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WAC 246-290-990 Water system evaluation and project review and approval fees.

(1) The fees for the review and approval of water system plans, project reports, construction documents, existing systems, and related evaluations required under chapters 246-290, 246-291, 246-293, 246-294 and 246-295 WAC are:

(a) Water system plans required under WAC 246-290-100, 246-290-105, 246-291-140, 246-293-220, and 246-293-230.

Project Type	Group B	Group A				
		<100 Services	100 to 500 Services	501 to 999 Services	1,000 to 9,999 Services	10,000 or more Services
Water system plan (New and Updated)	\$138	\$491	\$1,206	\$2,280	\$3,705	\$5,484
Minor water system plan alteration	\$31	\$115	\$293	\$565	\$919	\$1,349

(b) Satellite management agency (SMA) plans for Group A and Group B water systems required under WAC 246-295-040.

Project Type	Total Active or Approved Services				
	<100 Services	100 to 500 Services	501 to 999 Services	1,000 to 9,999 Services	10,000 or more Services
SMA plan for ownership (New and Updated)	\$491	\$1,206	\$2,280	\$3,705	\$5,484
SMA approval amendment	\$102 per hour or appropriate fee from category above, whichever is less				
SMA plan for operation only (New and Updated)	\$1,206	\$1,206	\$1,206	\$1,206	\$1,206

Note: SMAs owning water systems and submitting planning documents to the Department for review shall be charged only the SMA fee.

(c) New plan elements required under WAC 246-290-100, 246-290-105, 246-290-125, 246-290-132, 246-290-135, 246-290-691, and 246-291-140 including:

- (i) Conservation; and
- (ii) Wellhead protection, shall be reviewed separately by the department and the fee assessed shall reflect the time spent for this review and shall be calculated based on one hundred two dollars per hour. After the initial submittal, updated information shall be reviewed as part of the updated water system plan and the review fee shall be included in the applicable updated plan review fee listed under (a) or (b) of this subsection.

(d) Project reports required under WAC 246-290-110 and design reports required under WAC 246-291-120.

Project Type	Group B	Group A				
		<100 Services	100 to 500 Services	501 to 999 Services	1,000 to 9,999 Services	10,000 or more Services
All types of filtration or other complex treatment processes	\$348	\$710	\$1,103	\$1,598	\$2,204	\$2,922
Chemical addition only, such as ion exchange, hypochlorination, or fluoridation	\$102	\$205	\$348	\$525	\$743	\$994
Complete water system (an additional fee shall be assessed for review of treatment facility, if any)	\$205	\$491	\$778	\$1,137	\$1,564	\$2,061
System modifications requiring a detailed evaluation to determine whether the system, as modified, will comply with regulations (an additional fee shall be assessed for review of treatment facility, if any)	\$138	\$348	\$565	\$851	\$1,206	\$1,626

Note: In accordance with WAC 246-290-125, project reports are not required for minor projects that are described in sufficient detail in an approved water system plan, and have been reviewed as part of the process for approving the water system plan.

(e) Special reports or plans required under WAC 246-290-230, 246-291-235, 246-290-250, 246-290-470, 246-290-636, 246-290-640, 246-290-654, and 246-290-676, and 246-291-230 including:

- (i) Corrosion control recommendation report;
- (ii) Corrosion control study;
- (iii) Plan to cover uncovered reservoirs;
- (iv) Predesign study;
- (v) Uncovered reservoir plan of operation;
- (vi) Tracer study plan;
- (vii) Surface water or GWI treatment facility operations plan;
- (viii) Filtration pilot study; or
- (ix) GWI determination reports, shall be reviewed by the department and the fee assessed shall reflect the time spent for this review and shall be calculated based on one hundred two dollars per hour.

(f) Construction documents required under WAC 246-290-120 and design reports required under WAC 246-291-120.

Project Type	Group B	Group A				
		<100 Services	100 to 500 Services	501 to 999 Services	1,000 to 9,999 Services	10,000 or more Services
All types of filtration or other complex treatment processes	\$348	\$710	\$1,103	\$1,598	\$2,204	\$2,922
Chemical addition only, such as ion exchange, hypochlorination, or fluoridation	\$102	\$205	\$348	\$525	\$743	\$994
Complete new water system except treatment (an additional fee shall be assessed for review of treatment facility, if any)	\$281	\$633	\$919	\$1,279	\$1,709	\$2,204
New source only (an additional fee shall be assessed for review of treatment facility, if any)	\$205	\$382	\$525	\$710	\$919	\$1,172
One or more of the following submitted as a package and not requiring a detailed evaluation as determined by the department: Water line installation, booster pump station, modifications to source pumping, piping-valving, controls or storage reservoir (an additional fee shall be assessed for review of treatment facility, if any)	\$138	\$241	\$382	\$565	\$778	\$1,027
Documents submitted for projects such as water line installation, booster pump stations, modifications to source pumping, piping/valving, controls or storage reservoirs as determined by the department where such projects: Comply with design standards established by the department; Are prepared by a professional engineer in accordance with WAC 246-290-040; and Do not require a detailed evaluation by the department.	\$64	\$118	\$198	\$281	\$389	\$512

(g) Existing system approval required under WAC 246-290-140 and 246-291-130. For the purpose of this subsection the department shall determine whether a system is expanding or nonexpanding.

