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Visitor Management

Fees to conduct commercial and recreational activities on QPWS managed areas

This Information Sheet details the applicable fees to be paid by applicants and holders of authorities authorising commercial and recreational activities on QPWS managed areas.

Fees applicable as at 1 July 2023

The Department of Environment and Science (DES) reviews its fees and charges annually and applies increases as approved by the chief executive. This information sheet contains the regulatory and non-regulatory fees associated with conducting commercial and recreational activities on Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) managed areas under the:

- *Nature Conservation Act 1992*
- *Forestry Act 1959*
- *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006*.

PLEASE NOTE: Applications cannot be accepted without payment of the relevant application fee. Once paid, application fees are non-refundable.

Definitions

Term	Definition
'Minor Amendment'	means an amendment that – a) Omits a condition if the omission does not adversely affect the holders' interests; or b) Corrects an error; or c) Makes another change, other than a change of substance that does not adversely affect the holder's interests. Refer Operational Policy: <i>Amendments and variations to permits for QPWS managed areas</i>
'Variation'	means an alteration to a permit that would result in a change in the nature of the use authorised under the original permit and would require a formal amendment process. Fees associated with a variation will be equivalent to the full application fee (scheduled fee) for a new permit of the same type.
'Daily fee'	means the fee payable for each client '5 years or older' of the holder of the permit, taking part in the activity carried out under the permit, other than an educational tour, or a camp of a type approved by the chief executive. Refer Operational policy: <i>Fee concessions for educational excursions, tours and camps on QPWS managed areas</i>

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'Joint marine park authority'	means an instrument that includes more than one of the following - (a) a commercial activity permit; (b) a permission granted under the <i>Marine Parks Act 2004</i> ; (c) a permission granted under the <i>Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975</i> (Cth).
'Joint marine park authority permit'	means a commercial activity permit forming a part of a joint marine park authority.
'Prescribed structure'	as defined in Schedule 8 of the Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) Regulation 2017 and the Schedule 'Dictionary' of the <i>Recreation Areas Management Act 2006</i> .

Commercial activities

Fees for commercial activity permits for filming and photography

NOTE: Filming and Photography activities that involve no more than 10 persons and do not involve the erection, construction or use of a prescribed structure (see definition of '*prescribed structure*' page 1) do not require a commercial activity permit.

NO. OF PERSONS INVOLVED IN ACTIVITY	PRESCRIBED STRUCTURES INVOLVED	FEE TITLE	FEE
11 or more	No	Application fee	\$406.60
		Renewal fee	\$406.60
		Extension of permit fee*	\$406.60
		Permit fee – for each day for which activities are carried out under the permit	\$203.80
1 to 5	Yes	Application fee	\$203.80
		Renewal fee	\$203.80
		Extension of permit fee*	\$203.80
		Permit fee – for each day for which activities are carried out under the permit	\$203.80
6 to 25	Yes	Application fee	\$1008.00
		Renewal fee	\$1008.00
		Extension of permit fee*	\$1008.00
		Permit fee – for each day for which activities are carried out under the permit	\$1008.00
		Application fee	\$2031.00
		Renewal fee	\$2031.00

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26 to 50	Yes	Extension of permit fee*	\$2031.00
		Permit fee – for each day for which activities are carried out under the permit	\$2031.00
51 or more	Yes	Application fee	\$4076.00
		Renewal fee	\$4076.00
		Extension of permit fee*	\$4076.00
		Permit fee – for each day for which activities are carried out under the permit	\$4076.00

NOTE: *This fee applies to commercial activity permits issued under the *Forestry Act 1959* only.

