

National Research Council Canada

Fees Report

Fiscal year 2018 to 2019

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Minister's message

On behalf of the National Research Council of Canada, I am pleased to present our report on fees for fiscal year 2018 to 2019, my organization's second annual report under the *Service Fees Act*.

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

Last year, a detailed listing of individual fees under the department's authority, along with anticipated increases, was added to the reporting requirements.

This year's report provides more detail on each fee, such as the type and rate of adjustment, the service standard and the performance result. This information provides additional context on each fee, in the spirit of open and transparent fee management.

I welcome the increased transparency and oversight that the *Service Fees Act's* reporting regime embodies, and I am fully committed to transitioning my department 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*, contains information about the fees that the National Research Council of Canada had the authority to charge in the 2018 to 2019 fiscal year.

This report contains information about all fees that are under the National Research Council of Canada's authority, even if some or all of the fees are collected by another department.

The information reported includes fees that:

- fall under the *Service Fees Act*
- are exempt from the *Service Fees Act*

The information covers fees set by:

- contract
- market-base, auction or both
- act, regulation or fees notice

For fees set by the following mechanisms, the report provides totals only:

- contract
- market-base, auction or both

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

Although the fees charged by the National Research Council of Canada under the *Access to Information Act* are subject to the *Service Fees Act*, they are not included in this report. Information on the National Research Council of Canada's access to information fees for fiscal year 2018 to 2019 can be found in our access to information report, which is posted on the [NRC's website](#).

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. This requirement does not take effect until April 1, 2020. This report therefore includes **only** those remissions issued under the National Research Council of Canada's enabling legislation. It does not include remissions issued under the *Service Fees Act*.

Overall totals, by fee type

The following table presents the total revenue, cost and remissions for all fees that the National Research Council of Canada had the authority to charge in fiscal year 2018 to 2019, by fee type.

Overall totals for fiscal year 2018 to 2019, by fee type

Fee type	Revenue (\$)	Cost (\$)	Remissions (\$)
Fees set by contract	170,556,696	155,309,560	Remissions do not apply to fees set by contract.
Fees set by market base, auction or both	7,289,659	4,389,900	Remissions do not apply to fees set by market base, auction or both.
Fees set by act, regulation or fees notice	5,188,933	6,125,206	0
Total	183,035,288	165,824,666	0

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

The following tables present, for each fee grouping, the total revenue, cost and remissions for all fees that the National Research Council of Canada had the authority to charge in fiscal year 2018 to 2019 that are set by any of the following:

- act
- regulation
- fees notice

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

The National Research Council of Canada has two groupings of fees set by act, regulation or fees notice, which are represented in the tables below. Certified reference materials include a comprehensive range of high-quality, reliable material for comparative analysis in industrial and academic research. Conversely, Codes Canada products are composed of the model building, plumbing, fire and energy codes. As of April 1, 2019, a major change to the Codes Canada products was introduced which consists of providing the product free electronically and at a rate intended to cover only costs on physical copies of the product.

Certified Reference Materials (CRM): totals for fiscal year 2018 to 2019

Fee grouping	Certified Reference Materials	
Revenue (\$)	Cost (\$)	Remissions (\$)
2,061,418	719,606	0

Codes Canada: totals for fiscal year 2018 to 2019

Fee grouping	Codes Canada	
Revenue (\$)	Cost (\$)	Remissions (\$)
3,127,515	5,405,600	0

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

This section provides detailed information on each fee that the National Research Council of Canada had the authority to charge in fiscal year 2018 to 2019 and that was set by any of the following:

- act
- regulation
- fees notice

Fee grouping	Certified Reference Materials
Fee	Biotoxin Certified Reference Materials (41)
Fee-setting authority	National Research Council Act 5(1), 5 (2)
Year introduced	1988
Last year fee-setting authority was amended	Not Applicable
Fee type	Product
Fee amount (\$)	80 to 1,175
Total fee revenue (\$)	1,421,158
Adjustment type	Exempt
Adjustment rate (% or formula)	Exempt
2020 to 2021 fee amount (\$)	Fees are published on NRC's Virtual Store
Future fee-adjusted amount (\$)	Not Applicable
Adjustment date	Not Applicable
Fee-adjustment authority	Not Applicable
Service standard	Not Applicable
Performance result	Not Applicable

Fee grouping	Certified Reference Materials
Fee	Inorganic Certified Reference Materials (40)
Fee-setting authority	National Research Council Act 5(1), 5 (2)
Year introduced	1980
Last year fee-setting authority was amended	Not Applicable
Fee type	Product
Fee amount (\$)	85 to 2,000
Total fee revenue (\$)	610,405
Adjustment type	Exempt
Adjustment rate (% or formula)	Exempt
2020 to 2021 fee amount (\$)	Fees are published on NRC's Virtual Store
Future fee-adjusted amount (\$)	Not Applicable
Adjustment date	Not Applicable
Fee-adjustment authority	Not Applicable
Service standard	Not Applicable
Performance result	Not Applicable

Fee grouping	Certified Reference Materials
Fee	Organic Certified Reference Materials (15)
Fee-setting authority	National Research Council Act 5(1), 5 (2)
Year introduced	1980
Last year fee-setting authority was amended	Not Applicable
Fee type	Product
Fee amount (\$)	105 to 720
Total fee revenue (\$)	18,015
Adjustment type	Exempt
Adjustment rate (% or formula)	Exempt
2020 to 2021 fee amount (\$)	Fees are published on NRC's Virtual Store
Future fee-adjusted amount (\$)	Not Applicable
Adjustment date	Not Applicable
Fee-adjustment authority	Not Applicable
Service standard	Not Applicable
Performance result	Not Applicable

