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# Canadian Food Inspection Agency 2017 to 2018 Report on Fees

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## Minister's message

As the Minister of Health, I am pleased to present the Canadian Food Inspection Agency 2017 to 2018 Report on Fees, which sets out detailed information on fees in the Agency. These fees support the sustainability of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's regulatory programs and activities, which protect the health and safety of Canadians. On June 22, 2017, the *Service Fees Act* received Royal Assent, thereby repealing the *User Fees Act*.



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The *Service Fees Act* introduces a modern legislative framework that enables cost-effective delivery of services and, through enhanced reporting to Parliament, improved transparency and oversight. The Act provides for:

- a streamlined approach to consultation and the approval of new or modified fees
- a requirement for services to have service standards and reporting against these standards, along with a policy to remit fees to fee payers when standards are not met
- an automatic annual fee adjustment by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to ensure that fees keep pace with inflation
- annual detailed reporting to Parliament in order to increase transparency

This 2017 to 2018 Report on Fees is the first report to be prepared by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency under the *Service Fees Act*.

I welcome the increased transparency and oversight that the *Service Fees Act*'s reporting regime embodies, and I am fully committed to transitioning the Agency to this modern framework. I look forward to continuing to advance my key mandate priorities through collaboration and evidence-based decision-making that will maintain and improve the health and safety of all Canadians.

**The Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Health**

## General fees information

The tables that follow provide information on each category of fees, including:

- the name of the fee category
- the date that the fee (or fee category) was introduced and last amended (if applicable)
- service standards
- performance results against these standards
- financial information regarding total costs, total revenues and remissions

In addition to the information presented by fee category, there is a summary of the financial information for all fees as well as a listing of fees under the department's authority. This listing includes the existing fee dollar amounts and the adjusted dollar fee amount for a future year.

## General and financial information by fee category

General information

<b>Fee category</b>	Regulating
<b>Fee-setting authority</b>	<i>Canadian Food Inspection Agency Act</i>
<b>Year introduced</b>	N/A
<b>Year last amended</b>	1998
<b>Service standard</b>	Inspection activities are to be provided in accordance with corresponding federal regulations.
<b>Performance results</b>	Inspection activities were provided in accordance with corresponding federal regulations.
<b>Other information</b>	N/A

## Financial information (dollars)

Program	2016 to 2017 Revenue	2017 to 2018 Revenue	2017 to 2018 Cost <sup>1</sup>	2017 to 2018 Remissions <sup>2</sup>
Food Safety Program	30,463,905	32,430,891	498,824,821	N/A
Animal Health and Zoonotics Program	2,713,299	2,918,339	187,955,045	N/A
Plant Resources Program	6,481,522	6,739,467	104,010,548	N/A
International Collaboration and Technical Program	12,539,858	12,287,324	44,087,872	N/A

Fees collected by the Canadian Border Services Agency on behalf of the CFIA (dollars)<sup>3</sup>

2016 to 2017 Revenue	2017 to 2018 Revenue	2017 to 2018 Cost <sup>4</sup>	2017 to 2018 Remissions <sup>5</sup>
2,330,640	2,965,757	3,193,831	N/A

<sup>1</sup> The amount includes direct and indirect costs, where such costs are identifiable and material.

<sup>2</sup> A remission is a partial or full return of a fee paid. Under the *Service Fees Act*, departments are required to develop policies that determine when fees will be remitted to fee payers should service standards not be met. The requirement for departments to remit is anticipated to come into effect on March 31, 2020. This effective date allows departments time to develop remissions policies and adjust service standard tracking and remittance systems. During fiscal year 2017 to 2018, some departments may have issued remissions, in accordance with the authority of their enabling legislation or regulation, as opposed to the authority given by the *Service Fees Act*. It is remissions issued under enabling legislations or regulations that are shown above.

<sup>3</sup> These fees are collected on behalf of the CFIA but are submitted directly to the Consolidated Revenue Fund. They are not accounted for in CFIA's actual or planned revenue amounts. Information on the specific fees involved can be found at <https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/fpa-apa/schedule-tableau-eng.html>

<sup>4</sup> The amount includes direct and indirect costs, where such costs are identifiable and material.

<sup>5</sup> A remission is a partial or full return of a fee paid.

## General and financial information by fee category

## General information

<b>Fee category</b>	Fees for processing requests filed under the <i>Access to Information Act</i>
<b>Fee-setting authority</b>	<a href="#">Access to Information Act</a>
<b>Year introduced</b>	1981, came in to force 1983
<b>Year last amended</b>	2018
<b>Service standard</b>	A response is provided within 30 days following receipt of a request; the response time may be extended under section 9 of the <i>Access to Information Act</i> .
<b>Performance results</b>	The Department responded within the statutory deadline for 369 <sup>6</sup> of the 385 completed requests. The Department reports 96% of the completed requests closed on time.
<b>Other information</b>	Under the <i>Access to Information Act</i> , fees under \$25 may be waived when deemed to be in the public interest. Fees waived during 2017 to 18 totalled \$680.

## Financial information (dollars)

2016 to 2017 Revenue	2017 to 2018 Revenue	2017 to 2018 Cost <sup>7</sup>	2017 to 2018 Remissions <sup>8</sup>
3,293	5,799	8,059	N/A

<sup>6</sup> Includes cases where a Notice of Extension is sent to the requester within 30 days of receipt of the request.

<sup>7</sup> The amount includes direct and indirect costs, where such costs are identifiable and material.

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## Financial totals for all fee categories

Total revenues, cost and remissions (dollars)

2016 to 2017 Total revenue	2017 to 2018 Total revenue	2017 to 2018 Total cost	2017 to 2018 Total remissions
52,201,878	54,381,821	834,886,345	N/A

Note: the totals are the sums of the revenues, costs and remissions reported for all fee categories in the "Financial information" tables.

## Fees under the department's authority

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) charges fees for some of the services it provides to stakeholders. Committed to continuous improvement to better serve these stakeholders and Canadians overall, the CFIA has been undertaking a transparent process of engaging with Canadian businesses and consumers on updating its service standards and fees. The CFIA's Fees Notice page will be updated as work on CFIA's fee regime progresses.

[Fees under the department's authority](#)