Fees for commercial activity permits other than for filming and photography

FEE TITLE	FEE
Application fee – if the permit is the same or substantially the same as a commercial activity permit held by the applicant within the previous 3 months	\$193.20
Otherwise	\$387.20
Renewal fee	\$193.20
Extension of permit fee*	\$193.20
Permit fee – for a term of:	
- 3 months or less	\$77.50
- more than 3 months but not more than 1 year	\$309.30
- more than 1 year but not more than 2 years	\$619.00
- more than 2 years but not more than 3 years	\$875.00
- more than 3 years (for joint marine park authority permits only)	
a) for the first 3 years of the term	\$875.00
b) for each year after the third year	\$292.90
Transfer fee - (for joint marine park authority permits only)	\$192.80

NOTE: *This fee applies to commercial activity permits issued under the *Forestry Act 1959* only.

Daily (per person) fees for commercial activity permits other than for filming or photography

NOTE: A day finishes at midnight i.e. camping overnight equates to two daily fees. See definition of 'daily fee' page 1.

LOCATION OF ACTIVITY	DURATION OF PERMIT	
	< 3 HOURS	> 3 HOURS
(i) National Park; Conservation Park and Resources Reserve (includes GST)	\$2.50	\$4.45
(ii) State Forest and Forest Reserve (includes GST)	\$2.50	\$4.45

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(iii) Recreation Areas (includes GST)		
- Bribie Island	\$2.50	\$4.45
- Cooloola	\$2.50	\$4.45
- Fraser Island	\$4.75	\$10.05
- Green Island	\$3.40	\$3.40
- Inskip Peninsula	\$4.75	\$10.05
- Minjerribah	\$2.50	\$4.45
- Moreton Island	\$2.50	\$4.45

Fees for camping under commercial activity permit other than for filming or photography

FEE TITLE	FEE
Camping fee (includes GST) for each client 5 years or older, of the holder of the permit, taking part in the activity carried out under the permit, for each night camped under the permit -	
(i) if the activity is an educational tour, or a camp, of a type approved by the chief executive	\$4.00
(ii) otherwise	\$7.25

Fees for commercial activity agreements

FEE TITLE	FEE
(i) for submission of an expression of interest	\$387.20
(ii) for an application	\$387.20

Non-regulatory fees for commercial activity permits/agreements

FEE TITLE	FEE
For use with relevant authorities	
(i) Ranger supervision fee (includes GST)	\$115.40 p/h
(ii) Annual agreement fee	\$309.30
(iii) Annual estate access fee for conducting commercial vending activities (\$2.50 x 365) (includes GST)	\$912.50

Other activities

Fees for organised event permits (for non-commercial activities only)

FEE TITLE	FEE
(i) application fee	\$38.30

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<p>(ii) additional daily fee - for special access, special supervision or reserving an area</p> <p>a) vehicle-based activity — for each vehicle</p> <p>b) people-based activity — for each person</p>	<p>\$5.45</p> <p>\$2.70</p>
<p>(iii) camping fee (includes GST)</p> <p>a) fee for overnight camping for each person aged 5 years or older taking part in an approved educational tour or camp of a type approved by the chief executive.</p> <p>b) fee for overnight camping for each person aged 5 years or older taking part in an activity other than for educational purposes.</p> <p>c) fee for overnight camping for a family</p> <p>The family rate can be claimed if the group is up to two adults and accompanying children under 18, up to a total of eight people. Note: Children under five are free.</p>	<p>\$4.00</p> <p>\$7.25</p> <p>4 times the fee stated for (iii) (b) above</p>

Fees for permits to traverse (for areas administered under the *Forestry Act 1959* only)

FEE TITLE	FEE
<p>(i) competitive motor vehicle event</p> <p>a) for each competitive vehicle for each kilometre</p> <p>b) maximum for each competitor vehicle per day</p>	<p>\$1.46</p> <p>\$53.40</p>
<p>(ii) competitive equestrian event - for each competitor</p>	<p>\$4.95</p>

Fee to amend permits

NOTE: See definition of '*Minor amendment*' page 1.

FEE TITLE	FEE
<p>Application for minor amendment to permit - at Principal Holder's request</p>	<p>\$20.10</p>

Reference Material

Operational Policy - *Amendments and variations to permits for QPWS managed areas.*

Operational Policy - *Fee concessions for educational excursions, tours and camps on QPWS managed areas*

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