Project Type	Group B	Group A				
		<100 Services	100 to 500 Services	501 to 999 Services	1,000 to 9,999 Services	10,000 or more Services
NONEXPANDING system not requiring a detailed evaluation by the department	\$268	\$539	\$811	\$1,083	\$1,355	\$1,626
NONEXPANDING system requiring a detailed evaluation as determined by the department	\$404	\$811	\$1,229	\$1,626	\$2,034	\$2,441
EXPANDING system not requiring a detailed evaluation by the department	\$539	\$1,083	\$1,626	\$2,169	\$2,714	\$3,256
EXPANDING system requiring a detailed evaluation as determined by the department	\$676	\$1,355	\$2,034	\$2,714	\$3,391	\$4,072

(h) Monitoring waivers requested under WAC 246-290-300.

Project Type	Group B	Group A				
		<100 Services	100 to 500 Services	501 to 999 Services	1,000 to 9,999 Services	10,000 or more Services
Inorganic chemical monitoring waiver	Not applicable	\$88 per source	\$123 per source	\$155 per source	\$188 per source	\$221 per source
Organic chemical monitoring waiver	Not applicable	\$161 per source	\$226 per source	\$294 per source	\$359 per source	\$425 per source
Use waiver	Not applicable	\$193 per source	\$260 per source	\$334 per source	\$392 per source	\$459 per source
Area wide waiver renewal	Not applicable	\$193 per source	\$240 per source	\$287 per source	\$334 per source	\$369 per source
Inorganic chemical monitoring waiver renewal	Not applicable	\$48 per source	\$62 per source	\$75 per source	\$88 per source	\$102 per source
Organic chemical monitoring waiver renewal	Not applicable	\$95 per source	\$135 per source	\$176 per source	\$215 per source	\$254 per source
Use waiver renewal	Not applicable	\$135 per source	\$181 per source	\$226 per source	\$273 per source	\$320 per source
Coliform monitoring waiver including departmental inspection requested by purveyor	Not applicable	\$414	\$512	\$652	\$830	Not applicable
Coliform monitoring waiver with third-party inspection report	Not applicable	\$128	\$128	\$128	\$128	Not applicable

- (i) Other evaluations and approvals. As applicable, these fees will be charged in addition to the basic fees assessed under (a) through (h) of this subsection.

Project Type	Group B	Group A				
		<100 Services	100 to 500 Services	501 to 999 Services	1,000 to 9,999 Services	10,000 or more Services
Well-site evaluation and approval including the site inspection and hydrogeologic information review.	\$205	\$309	\$363	\$451	\$565	\$710
Regulatory monitoring plan ¹	No plan required	\$198	\$268	\$337	\$404	\$471
Unfiltered system annual comprehensive report	Not applicable	\$404	\$676	\$947	\$1,218	\$1,489
Water system compliance report	\$115	\$115	\$115	\$115	\$115	\$115

¹ A comprehensive document containing coliform, inorganic chemical and organic chemical monitoring plans in accordance with WAC 246-290-300.

- (2) To determine the appropriate fee for a noncommunity system, calculate the service equivalent to taking the average population served each day of operation and dividing by twenty-five for a transient noncommunity (TNC) system and two and one-half for nontransient noncommunity (NTNC) system. Use the number of service equivalents to find out what Group A size category to look under and submit the appropriate fee. (All noncommunity systems are Group A systems as described in WAC 246-290-020).

- (3) Additional review and approval fees may be assessed as follows:

- (a) The basic fee covers an evaluation, or the review of an initial submittal and one resubmittal if required. If additional resubmittals are required, an additional twenty-five-percent of the original fee will be assessed for each additional resubmittal. For water system plan and SMA plan preparation, the basic fee also covers a preplanning conference.
- (b) Fees for department project approval based on local technical review will be determined on a case-by-case basis as outlined in the applicable memorandum of understanding between the department and the respective local agency;

(c) Fees may be assessed for services which the department determines are not described under subsection (1) of this section. If assessed, the fees will be calculated based on a rate of one hundred two dollars per hour. Examples of these services include, but are not limited to:

- (i) Review and inspection of water reuse projects;
- (ii) Collection of water quality samples requested by purveyor;
- (iii) Review of alternate technologies requested by purveyor, manufacturer or authorized representative;
- (iv) Sanitary surveys, including the time spent as part of annual on-site inspections for systems under WAC 246-290-690(3) that is in addition to the time necessary to assess watershed control and disinfection treatment; or
- (v) Well field designations; or
- (vi) Transfers of ownership under WAC 246-290-035 or 246-294-060.

