

Information sheet

Waste ERA framework

Fees for new waste environmentally relevant activities (ERAs)

This information sheet provides details of the aggregate environmental score (AES) for each threshold of each environmentally relevant activity (ERA) under the waste ERA framework and the calculated annual fee for each threshold of each ERA in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Protection Regulation 2019.

Background

Changes have been made to the waste-related ERAs in the Environmental Protection Regulation 2019 (EP Regulation). Waste-related ERAs have been replaced with new ERAs based on how waste is processed (e.g. thermally or mechanically). The thresholds for each of the waste ERAs are now calculated on the type and amount of waste processed. These changes to the EP Regulation occurred in two stages:

- Stage 1 – commenced on 23 November 2018 and included changes to the ERAs 53, 60 and 62.
- Stage 2 – commenced on 1 July 2019 and includes the addition of a new ERA 54 and changes to the ERAs 20, 33, 52, 55-59, 61 and 62.

Table 1 in Appendix 1 lists the annual fees for the new waste-related ERAs and the associated aggregate environmental score. The fees in Appendix 1 will be indexed on 1 July 2020.

The new annual fee for the new ERAs is payable at the first anniversary day after 15 November 2019 (unless the environmental authority is amended prior to that date). The current fee for the former ERA is payable for environmental authorities with an anniversary day up to and including 15 November 2019 (unless the environmental authority is amended prior to the anniversary day).

If an environmental authority is amended before 15 November 2019, and the former ERAs transition to the equivalent new ERAs, the new annual fee¹ will take effect from the first anniversary day after the amended environmental authority is approved. This is regardless of whether the anniversary day is before or after 15 November 2019.

Further information

Information regarding the waste ERA framework can be found on the department's website <https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/waste/review-reg-waste.html>. This includes links to the relevant legislation and details about Stage 1 of the waste ERA framework, which has already commenced.

If you have any further questions, please email Waste.Reform@des.qld.gov.au.

¹ The new annual fee may be higher or lower than the current annual fee for the former ERA.

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Version history

Version	Date	Description of changes
1.00	15 May 2019	Published
1.01	16 May 2019	Corrected header on pages 2-8.
2.00	7 June 2019	Updated fees in line with the Queensland Government's annual indexation.
3.00	1 September 2019	Updated for the replacement of the EP Regulation 2008 with the EP Regulation 2019.

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Appendix 1 — Prescribed ERAs with AES and annual fees

Table 1—Summary of annual fees for prescribed ERAs for the waste ERA framework from 1 July 2019

Prescribed ERAs	AES	Annual fee 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020
33 Crushing, milling, grinding or screening (material other than waste)		
Crushing, milling, grinding or screening material: >5,000t/yr	0	\$689.00
53 Organic material processing		
(a) Processing organic material by composting: 200t/yr or more	18	\$4,987.80
(b) Processing organic material by anaerobic digestion: 200t/yr or more	16	\$4,433.60
54 Mechanical waste reprocessing (From 1 July 2019)		
1 Operating a facility for receiving and mechanically reprocessing inert, non-putrescible waste or green waste only: >5,000t/yr	8	\$2,216.80
2(a) Operating a facility for receiving and mechanically reprocessing general waste: 5,000t/yr or less	19	\$5,264.90
2(b) Operating a facility for receiving and mechanically reprocessing general waste: >5,000 - 10,000t/yr	25	\$6,927.50
2(c) Operating a facility for receiving and mechanically reprocessing general waste: >10,000t/yr	31	\$8,590.10
3(a) Operating a facility for receiving and mechanically reprocessing category 2 regulated waste: 5,000t/yr or less	29	\$8,035.90
3(b) Operating a facility for receiving and mechanically reprocessing category 2 regulated waste: >5,000 - 10,000t/yr	43	\$11,915.30
3(c) Operating a facility for receiving and mechanically reprocessing category 2 regulated waste: >10,000t/yr	56	\$15,517.60
4(a) Operating a facility for receiving and mechanically reprocessing category 1 regulated waste: 5,000t/yr or less	32	\$8,867.20
4(b) Operating a facility for receiving and mechanically reprocessing category 1 regulated waste: >5,000 - 10,000t/yr	50	\$13,855.00

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4(c) Operating a facility for receiving and mechanically reprocessing category 1 regulated waste: >10,000t/yr	73	\$20,228.30
55 Other waste reprocessing or treatment (From 1 July 2019)		
1(a) Operating a facility for receiving and reprocessing or treating general waste: 5,000t/yr or less	28	\$7,758.80
1(b) Operating a facility for receiving and reprocessing or treating general waste: >5,000 - 10,000t/yr	39	\$10,806.90
1(c) Operating a facility for receiving and reprocessing or treating general waste: >10,000t/yr	48	\$13,300.80
2(a) Operating a facility for receiving and reprocessing or treating category 2 regulated waste: 5,000t/yr or less	38	\$10,529.80
2(b) Operating a facility for receiving and reprocessing or treating category 2 regulated waste: >5,000 - 10,000t/yr	52	\$14,409.20
2(c) Operating a facility for receiving and reprocessing or treating category 2 regulated waste: >10,000t/yr	65	\$18,011.50
3(a) Operating a facility for receiving and reprocessing or treating category 1 regulated waste: 5,000t/yr or less	46	\$12,746.60
3(b) Operating a facility for receiving and reprocessing or treating category 1 regulated waste: >5,000 - 10,000t/yr	65	\$18,011.50
3(c) Operating a facility for receiving and reprocessing or treating category 1 regulated waste: >10,000t/yr	82	\$22,722.20
4 Operating a facility for receiving and reprocessing or treating clinical waste or biosecurity waste	46	\$12,746.60
57 Regulated waste transport (From 1 July 2019)		
1 Regulated waste transport – transporting end-of-life tyres	2	\$554.20
2 Regulated waste transport – transporting regulated waste other than end-of-life tyres	1 per vehicle, but not	\$277.10 to a maximum

