



Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Fees Report

Fiscal Year 2020-21

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Minister's message

On behalf of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), I am pleased to present our report on fees for 2020–21.

The *Service Fees Act*¹ provides a modern legislative framework that enables cost-effective delivery of services and, through better reporting to Parliament, improves transparency and oversight.

As per last year, AAFC's Fees Report provides information on seven fees. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the government-imposed measures taken to curtail the spread of the virus, AAFC's revenue generating services and activities were directly impacted resulting in less revenues and costs for 2020-21.

I will continue to lead my department's transition to the reporting regime provided under the *Service Fees Act*.

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About this report

This report, which is tabled under section 20 of the *Service Fees Act*, including the *Low-Materiality Fees Regulations*ⁱⁱ and subsection 4.2.8 of the *Directive on Charging and Special Financial Authorities*ⁱⁱⁱ, contains information about the fees that Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada had the authority to set in 2020–21.¹

Government of Canada departments may set fees for services, licences, permits, products, the use of facilities, for other authorizations of rights or privileges, or to recover, in whole or in part, costs incurred in relation to a regulatory scheme.

For reporting purposes, fees must be categorized under the following three fee-setting mechanisms:

1. Act, regulation or fees notice
 - An act of Parliament delegates the fee-setting authority to a department, minister or Governor in Council.
2. Contract
 - Ministers have the authority to enter into contracts, which are usually negotiated between the minister and an individual or organization, and which cover fees and other terms and conditions. In some cases, that authority may also be provided by an act of Parliament.
3. Market rate or auction
 - The authority to set these fees is pursuant to an act of Parliament or regulation, and the minister, department or Governor in Council has no control over the fee amount.

This report contains information about all fees that are under Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's authority.

The information covers fees subject to the *Service Fees Act* and exempted from the *Service Fees Act*.

For fees set by contract, the report provides totals only. For fees set by act, regulation or fees notice, the report provides totals for fee groupings, as well as detailed information for each fee.

Although the fees that Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada charges under the *Access to Information Act*^{iv} were subject to the *Service Fees Act*, they are not included in this report. Information on Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's access to information fees

¹ All years presented in this manner refer to fiscal years.

for 2020–21 can be found in our access to information report, which is posted on our Web page: [Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Annual Report to Parliament – Access to Information Act and Privacy Act](#)^v.

Remissions

This report does not include remissions issued under the authority of the *Service Fees Act*, since this requirement took effect on April 1, 2021. Remissions issued under the *Service Fees Act* will be reported for the first time, as applicable, in the 2021–22 Fees Report, which will be published in 2022–23.

The *Service Fees Act* requires departments to remit a fee, in part or in full, to a fee payer when a service standard is deemed not met. Under the *Service Fees Act* and the *Directive on Charging and Special Financial Authorities*, departments had to develop policies and procedures for determining:

- whether a service standard has been met
- how much of a fee will be remitted to a fee payer if a service standard is deemed not met

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada’s remission policy and procedures were made available to the public as of April 1, 2021, and can be found on the following web page: [AAFC Remission Policy for Fees under the *Service Fees Act*](#)^{vi}.

No other remissions related to fees were issued by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada since it did not have or seek other authorities to remit.

Overall totals, by fee-setting mechanism

The following table presents the total revenue, cost and remissions for all fees that Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada had the authority to set in 2020–21, by fee-setting mechanism.

Overall totals for 2020–21, by fee-setting mechanism

Fee-setting mechanism	Revenue (\$)	Cost (\$)	Remissions (\$)
Fees set by contract	337,176	12,846,330	Remissions do not apply to fees set by contract.
Fees set by either market rate or auction	0	0	0

Fee-setting mechanism	Revenue (\$)	Cost (\$)	Remissions (\$)
Fees set by act, regulation or fees notice	7,680,544	10,207,716	0
Total	8,017,720	23,054,046	0

Totals, by fee grouping, for fees set by act, regulation or fees notice

The following section presents, for each fee grouping, the total revenue, cost and remissions for all fees that Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada had the authority to set in 2020–21 that are set by any of the following:

- act
- regulation
- fees notice

A fee grouping is a set of fees relating to a single business line, directorate or program that a department had the authority to set for those activities.

