

1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

# Annual Freshwater Science Charges

## Discharges to land/water:

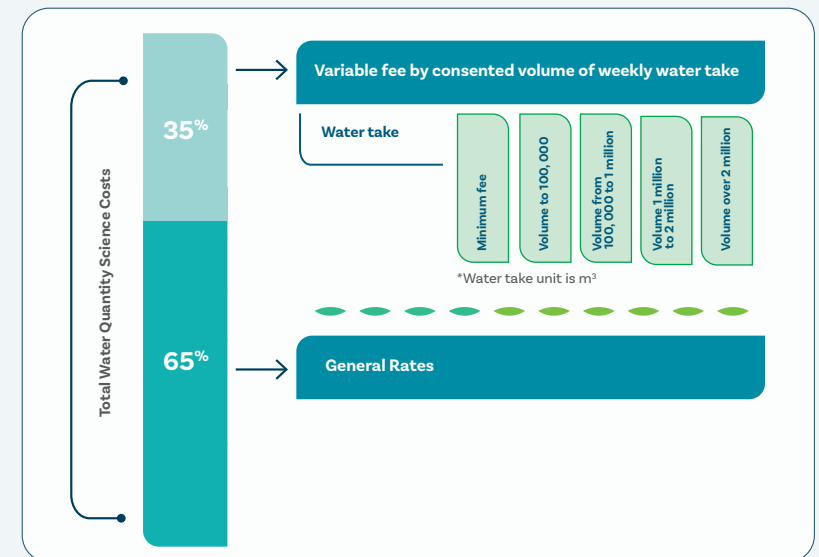
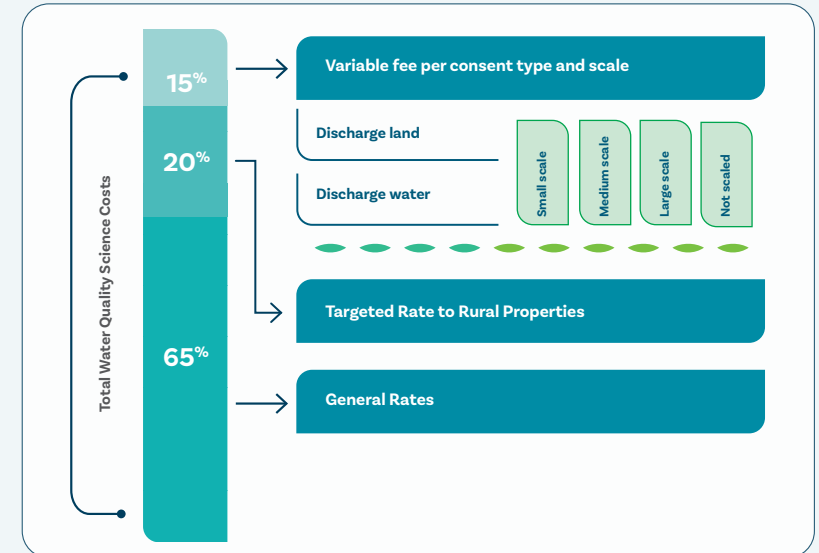
The charges for discharge to land or water consents are based on the scale of the consented discharge activity (as defined in table 2 over the page), and based on whether the receiving body of the discharge is land or water. The fee schedule for 2024-25 is in table 1 (excluding GST).

Annual fixed charge to discharge consent holders for water quality research, investigations & monitoring

Table 1

Primary purpose of consent: Drainage, sewage, stormwater & wastewater			
Discharge to:		Water	Land
Small	1	\$343	\$171
	2	\$685	\$343
	3	\$1,028	\$514
Medium	4	\$1,370	\$685
	5	\$1,713	\$856
	6	\$2,055	\$1,028
Large	7	\$2,398	\$1,199
	8	\$2,740	\$1,370
	9	\$3,083	\$1,541
Activities not scaled:			
Discharge to:		Water	Land
Solid Waste		\$1,370	\$685
Other		\$685	\$343

As per Hawke's Bay Regional Council's Revenue and Finance Policy, the costs of performing freshwater quantity and quality science research and monitoring is shared between ratepayers and consent holders.