(d) Additional fees assessed by the department shall be billed to the purveyor using an itemized invoice.

(4) If the Legislature revises the water system operating permit fee under RCW 70.119A.110 to incorporate into it one or more fees for service currently assessed separately under this section, and the purveyor has paid that consolidated fee, the department shall not assess or collect a separate fee under this section for any such service.

(5) All fees required under this section except as noted in subsection (3) of this section, shall be submitted prior to the department's approval. **Payment of fees shall be in the form of a check or money order made payable to: The Department of Health, P.O. Box 1099, Olympia, Washington 98507-1099.** Payment of a fee shall not guarantee approval of the submitted document or evaluation request.

(6) Purveyors unable to determine the appropriate fee payment to submit should contact the department.

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WAC 246-292-160 Water works certification fees.

(1) Operator fees:

(a) Applicable fees are listed in Table 2 of this section;

Table 2
Water Works Operator Fees

Operator Classification	Application Fee	Reapplication Fee	Annual Renewal Fee	Late Fee
WTPO	\$87.00	\$42.00	\$42.00 *	\$35.00 **
WDM	\$87.00	\$42.00	\$42.00 *	\$35.00 **
WDS	\$87.00	\$42.00	\$42.00 *	\$35.00 **
CCS	\$51.00	\$42.00	\$42.00 *	\$35.00 **
BAT	\$51.00	\$42.00	\$42.00 *	\$35.00
BTO	\$51.00	\$42.00	\$42.00 *	\$35.00

* The annual renewal fee for a WTPO, WDM, WDS and CCS certification is forty-two dollars regardless of the number of classifications held.

** The annual late fee for a WTPO, WDM, WDS, and CCS certification is thirty-five dollars regardless of the number of classifications held.

(b) The department will assess a late fee to operators who fail to submit the required fee within the time period specified on the renewal form; and

(c) The fee for application for reciprocity is one hundred seventy-seven dollars per classification.

(2) Group A system fees:

(a) Applicable fees are listed as indicated in Table 3 of this section.

Table 3
Annual System Certification Fees

System Size. * (Number of Equivalent Services)	System Fee
Less than 601 Services	\$132.00
601 through 6,000 Services	\$403.00
6,001 through 20,000 Services	\$536.00
More than 20,000 Services	\$809.00

* Systems designated by the department as approved satellite management agencies (SMAs) shall pay a fee based on total services in all systems owned by the SMA.

- (b) A Group A system must pay the fee in Table 3 in conjunction with the system's annual operating permit fee required in chapter 246-294 WAC.
- (c) The department will assess a late fee against any system that fails to submit its fees to the department within the designated time period. The late fee is based on the water system's classification and is equal to ten percent of the system fee in Table 3 or thirty-five dollars, whichever is greater.
- (d) The system fee for issuance of a temporary certification shall be eighty-seven dollars for each temporary position.

(3) Fees are nonrefundable and transfers of fees are not allowable.

(4) Fees required under this chapter must be paid by check or money order made payable to the department of health and mailed to the department at P.O. Box 1099, Olympia, Washington 98507-1099.

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WAC 246-294-070 Drinking Water Operating Permit Fees.

(1) The fees for Group A water system operating permits shall be indicated in Table 2.

Table 2 Operating Permit Fees

Classification	Fee
0 – 14 services	None
15 – 49 services	\$25 per year
50 – 3,333 services	\$1.50 per service per year
3,334 – 53,333 services	\$4,999.50 + .10 per service over 3,333 services per year
53,334 or more services	\$10,000 per year
Satellite System Management Agency (based on total services in all systems owned by SMA)	\$1 per service per year or the fee from the appropriate category above, whichever is less
New Group A water system	One-time charge of \$5 per service
Late charge	Additional 10% of applicable charge stated above or \$25, whichever is greater

(2) For NTNC and TNC systems, owners shall pay the applicable fee from Table 2 based on equivalent number of services. Population information used in calculating equivalent number of services shall come from the WFI. The following formulas shall be used in determining equivalent number of services:

(a) For NTNC divide the average population served each day by two and one-half; and

(b) For TNC divide the average population served each day by twenty-five.

(3) Where systems serve both resident and nonresident populations, the permit fee category shall be determined by adding the number of services and an equivalent for the nonresident population served.

(4) In addition to submitting an annual fee, all new Group A water systems shall be charged a one-time fee of five dollars for each service or equivalent, based on the department approved design or as-built approval (see WAC 246-294-030(4)).

(5) Any county or SMA assuming ownership of a Group A water system, or court appointed receiver of a Group A water system shall be exempt from the operating permit fee for a period of one year after the next renewal date.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 70.119A RCW. 93-03-047 (Order 325), § 246-294-070, filed 1/14/93, effective 2/14/93.]