Canadian Agricultural Loans Act^{vii} Registration Fees: totals for 2020–21

Fee grouping

Canadian Agricultural Loans Act Registration Fees

Revenue (\$)	Cost (\$)	Remissions (\$)
580,314	1,745,476	0

Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency Pari-Mutuel Betting Levy: totals for 2020–21

Fee grouping

Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency Pari-Mutuel Betting Levy

Revenue (\$)	Cost (\$)	Remissions (\$)
7,045,671	8,414,164	0

Facility and Personal Fees Under The Research – Sale Services Agreements: totals for 2020–21

Fee grouping

Facility and Personal Fees Under The Research – Sale Services Agreements

Revenue (\$)	Cost (\$)	Remissions (\$)
54,559	48,076	0

Details on each fee set by act, regulation or fees notice

This section provides detailed information on each fee that Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada had the authority to set in 2020–21 and that was set by any of the following:

- act
- regulation
- fees notice

Fee grouping

Canadian Agricultural Loans Act Registration Fees

Fee

Canadian Agricultural Loans Act Registration Fees

Fee-setting authority

Canadian Agricultural Loans Act, Canadian Agricultural Loans Regulations (SOR/99-122) ^{viii}

Year fee-setting authority was introduced

2009

Last year fee-setting authority was amended

Not applicable

Service standard

Exempt

Performance result

Exempt

Application of *Low-Materiality Fees Regulations*

Low-materiality (Schedule 1)

Fee	2020–21 fee amount (\$)	2020–21 total fee revenue (\$)	Fee adjustment date in 2022–23	2022–23 fee amount (\$)
<i>Canadian Agricultural Loans Act</i> Registration Fees	0.85% of the loan amount	580,314	Not Applicable	0.85% of the loan amount

Fee grouping

Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency Pari-Mutuel Betting Levy

Fee

Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency Pari-Mutuel Betting Levy

Fee-setting authority*Criminal Code of Canada, Section 204 (R.S.C., 1985, c. C-46)*^{ix}**Year fee-setting authority was introduced**

1920

Last year fee-setting authority was amended

1983

Service standard

Exempt

Performance result

Exempt

Application of *Low-Materiality Fees Regulations*

Material (formula)

Fee	2020–21 fee amount (\$)	2020–21 total fee revenue (\$)	Fee adjustment date in 2022–23	2022–23 fee amount (\$)
Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency Pari-Mutuel Betting Levy	0.8% of each dollar bet through an approved pari-mutuel system on horse race betting made in Canada, as operated in conjunction with the conduct of horse racing.	7,045,671	April 1, 2022	0.8% The Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency's betting levy is unchanged in anticipation of an amendment to the <i>Service Fees Act</i> that would exempt the betting levy from the <i>Service Fees Act's</i> requirement to adjust the fee annually based on the Consumer Price Index, as the 0.8% levy on every dollar bet in Canada on horse racing already accounts for inflation.

Fee grouping

Facility and personal fees under the Research - Sale Services Agreements

Fee

As outlined in the 1992 Order:

- Research: Development Assistant
- Research: Research Assistant
- Research: Right of Access
- Research: Scientific Professional
- Research: Scientific Researcher

Fee-setting authority

Ministerial order: Treasury Board Research Memorandum of Understanding/Governor in Council St. Hyacinthe, Food Research and Development Centre Fees Order SR/92-478

Year fee-setting authority was introduced

1992

Last year fee-setting authority was amended

Not applicable

Service standard

An approval or rejection decision is rendered and communicated from a properly completed application within 10 business days of receipt.

Performance result

The service standard was met for all applications received.

Application of *Low-Materiality Fees Regulations*

Material (formula)

Fee	2020–21 fee amount (\$)	2020–21 total fee revenue (\$)	Fee adjustment date in 2022–23	2022–23 fee amount (\$)
• Research: Development Assistant	31.27 per hour	0	April 1, 2022	32.28 per hour
• Research: Research Assistant	31.27 per hour	6,531	April 1, 2022	32.28 per hour
• Research: Right of Access	43.78 per hour	45,615	April 1, 2022	45.18 per hour
• Research: Scientific Professional	41.70 per hour	2,413	April 1, 2022	43.04 per hour
• Research: Scientific Researcher	65.68 per hour	0	April 1, 2022	67.78 per hour

Endnotes

- i *Service Fees Act*, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/S-8.4/FullText.html>
- ii *Low-Materiality Fees Regulations*, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2019-109/index.html>
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- v Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Annual Report to Parliament - *Access to Information Act and Privacy Acts*, <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/about-our-department/transparency-and-corporate-reporting/access-information-and-protection-privacy-agriculture-and-agri-food-canada/annual-report-parliament>
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- ix *Criminal Code of Canada*, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/c-46/>