

Changes to NICNAS New Chemicals Fees: 2012-13

NICNAS New Chemicals assessments are cost recovered from industry on a fee for service basis. At present, New Chemicals fees are a mix of up-front assessment fees and some fee rebates (under defined conditions).

The NICNAS cost recovery review looked at the appropriateness of the New Chemicals notification fees and reset these fees to better align with the direct cost of delivering the assessment service.

At present, there are three groups of New Chemicals **fee rebates** that are up to a specified percentage of the notification fee. These include; use of assessment from comparable agency, use of assessment of a similar chemical and group assessment of a similar chemical. Through the CRIS, NICNAS is replacing these fee rebates with set fees, thereby providing more certainty for industry and reducing the administrative burden on NICNAS.

To date, the provision of a rebate for **electronic template notifications** has not resulted in the reduction of administrative effort by NICNAS. The template rebate has therefore been replaced by **set fees for specific notification categories**.

A non-refundable **screening fee** of 15% of the value of the notification fee for the assessment category has been established through the CRIS. This is based on the screening effort calculated through an activity based costing study and is included as part of the overall notification fee.

New fees apply starting **1 July 2012**. In summary, these include:

- Changes to new chemicals assessment fees;
- Variable fee rebates replaced with set fees.
- Removal of template rebate; and
- Introduction of a non-refundable screening fee;

New Chemical Certificate Applications¹		
Code	Name	Fee
STD	Standard Assessment	\$16,800
LTD	Limited Assessment	\$12,000
PLC	Polymer of Low Concern	\$5,600
EX	Application for Extension of Assessment Certificate	\$5,100
<i>New Chemical Self-Assessment Certificate Applications</i>		
SANHC	Self-Assessment Application Non-hazardous Chemical	\$10,400
SANHP	Self-Assessment Application Non-hazardous Polymer (other than PLC)	\$9,700
SAPLC	Polymer of Low Concern (SAPLC) Self-Assessment Application	\$3,900
<i>Approved Foreign Scheme</i>		
FS-STD	Standard Assessment	\$12,300
FS-LTD	Limited Assessment	\$9,000
FS-PLC	Polymer of Low Concern	\$3,500
<i>Reassessment of New Chemicals – Secondary Notifications</i>		
SN	Other than a synthetic PLC	\$9,600
SNPLC	A synthetic PLC	\$4,200
<i>New Chemical Permit Applications¹</i>		
Code	Name	Fee
CEC	Commercial Evaluation Permit Application	\$4,000
LVC	Low Volume Chemical Permit Application	\$4,000
EOP	Controlled Use Permit Application (Export Only)	\$4,000
CUP	Controlled Use Permit Application (Other)	\$4,000
EIP	Application for Early Introduction Permit (EIP)	\$2,300
-	Section 30 Permit Application	\$8,500
<i>Permit Renewal Applications</i>		
CER	Commercial Evaluation Renewal Application	\$2,000
LVCR	Low Volume Chemical Permit Renewal Application	\$2,000
EOPR or CUPR	Controlled Use Permit Renewal Application (Export Only or Other)	\$2,000
<i>Other Fees</i>		
Variation of Schedule Data Requirements		\$2,600
Nomination of Foreign Scheme		\$7,100
Application to Vary Assessment Report		\$4,100
Application to Vary Public Report		\$4,100
Application for Exempt Information		\$1,100

¹ All New Chemical Notification Fees include a non-refundable screening fee (equivalent to 15% of the fee)

Alternate State Law Application*	\$10,400
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*Whilst fees have been set for this application, at present there are no Alternate State Laws in Australia

Set Fees to replace Rebates¹

<i>Assessed by Comparable Agency</i>		
CA-STD	Standard Assessment	\$13,400
CA-LTD	Limited Assessment	\$9,600
CA-PLC	Polymer of Low Concern	\$4,500
<i>Similar to Chemical Previously Assessed by NICNAS</i>		
SC-STD	Standard Assessment	\$10,100
SC-LTD	Limited Assessment	\$7,200
SC-PLC	Polymer of Low Concern	\$3,400
<i>Group Assessment</i>		
GA-STD	Standard Assessment	\$4,000
GA-LTD	Limited Assessment	\$2,500
GA-PLC	Polymer of Low Concern	\$2,500
<i>Electronic Template</i>		
Application with draft assessment report (electronic template)*		N/A

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All NICNAS New Chemicals fees are in Australian dollars and **GST free**.