

1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026

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 2025-26 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	\$393	\$197
	2	\$786	\$393
	3	\$1,180	\$590
Medium	4	\$1,573	\$786
	5	\$1,966	\$983
	6	\$2,359	\$1,180
Large	7	\$2,752	\$1,376
	8	\$3,146	\$1,573
	9	\$3,529	\$1,769

Activities not scaled:			
Discharge to:		Water	Land
Solid Waste		\$1,573	\$786
Other		\$786	\$393

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.

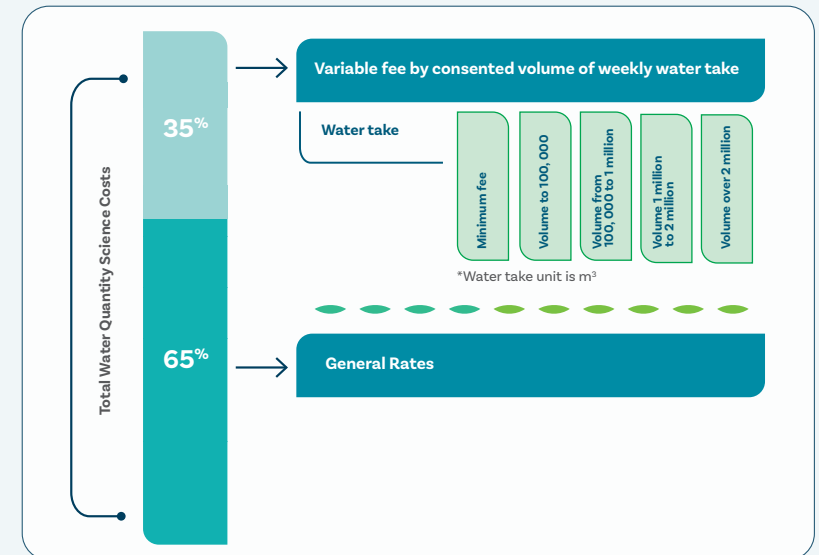
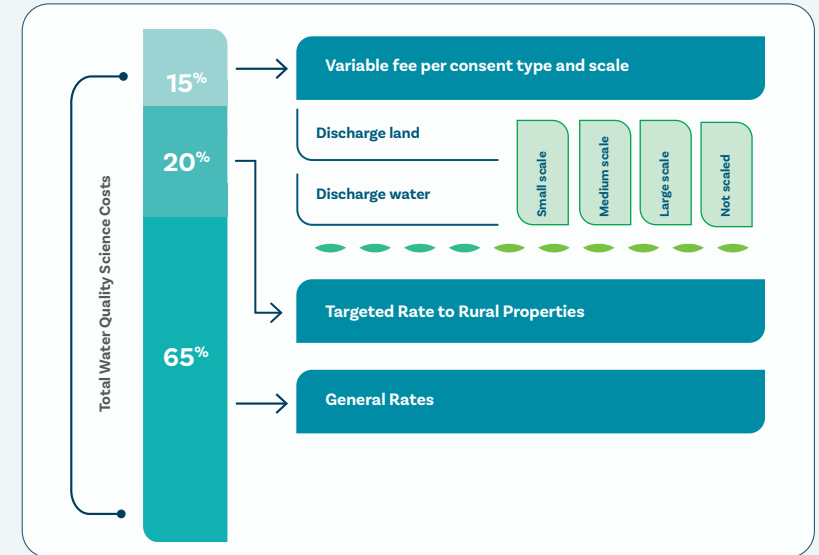


Table 2: Definition of discharge consent scale of activity

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 ³ /day	Max discharge: 6-10 m ³ /day	Max discharge: 11-50 m ³ /day	Max discharge: 51-100 m ³ /day	Max discharge: 101-200 m ³ /day	Max discharge: 201-500 m ³ /day	Max discharge: 501-1,000m ³ /day	Max discharge: 1,001-2,000 m ³ /day	Max discharge: > 2,000 m ³ /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.	Dairy & Piggery operations: Herd size 100-400 cow equiv.	Dairy & Piggery operations: Herd size 401-700 cow equiv.	Dairy & Piggery operations: Herd size 701-1,000 cow equiv.	Dairy & Piggery operations: Herd size 1,001- 1,300 cow equiv.	Dairy & Piggery operations: Herd size 1,301- 1,600 cow equiv.	Dairy & Piggery operations: Herd size 1,601- 2,000 cow equiv.	Dairy & Piggery operations: Herd size 2,001 to 3,000 cow equiv.	Dairy & Piggery operations: Herd size >3,000 cow equiv.
	All other operations: Max discharge < 15 m ³ /day	All other operations: Max discharge 16-50 m ³ /day	All other operations: Max discharge 51-250 m ³ /day	All other operations: Max discharge 251-1,000 m ³ /day	All other operations: Max discharge 1,001-2,000 m ³ /day	All other operations: Max discharge 2,001-5,000 m ³ /day	All other operations: Max discharge 5,001-10,000 m ³ /day	All other operations: Max discharge 10,001-20,000 m ³ /day	All other operations: Max discharge > 20,000 m ³ /day
Solid waste and other	No scale applied. The Regional Council may apply scale factor to “non-scaled” discharge consents if outliers become apparent.								

Note: Sheep, goats and pigs are converted to cow equivalents using the following conversions; 6.5 sheep = 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 2025-26	
	\$	Units
Minimum charge	\$240	Per consent
Volume up to 100,000 m ³	\$0.052	Per m ³ deemed weekly volume
Volume from 100,000 to 1,000,000 m ³	\$0.039	
Volume from 1 million to 2 million m ³	\$0.019	
Volume above 2 million m ³	\$0.005	

For example, if your consented weekly take is 110,000m³, then your charge will be based on the following:

100,000m³ @ \$0.075 per m³ = \$5,200
 plus 10,000m³ @ \$0.054 = \$390
 Total charge (exc GST) = \$5,590

For more details, refer to the Fees and User Charges Schedule 2025-26 [hbrc.govt.nz](https://www.hbrc.govt.nz), search #annualplans