

Changes to NICNAS Registration Fees and Charges: 2012-13

All commercial introducers (e.g. importers and manufacturers) of industrial chemicals are required to register with NICNAS for each year in which they import or manufacture industrial chemicals and be placed on the Register of Industrial Chemical Introducers as set in the *Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989*.

The registration fee covers the administrative cost of establishing and maintaining the register. A registration charge (levy) is imposed on commercial introducers with an annual value of introduced industrial chemicals above \$500,000. Registration fees and charges are payable at the time of first entry onto the register of chemical introducers, with renewals due by 31 August each year. NICNAS will retain the current three tier registration structure in 2012-13.

There will be a change to registration fees and charges in 2012-13 and the cost will increase for tiers 2 and 3. The purpose of the increase is to:

- (a) recover the increase in costs of providing NICNAS's regulatory functions, and
- (b) fund the first year of stage one of the accelerated assessment and prioritisation of existing chemicals. For more information on this initiative, please refer to this [fact sheet](#).

Contribution to the accelerated assessment and prioritisation of existing chemicals

Stage 1 of the accelerated assessment and prioritisation of existing chemicals is a 4-year project and a proportion of the total registration fee and charge for the next four years will go toward funding this project. From **2013-14**, low value introducers **up to \$100,000** are expected to be exempt from contributing to this work.

The following registration fees and charges apply from **1 July 2012**:

Tier	Applicable Introduction Value	Registration fees and charges	Total registration fee and charge payable in 2012-13
1	\$1-\$499,999	\$295 + (\$100*) =	\$395
2	\$500,000-\$4,999,999	\$1,577 + (\$280*) =	\$1,857
3	\$5,000,000 or more	\$11,500 + (\$2,800*) =	\$14,300

* contribution to the accelerated assessment and prioritisation of existing chemicals

LATE PENALTY CHARGES

There are changes to charges for late payment of registration fees and charges. The following late penalty charges apply from **1 July 2012**:

Tier	Applicable Introduction Value	Late Penalty Charge 2012-13
1	\$1-\$499,999	\$100
2	\$500,000-\$4,999,999	\$185 (10% of fee + charge)
3	\$5,000,000 or more	\$1,430 (10% of fee + charge)

[Note: All NICNAS fees and charges are in Australian Dollars and are **GST free**]

Registration fees and charges, late penalty charges and costs associated with the accelerated assessment and prioritisation of existing chemicals for the period 2012-13 to 2015-16 are outlined in the [NICNAS Cost Recovery Impact Statement \(CRIS\)](#) and the summary ([Final CRIS – At a Glance](#)).