**Table 2: Discharge consent category scale definitions**

Primary purpose of discharge	Small			Medium			Large		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Drainage	Max discharge rate: < 10 l/s	Max discharge rate: 10 - 25 l/s	Max discharge rate: 26 - 75 l/s	Max discharge rate: 76 - 200 l/s	Max discharge rate: 201 - 1,000 l/s	Max discharge rate: 1,001 - 5,000 l/s	Max discharge rate: 5,001 - 10,000 l/s	Max discharge rate: 10,001-20,000 l/s	Max discharge rate: > 20,000 l/s
Sewage	Max discharge: 2-5 m <sup>3</sup> /day	Max discharge: 6-10 m <sup>3</sup> /day	Max discharge: 11-50 m <sup>3</sup> /day	Max discharge: 51-100 m <sup>3</sup> /day	Max discharge: 101-200 m <sup>3</sup> /day	Max discharge: 201-500 m <sup>3</sup> /day	Max discharge: 501-1,000m <sup>3</sup> /day	Max discharge: 1,001-2,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day	Max discharge: > 2,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day
Stormwater	Catchment area: < 1 Ha	Catchment area: 1 to 5 Ha	Catchment area: 6 to 10 Ha	Catchment area: 11 to 20 Ha	Catchment area: 21 to 40 Ha	Catchment area: 41 to 60 Ha	Catchment area: 61 to 80 Ha	Catchment area: 81 to 100 Ha	Catchment area: > 100 Ha
Wastewater	Dairy & Piggery operations: Herd size < 100 cow equiv.  All other operations: Max discharge < 15 m <sup>3</sup> /day	Dairy & Piggery operations: Herd size 100-400 cow equiv.  All other operations: Max discharge 16-50 m <sup>3</sup> /day	Dairy & Piggery operations: Herd size 401-700 cow equiv.  All other operations: Max discharge 51-250 m <sup>3</sup> /day	Dairy & Piggery operations: Herd size 701-1,000 cow equiv.  All other operations: Max discharge 251-1,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day	Dairy & Piggery operations: Herd size 1,001- 1,300 cow equiv.  All other operations: Max discharge 1,001-2,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day	Dairy & Piggery operations: Herd size 1,301- 1,600 cow equiv.  All other operations: Max discharge 2,001-5,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day	Dairy & Piggery operations: Herd size 1,601- 2,000 cow equiv.  All other operations: Max discharge 5,001-10,001 m <sup>3</sup> /day	Dairy & Piggery operations: Herd size 2,001 to 3,000 cow equiv.  All other operations: Max discharge 10,001-20,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day	Dairy & Piggery operations: Herd size >3,000 cow equiv.  All other operations: Max discharge > 20,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day
Solid waste and other	No scale applied. HBRC may apply scale factor to “non-scaled” discharge consents if outliers become apparent.								

\*Sheep, goats and pigs are converted to cow equivalents using the following conversions;  
6.5 sheet = 1 cow equiv, 8.13 goats = 1 cow equiv, 3.75 pigs = 1 cow equiv.

## Water takes:

The charges for water take consents are based on the maximum consented weekly volume of take (not actual use) at the rates set out in Table 3 (excluding GST).

Annual fixed charge to water take consent holders for water quantity research, investigations & monitoring

**Table 3**

	Annual Variable charge rate 23/24	
	\$	Units
Minimum charge	\$240	Per consent
Volume up to 100,000 m <sup>3</sup>	\$0.075	Per m <sup>3</sup> deemed weekly volume
Volume from 100,000 to 1,000,000 m <sup>3</sup>	\$0.054	Per m <sup>3</sup> deemed weekly volume
Volume from 1 million to 2 million m <sup>3</sup>	\$0.027	Per m <sup>3</sup> deemed weekly volume
Volume above 2 million m <sup>3</sup>	\$0.007	Per m <sup>3</sup> deemed weekly volume

For example, if your consented weekly take is 110,000m<sup>3</sup>, then your charge will be based on the following:  
100,000m<sup>3</sup> @ \$0.075 per m<sup>3</sup> = \$7,500  
plus 10,000m<sup>3</sup> @ \$0.054 = \$540  
Total charge (exc GST) = \$8,040

For more details, refer to the fees and charges section of the 2021-31 Long Term Plan