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Changes to ACRS Fees and Charges 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

Since our inception in 2003, ACRS has been funded by assessment fees per process and site, and by tonnage levies on materials supplied to the certified standards. To provide a more transparent basis for ACRS fees to both applicants for certification and certificate holders, and a more stable foundation for ACRS current and future services from 1 July 2017 ACRS fees will begin to move to a new fee model consisting of assessment fees and a fee per certificate issued. The new system will come fully into force from 1 July 2018.

During the interim year, 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, you will therefore find three fees charged: The assessment fees, the tonnage levy (reduced this year by 50% from 2016-17,) and a new certificate fee per certificate (at an introductory rate for this year). The tonnage levy fee that ACRS has charged since its formation will be finally withdrawn at 30 June 2018.

As ACRS is a not-for-profit body, we are continuing to operate simply on a cost recovery, user-pays model, structured to cover our costs of providing the levels of service as demanded by industry and certificate users. For 2017-18 these costs are as shown in the tables shown below.

We assure you that in this, as in any future increases that might become necessary, ACRS will continue to be run as a not-for-profit organisation and deliver the required levels of service at the lowest possible cost.

1. Assessment Charges

ACRS assessment inspections are funded through the fee charged for each site assessment inspection activity and associated costs (such as travel and testing).

ACRS assessment fees have not increased for more than six years. For the year 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, our fees are increased to begin to cover increased costs and to rebalance the funding of assessments under the new fee system. The fees reflect the actual time and resources proven to be necessary to inspect each site to determine its capabilities, collect and monitor test materials, determine adherence to the required standards and procedures and to administer the ongoing certification process, including any matters identified during the normal assessment process and materials data review. As with the Certificate fees, below, the introduction of the assessment fee increase will be staged over the two-year period to 1 July 2018 as the levy fees are withdrawn.

The assessment fees for 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 are shown in the table below.

Please note, additional costs such as international travel, additional Assessor hours and testing fees incurred beyond the nominal allowance included in the standard Evaluation fee (such as additional grades, or stress relaxation testing) will continue to be charged where appropriate on top of the assessment fee.



Type	Full (GST excl.)	Full (GST incl.)	Surveillance (GST excl.)	Surveillance (GST incl.)
Bar/Coil Mill	\$15,750.00	\$17,325.00	\$8,650.00	\$9,515.00
HR Bar/Section Mill	\$15,750.00	\$17,325.00	\$8,650.00	\$9,515.00
Plate/Slab Mill	\$15,750.00	\$17,325.00	\$8,650.00	\$9,515.00
Hollow Section Mill	\$15,750.00	\$17,325.00	\$8,650.00	\$9,515.00
Prestress or Wire Mill	\$12,850.00	\$14,135.00	\$7,400.00	\$8,140.00
Mesh Plant	\$10,500.00	\$11,550.00	\$6,200.00	\$6,820.00
Processor/Fabricator	\$7,700.00	\$8,470.00	\$4,800.00	\$5,280.00

2. Certificate Fees

From 1 July 2017, ACRS will begin charging a fee for each certificate issued. From 1 July 2018, the Certificate fee will completely replace the tonnage levy fee, which will be withdrawn. Certificate fees will be included on the assessment fee invoices.

The interim fees for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 are shown in the table below. These fees are 50% of the full planned certificate fee applicable from 1 July 2018.

GST is charged on all certificate fees, as the related services are provided in Australia.

Type	Fee per certificate (AUD incl. GST)
Mill Manufacturer	\$2,200.00
Technical Approval (Mill)	\$1,650.00
Technical Approval (Product)	\$825.00
Processor/Fabricator	\$495.00

3. Levy fees

From 1 July 2017, the tonnage levy has been reduced by 50% from the previous rate, and from 1 July 2018 the tonnage levy will be withdrawn entirely.

The levy fees for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 are shown in the table below.

Certification Type	Cents/Tonne (AUD incl. GST)	Minimum Levy Charge (AUD incl. GST)
Manufacturer	15.89c	\$4,950.00
Processor	7.95c	\$1,815.00



Discount for Prompt Payment of Levies

The discount of 10% may still be applied for levy payments received by Nexia Australia within 21-days of the due date shown on invoice. Please note that, as in previous years, no exceptions can be made.

We are sure that you will support our maintaining the provision of our internationally recognised certification system, delivering to all stakeholders continued confidence in materials supplied under the ACRS scheme.

If you have any queries regarding the new fee system or the transitional arrangements, please contact the ACRS office, where we will be very pleased to answer your questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Philip Sanders', written over a light blue rectangular background.

Philip Sanders
Executive Director