](http://www.gw.govt.nz/Consent-fees)

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