



Notice to Stakeholders on *Service Fees Act* Requirements for Annual Adjustment of CBSA Fees

From: Canada Border Services Agency

To: Trade Chain Partners and Border Commercial Consultative Committee (BCCC) members

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Purpose:

This notice outlines legal requirements under the *Service Fees Act* (SFA) that the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) must follow regarding the annual adjustment of certain fees to account for inflation, identifies the affected Commercial and Trade programs and fees, and details the adjusted rates that will take effect in Spring 2026.

Facts and Considerations:

- Fees set by regulation that are subject to the SFA are, depending on specified criteria, adjusted annually for inflation, using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Canada, as published by Statistics Canada.
- It is the responsibility of federal departments and agencies to ensure that their applicable fees are charged at the adjusted rates each April 1.
- The legal requirement for annual adjustment began April 1, 2019. For various reasons including uncertainty over SFA applicability and a desire to avoid burdening clients during the COVID-19 pandemic, most CBSA fees that are subject to adjustment have not been billed at the adjusted rates.
- For fees subject to adjustment, the rates effective April 1, 2026, represent a 25.3% increase over the rates as they are currently billed.
- Annex A provides a list of CBSA's Commercial and Trade fees subject to annual adjustment and the rates that will be charged effective April 1, 2026. The implicated programs and fees are:
 - Customs broker licensing and examination fees
 - Special services charges for clearance of goods, including the Courier Low Value Shipment Program
 - Fees for storage of goods at a customs office or place of safe-keeping

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Questions & Answers

Question 1: What is the *Service Fees Act*?

Answer: In June 2017, the Government of Canada replaced the *User Fees Act* with the *Service Fees Act* (SFA). The aim of the SFA is to increase transparency, accountability and predictability of the fee setting and charging process for Canadians. Key requirements involve performance standards, reporting, annual adjustment for inflation, and consultation before creating or changing fees.

Question 2: Which fees are subject to the SFA?

Answer: Most fees charged by the federal government are subject to at least some parts of the SFA. The SFA applies to fees for services, the use of a facility, the conferral of a right or privilege (e.g., license, permit), products, and the provision of a regulatory process.

Question 3: Are regulatory amendments needed to enact these changes?

Answer: No. Annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment occurs automatically, as applicable, by virtue of subsection 17 (1) of the SFA. Departments and agencies are responsible for charging the adjusted rates.

Question 4: Will the regulations be updated on the Justice Laws Website to show the adjusted fee amounts each year?

Answer: No. When it comes to indexation of fees, the amount of a fee payable under an Act or regulation may differ from the amount indicated in the text displayed on the Justice Laws Website. The Justice Laws Website displays the amount of a fee as enacted, but does not account for periodic adjustments to which it may be subject under the SFA or other Acts or regulations, such as CPI adjustments.

Question 5: Where can I find the updated fee amounts each year?

Answer: Future service fee amounts can be found in the latest version of CBSA's Fees Report, available in the Corporate Documents section of the CBSA's external website, under the heading "Fees reports."

- [Corporate documents](#)

Annex A – CBSA’s Commercial and Trade Fees Subject to Annual Adjustment

Fee group	Fee name	Fee-setting Regulation	Price as shown in Regulations (\$)	Price effective April 1, 2026 (\$)
Customs broker licensing and examination fees	Issue a customs broker license	<i>Customs Brokers Licensing Regulations</i> , subsection 11(1)	600.00	751.65
	Renew a customs broker license	<i>Customs Brokers Licensing Regulations</i> , subsection 11(2)	600.00	751.65
	Process an application to write the customs broker professional examination	<i>Customs Brokers Licensing Regulations</i> , para. 16(b)	200.00	250.55
Customs special services charges	Perform a special service by an officer called in on duty in respect of imported goods or goods destined for exportation - first two hours or portion thereof	<i>Special Services (Customs) Regulations</i> , para. 5(1)(a)	54.00	67.65
	Perform a special service by an officer called in on duty in respect of imported goods or goods destined for exportation - each additional hour or portion thereof	<i>Special Services (Customs) Regulations</i> , para. 5(1)(b)	27.00	33.82
Kings and frontier warehouse storage charges	Storage of commercial goods left at a customs office or deposited in a place of safe-keeping - any automobile, truck or other vehicle and any self-propelled machinery - per day	<i>Storage of Goods Regulations</i> , subsections 4(1) and 6(1), Schedule Item 1	10.00	12.53
	Storage of commercial goods left at a customs office or deposited in a place of safe-keeping - any shipment of goods other than the goods described in Schedule Item 1 - per 50kg per day	<i>Storage of Goods Regulations</i> , subsections 4(1) and 6(1), Schedule Item 2	0.45	0.56
	Storage of commercial goods left at a customs office or deposited in a place of safe-keeping - any shipment of goods other than the goods described in Schedule Item 1 - minimum daily charge	<i>Storage of Goods Regulations</i> , subsections 4(1) and 6(1), Schedule Item 2	5.00	6.26

Note: Obsolete fees, fees not under the CBSA’s authority, and fees that exist within the above-noted Regulations but which are not adjusted annually, are not listed.