Fee grouping	Certified Reference Materials
Fee	Nanomaterials Certified Reference Materials (4)
Fee-setting authority	National Research Council Act 5(1), 5 (2)
Year introduced	2016
Last year fee-setting authority was amended	Not Applicable
Fee type	Product
Fee amount (\$)	260 to 1,080
Total fee revenue (\$)	11,840
Adjustment type	Exempt
Adjustment rate (% or formula)	Exempt
2020 to 2021 fee amount (\$)	Fees are published on NRC's Virtual Store
Future fee-adjusted amount (\$)	Not Applicable
Adjustment date	Not Applicable
Fee-adjustment authority	Not Applicable
Service standard	Not Applicable
Performance result	Not Applicable

Fee grouping	Codes Canada
Fee	National Building Code of Canada (38)
Fee-setting authority	National Research Council Act 5(1), 5 (2)
Year introduced	1941
Last year fee-setting authority was amended	Not Applicable
Fee type	Product
Fee amount (\$)	20 to 350
Total fee revenue (\$)	1,059,356
Adjustment type	Exempt
Adjustment rate (% or formula)	Exempt
2020 to 2021 fee amount (\$)	Fees are published on NRC's Virtual Store
Future fee-adjusted amount (\$)	Not Applicable
Adjustment date	Not Applicable
Fee-adjustment authority	Not Applicable
Service standard	Not Applicable
Performance result	Not Applicable

Fee grouping	Codes Canada
Fee	National Fire Code of Canada (25)
Fee-setting authority	National Research Council Act 5(1), 5 (2)
Year introduced	1941
Last year fee-setting authority was amended	Not Applicable
Fee type	Product
Fee amount (\$)	14 to 225
Total fee revenue (\$)	147,389
Adjustment type	Exempt
Adjustment rate (% or formula)	Exempt
2020 to 2021 fee amount (\$)	Fees are published on NRC's Virtual Store
Future fee-adjusted amount (\$)	Not Applicable
Adjustment date	Not Applicable
Fee-adjustment authority	Not Applicable
Service standard	Not Applicable
Performance result	Not Applicable

Fee grouping	Codes Canada
Fee	National Plumbing Code of Canada (21)
Fee-setting authority	National Research Council Act 5(1), 5 (2)
Year introduced	1941
Last year fee-setting authority was amended	Not Applicable
Fee type	Product
Fee amount (\$)	12 to 195
Total fee revenue (\$)	469,692
Adjustment type	Exempt
Adjustment rate (% or formula)	Exempt
2020 to 2021 fee amount (\$)	Fees are published on NRC's Virtual Store
Future fee-adjusted amount (\$)	Not Applicable
Adjustment date	Not Applicable
Fee-adjustment authority	Not Applicable
Service standard	Not Applicable
Performance result	Not Applicable

Fee grouping	Codes Canada
Fee	National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings (18)
Fee-setting authority	National Research Council Act 5(1), 5 (2)
Year introduced	1941
Last year fee-setting authority was amended	Not Applicable
Fee type	Product
Fee amount (\$)	25 to 260
Total fee revenue (\$)	141,479
Adjustment type	Exempt
Adjustment rate (% or formula)	Exempt
2020 to 2021 fee amount (\$)	Fees are published on NRC's Virtual Store
Future fee-adjusted amount (\$)	Not Applicable
Adjustment date	Not Applicable
Fee-adjustment authority	Not Applicable
Service standard	Not Applicable
Performance result	Not Applicable

Fee grouping	Codes Canada
Fee	Historical Editions of Codes Canada (5)
Fee-setting authority	National Research Council Act 5(1), 5 (2)
Year introduced	1941
Last year fee-setting authority was amended	Not Applicable
Fee type	Product
Fee amount (\$)	34 to 450
Total fee revenue (\$)	22,346
Adjustment type	Exempt
Adjustment rate (% or formula)	Exempt
2020 to 2021 fee amount (\$)	Fees are published on NRC's Virtual Store
Future fee-adjusted amount (\$)	Not Applicable
Adjustment date	Not Applicable
Fee-adjustment authority	Not Applicable
Service standard	Not Applicable
Performance result	Not Applicable

Fee grouping	Codes Canada
Fee	Provincial Codes (50)
Fee-setting authority	National Research Council Act 5(1), 5 (2)
Year introduced	1941
Last year fee-setting authority was amended	Not Applicable
Fee type	Product
Fee amount (\$)	15 to 690
Total fee revenue (\$)	1,089,938
Adjustment type	Exempt
Adjustment rate (% or formula)	Exempt
2020 to 2021 fee amount (\$)	Fees are published on NRC's Virtual Store
Future fee-adjusted amount (\$)	Not Applicable
Adjustment date	Not Applicable
Fee-adjustment authority	Not Applicable
Service standard	Not Applicable
Performance result	Not Applicable

Fee grouping	Codes Canada
Fee	Supplementary Documents (40)
Fee-setting authority	National Research Council Act 5(1), 5 (2)
Year introduced	1941
Last year fee-setting authority was amended	Not Applicable
Fee type	Product
Fee amount (\$)	10 to 435
Total fee revenue (\$)	207,500
Adjustment type	Exempt
Adjustment rate (% or formula)	Exempt
2020 to 2021 fee amount (\$)	Fees are published on NRC's Virtual Store
Future fee-adjusted amount (\$)	Not Applicable
Adjustment date	Not Applicable
Fee-adjustment authority	Not Applicable
Service standard	Not Applicable
Performance result	Not Applicable

Endnotes

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