



Information Alert

ACCREDITATION FEES 2006/07

The Minister for Transport has approved the [Rail Accreditation Annual Fees Determination 2006](#).

As advised in an earlier Information Alert (dated 7 April 2006), annual accreditation fees will be charged on a financial year basis from 2006/07 (subject to the agreement of accredited persons) and will be calculated using a new methodology.

The Determination sets out the methodology and rates for calculating annual accreditation fees commencing 1 December 2006. Accreditation fees for the period 1 July – 30 November 2006 will be calculated using the rates in the *Rail Accreditation Fee Notice 2004*.

ITSRR will issue invoices for 2006/07 accreditation fees in December 2006. These invoices will deduct on a pro-rata basis, any accreditation fee amounts already paid in respect of the 2006/07 financial year.

For operators whose fees are calculated on the basis of their train and track kilometres,

- estimated fees for 2006/07 will be invoiced on the basis of 2005/06 train and track kilometre data.
- at the end of the 2006/07 financial year, 2006/07 fees will be adjusted to reflect actual train and track kilometres for 2006/07.
- any additional fee or refund will be incorporated into the fees invoice for 2007/08.

The change to the methodology for calculation of the annual fee results in differing outcomes for individual railway operators. Accredited persons will need to refer to the invoice, when issued, for more information on the dollar impact of the changes.

The determination also includes an increase in the minimum fee payable by commercial operators. This would generally apply to accredited constructors and maintainers of rolling stock and railway infrastructure.

The full effect of the changes on commercial operators will not be felt until the 2007/08 financial year due to the mid financial year commencement date for the new rates.

Heritage operators will be subject to a fixed fee consistent with the fees previously charged.

For further information, please refer to the Fact Sheet attached.

Inquiries concerning the *Rail Accreditation Annual Fees Determination 2006* should be directed to contact@transportregulator.nsw.gov.au

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