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Fees Report

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Minister's message

On behalf of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, I am pleased to present our report on fees for 2019–20.

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

Last year, AAFC's Fees Report provided information on eight fees. This year's report provides information on seven fees as the Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency Pari-Mutuel Proficiency Test Fee has been discontinued as of April 1, 2019.

I will continue to lead my department's transition to this modern framework.

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About this report

This report, which is tabled under section 20 of the *Service Fees Act* and section 4.2.8 of the *Directive on Charging and Special Financial Authorities*ⁱⁱ, contains information about the fees that Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada had the authority to set in 2019–20.

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 or both
 - 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, including any that are collected by another department.

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

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

Although the fees that Agriculture and Agri-Food charges under the *Access to Information Act*ⁱⁱⁱ are 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 for 2019–20 can be found in our access to information report, which is posted on [Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Annual Report to Parliament – Access to Information Act and Privacy Act](#).^{iv}

Remissions

A remission is a partial or full return of a fee to a fee payer who paid for a service for which a department deemed that the service standard was not met.

Under the *Service Fees Act*, departments must develop policies for determining whether a service standard has been met and for determining how much of a fee will be remitted to a fee payer if a service standard is not met. This requirement will not take effect until April 1, 2021, so this report does not include remissions issued under the *Service Fees Act*. It does, however, include remissions issued under Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's enabling legislation.

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 2019–20, by fee setting mechanism.

Overall totals for 2019–20, by fee setting mechanism

Fee setting mechanism	Revenue (\$)	Cost (\$)	Remissions (\$)
Fees set by contract	399,598	13,453,470	Remissions do not apply to fees set by contract.
Fees set by market-rate, auction or both	0	0	Remissions do not apply to fees set by market-rate, auction or both.
Fees set by act, regulation or fees notice	9,964,312	11,031,120	0
Total	10,363,910	24,484,590	0

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

The following tables present, 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 2019–20 that are set by any of the following:

- act
- regulation
- fees notice

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

Canadian Agricultural Loans Act⁹ Registration Fees: totals for 2019–20

Fee grouping	Canadian Agricultural Loans Act Registration Fees	
Revenue (\$)	Cost (\$)	Remissions (\$)
621,932	1,456,474	Not applicable

Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency pari-mutuel betting levy: totals for 2019–20

Fee grouping	Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency pari-mutuel betting levy	
Revenue (\$)	Cost (\$)	Remissions (\$)
9,194,986	9,424,112	Not applicable

Facility and personal fees under the Research - Sale Services Agreements: totals for 2019–20

Fee grouping	Facility and personal fees under the Research - Sale Services Agreements	
Revenue (\$)	Cost (\$)	Remissions (\$)
147,394	150,534	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 2019–20 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
Year fee-setting authority was introduced	2009
Last year fee-setting authority was amended	Not applicable
Service standard	Not applicable
Performance result	Not applicable
Application of Low-Materiality Fees Regulations	Low-materiality (Schedule 1)
2019–20 fee amount (\$)	0.85% of the loan amount
2019–20 total fee revenue (\$)	621,932
Fee adjustment date	Not applicable
Adjusted fee amount in 2021–22 (\$)	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	<i>Criminal Code</i> ^{vi} of Canada, Section 204
Year fee-setting authority was introduced	1920
Last year fee-setting authority was amended	1983
Service standard	Not applicable
Performance result	Not applicable
Application of Low-Materiality Fees Regulations	Material (formula)

2019–20 fee amount (\$)	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.
2019–20 total fee revenue (\$)	9,194,986
Fee adjustment date	April 1, 2021
Adjusted fee amount in 2021–22 (\$)	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	Service standard met for all applications received.
Application of Low-Materiality Fees Regulations	Material (formula)

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Fee	2019–20 fee amount (\$)	2019–20 total fee revenue (\$)	Fee adjustment date	Adjusted fee amount in 2021–22 (\$)
• Research – development assistant	30.66 per hour	0	April 1, 2021	31.22 per hour
• Research – research assistant	30.66 per hour	14,364	April 1, 2021	31.22 per hour
• Research – right of access	42.92 per hour	131,250	April 1, 2021	43.69 per hour
• Research – scientific professional	40.88 per hour	1,780	April 1, 2021	41.62 per hour
• Research – scientific researcher	64.39 per hour	0	April 1, 2021	65.55 per hour

Endnotes

- i *Service Fees Act*, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/S-8.4/FullText.html>
- ii Directive on Charging and Special Financial Authorities, <https://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/pol/doc-eng.aspx?id=32502>
- iii *Access to Information Act*, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/a-1/>
- iv Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Annual Report to Parliament - *Access to Information Act and Privacy Acts*, <http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/about-us/offices-and-locations/access-to-information-and-privacy-services/annual-report-to-parliament/?id=1221847588726>
- v *Canadian Agricultural Loans Act*, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/f-2.7/index.html>
- vi *Criminal Code*, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-46/>