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	more than 36	of \$9,975.60
60 Waste disposal (From 23 November 2018) Note the AES and fee increased for thresholds 1 and 2, but do not apply to existing environmental authorities until the first anniversary day after 15 November 2019 or the first anniversary day after an amendment if the environmental authority is amended sooner		
1(a) Waste disposal facility (any combination of regulated waste, general waste and limited regulated waste — and <5t untreated clinical wastes if in a scheduled area): <50,000t/yr	65	\$18,011.50
1(b) Waste disposal facility (any combination of regulated waste, general waste and limited regulated waste — and <5t untreated clinical wastes if in a scheduled area): 50,000-100,000t/yr	92	\$25,493.20
1(c) Waste disposal facility (any combination of regulated waste, general waste and limited regulated waste — and <5t untreated clinical wastes if in a scheduled area): >100,000-200,000t/yr	116	\$32,143.60
1(d) Waste disposal facility (any combination of regulated waste, general waste and limited regulated waste — and <5t untreated clinical wastes if in a scheduled area): >200,000t/yr	119	\$32,974.90
2(a) Waste disposal facility (any combination of general waste, no more than 10% limited regulated waste — and <5t untreated clinical wastes if in a scheduled area): <2,000t/yr	18	\$4,987.80
2(b) Waste disposal facility (any combination of general waste, no more than 10% limited regulated waste — and <5t untreated clinical wastes if in a scheduled area): 2,000-5,000t/yr	27	\$7,481.70
2(c) Waste disposal facility (any combination of general waste, no more than 10% limited regulated waste — and <5t untreated clinical wastes if in a scheduled area): >5,000-10,000t/yr	37	\$10,252.70
2(d) Waste disposal facility (any combination of general waste, no more than 10% limited regulated waste — and <5t untreated clinical wastes if in a scheduled area): >10,000-20,000t/yr	45	\$12,469.50
2(e) Waste disposal facility (any combination of general waste, no more than 10% limited regulated waste — and <5t untreated clinical wastes if in a scheduled area): >20,000-50,000t/yr	56	\$15,517.60

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2(f) Waste disposal facility (any combination of general waste, no more than 10% limited regulated waste — and <5t untreated clinical wastes if in a scheduled area): >50,000-100,000t/yr	65	\$18,011.50
2(g) Waste disposal facility (any combination of general waste, no more than 10% limited regulated waste — and <5t untreated clinical wastes if in a scheduled area): >100,000t/yr-200,000t/yr	82	\$22,722.20
2(h) Waste disposal facility (any combination of general waste, no more than 10% limited regulated waste — and <5t untreated clinical wastes if in a scheduled area): >200,000t/yr	107	\$29,649.70
3(a) Waste disposal facility (inert waste only): <50,000t/yr	28	\$7,758.80
3(b) Waste disposal facility (inert waste only): >50,000-100,000t/yr	35	\$9,698.50
3(c) Waste disposal facility (inert waste only): >100,000t/yr-200,000t/yr	40	\$11,084.00
3(d) Waste disposal facility (inert waste only): >200,000t/yr	50	\$13,855.00
4 Maintaining a decommissioned waste disposal facility	9	\$2,493.90
61 Thermal waste reprocessing and treatment (From 1 July 2019)		
1(a) Operating a facility for thermally reprocessing or treating general waste: 5,000t/yr or less	33	\$9,144.30
1(b) Operating a facility for thermally reprocessing or treating general waste: >5,000 - 10,000t/yr	39	\$10,806.90
1(c) Operating a facility for thermally reprocessing or treating general waste: >10,000t/yr	45	\$12,469.50
2(a) Operating a facility for thermally reprocessing or treating category 2 regulated waste: 5,000t/yr or less	43	\$11,915.30
2(b) Operating a facility for thermally reprocessing or treating category 2 regulated waste: >5,000 - 10,000t/yr	57	\$15,794.70
2(c) Operating a facility for thermally reprocessing or treating category 2 regulated waste: >10,000t/yr	70	\$19,397.00

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3(a) Operating a facility for thermally reprocessing or treating category 1 regulated waste: 5,000t/yr or less	51	\$14,132.10
3(b) Operating a facility for thermally reprocessing or treating category 1 regulated waste: >5,000 - 10,000t/yr	69	\$19,119.90
3(c) Operating a facility for thermally reprocessing or treating category 1 regulated waste: >10,000t/yr	87	\$24,107.70
4 Operating a facility for thermally reprocessing or treating clinical waste or biosecurity waste	51	\$14,132.10
62 Resource recovery and transfer facility operation (From 1 July 2019)		
1(a) Operating a facility for receiving and sorting, dismantling, baling or temporarily storing scrap steel, non-putrescible waste or green waste only	6	\$1,662.60
1(b) Operating a facility for receiving and sorting, dismantling, baling or temporarily storing general waste	14	\$3,879.40
1(c) Operating a facility for receiving and sorting, dismantling, baling or temporarily storing category 2 regulated waste	26	\$7,204.60
1(d) Operating a facility for receiving and sorting, dismantling, baling or temporarily storing category 1 regulated waste	35	\$9,698.50
2 Operating a facility for receiving and sorting, dismantling, baling or temporarily storing end-of-life tyres only	14	\$3,879.40