



Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Fees Report

Fiscal Year 2021-22

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Minister's message

I am pleased to present Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's (AAFC) report on fees for 2021–22.

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.

As per the last years, AAFC's Fees Report provides information on seven fees. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic AAFC's revenue generating services and activities were directly impacted resulting in less revenues and costs for 2020-21. In 2021-22, facilities were opened throughout the year thereby generating higher revenues and cost.

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*, the [Low-Materiality Fees Regulations](#)ⁱⁱ, and subsection 4.2.8 of the Treasury Board [Directive on Charging and Special Financial Authorities](#)ⁱⁱⁱ, contains information about the fees Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada had the authority to set in fiscal year 2021–22.

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

For reporting purposes, fees are categorized by fee-setting mechanism. There are three mechanisms:

1. Act, regulation or fees notice
The authority to set these fees is delegated to a department, minister or Governor in Council pursuant to an act of Parliament.
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 a regulation, and the minister, department or Governor in Council has no control over the fee amount.

For fees set by act, regulation or fees notice, the report provides totals for fee groupings, as well as detailed information for each fee. For fees set by contract, the report provides totals only. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada did not have fees set by market rate or auction.

Although the fees 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 for 2021–22 is in our annual report to Parliament on the administration of the *Access to Information Act* [Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Annual Report to Parliament –Access to Information Act and Privacy Acts](#)^v.

Remissions

In 2021–22, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada was subject to the requirements to issue remissions under section 7 of the *Service Fees Act* and subsection 4.2.4 of the Treasury Board *Directive on Charging and Special Financial Authorities* to remit a fee, in whole or in part, to a fee payer when a service standard was deemed not met. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's remission policy and procedures, pursuant to the *Service Fees Act*, are on the following web page: [AAFC Remission Policy for Fees under the *Service Fees Act*](#)^{vi}.

Overall totals, by fee-setting mechanism

The following table presents the total revenue, cost and remissions for all fees Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada had the authority to set in 2021–22, by fee-setting mechanism.

Overall totals for 2021–22, by fee-setting mechanism

Fee-setting mechanism	Revenue (\$)	Cost (\$)	Remissions (\$)
Fees set by contract	276,874	12,581,935	Remissions do not apply to fees set by contract.
Fees set by act, regulation or fees notice	8,874,671	10,298,891	0
Total	9,151,545	22,880,826	0

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

This section presents, for each fee grouping, the total revenue, cost and remissions for all fees Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada had the authority to set in 2021–22 that are set by the following:

- act
- regulation
- fees notice

Canadian Agricultural Loans Act^{vii} Registration Fees: totals for 2021–22

Revenue (\$)	Cost (\$)	Remissions (\$)
435,205	802,987	0

Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency Pari-Mutuel Betting Levy: totals for 2021–22

Revenue (\$)	Cost (\$)	Remissions (\$)
8,312,190	8,735,911	0

Facility and Personal Fees Under The Research – Sale Services Agreements: totals for 2021–22

Revenue (\$)	Cost (\$)	Remissions (\$)
127,276	759,993	0

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

This section provides detailed information on each fee Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada had the authority to set in 2021–22 and that was set by 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*^{viii} (SOR/99-122)

Year fee-setting authority was introduced

2009

Last year fee-setting authority was amended

Not applicable.

Service standard

Not subject to service standard requirement.

Performance result

Not subject to service standard requirement.

Application of *Low-Materiality Fees Regulations*

Low-materiality (Schedule 1)

Fee	2021–22 fee amount (\$)	2021–22 total fee revenue (\$)	2021–22 total remissions issued for the fee(\$)	Fee adjustment date in 2023–24	2023–24 fee amount (\$)
<i>Canadian Agricultural Loans Act</i> Registration Fees	0.85% of the loan amount	435,205	This fee was not subject to remissions	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^{ix}, Section 204 (R.S.C., 1985, c. C-46)

Year fee-setting authority was introduced

1920

Last year fee-setting authority was amended

1983

Service standard

Not subject to service standard requirement.

Performance result

Not subject to service standard requirement.

Application of *Low-Materiality Fees Regulations*

Material (formula)

Fee	2021–22 fee amount (\$)	2021–22 total fee revenue (\$)	2021–22 total remissions issued for the fee(\$)	Fee adjustment date in 2023–24	2023–24 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.	8,312,190	This fee was not subject to remissions	April 1, 2023	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	2021–22 fee amount (\$)	2021–22 total fee revenue (\$)	2021–22 total remissions issued for the fee(\$)	Fee adjustment date in 2023–24	2023–24 fee amount (\$)
• Research: Development Assistant	31.21 per hour ¹	0	0	April 1, 2023	34.46 per hour
• Research: Research Assistant	31.21 per hour ¹	19,334	0	April 1, 2023	34.46 per hour
• Research: Right of Access	43.69 per hour	105,549	0	April 1, 2023	48.25 per hour
• Research: Scientific Professional	41.62 per hour	2,393	0	April 1, 2023	45.97 per hour
• Research: Scientific Researcher	65.55 per hour	0	0	April 1, 2023	72.39 per hour

¹ This is the accurate and actual fee amount charged for 2021-22, the 2019-20 Fees Report erroneously reported a fee amount of \$31.22 per hour.

Endnotes

- i. *Service Fees Act*, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/S-8.4/FullText.html>
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