

24 November 2017

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Dear Cody,

I refer to your request to the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) dated 11 October 2017, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). The New Zealand Transport Agency transferred two requests for information to the Ministry of Transport for response on 1 November 2017.

4. Supporting documents & justification used at the time of publishing the Schedule "Fees for driver testing and driver licensing" in the Land Transport (Driver Licensing and Driver Testing Fees) Regulations 1999

The Ministry of Transport no longer hold any of the requested information because policy files are only held for 10 years, after which they are transferred to Archives New Zealand. I therefore refuse this request, under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information you are asking for is publicly available at Archives New Zealand.

The documents you requested can be found on the file titled "LTSA Land Transport Safety Authority-Driver Testing- Fees" held at Archives New Zealand. To request access to this file go to www.archway.archives.govt.nz and type the file title into the search field, then click the 'Order Details' field. If you need assistance from an Archives New Zealand staff member please give them the unique file reference R23267526.

5. It appears the fees were last changed on 1 July 2010. Please advise why the fees have not changed in the subsequent years given that it is highly likely that the associated costs would have also changed during this time.

The Ministry of Transport conducted a review of the drivers licence and driver testing fees in 2009, and found that the regulated fees for driver licensing and testing did not cover the cost of meeting those services. The Government chose to amend the fee schedule and this took place on 1 July 2010. Further amendments to the fee schedule have taken place as follows:

Date	Reason for change	Fees adjusted
1 October 2010	The amendment increased some of the prescribed fees to take account of the increase in the rate of goods and services tax from 12.5% to 15%.	Some fees adjusted to reflect the increase in the rate of GST.
1 July 2011	Adjustments to the tests required for a restricted licence, a full licence of class 1, and a full licence of class 6.	Adjustment of the fees in part 4 of the Fee Schedule.

1 July 2012	Temporary fee increase between 5 July 2012 and 4 July 2015 to recover costs following changes to the restricted licence tests.	Fees in parts 1 and 4 of the Fee Schedule increased.
1 November 2013	The fee payable by the Chief Executive of the Ministry of Justice to the New Zealand Transport Agency adjusted to reflect cost changes in replacing a photographic driver's licence.	Fee in part 7(4) adjusted to \$38.20.
1 July 2017	The amendments align the fit and proper person checking fees specified in the Land Transport (Driver Licensing and Driver Testing Fees) Regulations 1999 with the vetting request fee to be prescribed in the Policing (Cost Recovery) Regulations 2017.	Fee adjustments in part 5 of the Fee Schedule.

(For further information please refer to www.legislation.govt.nz).

The Ministry will continue to monitor these fees in light of the cost of operating the driver licensing system. The need for a fee review will be looked at as part of our fee and funding review programme.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act to make a complaint about the refusal to release this information to the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

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Office of the Ombudsmen
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Yours sincerely



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