

Compliance monitoring services



Annual Fees & Charges

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Auditing charges

It is ORC's policy to audit resource consents that have the potential for significant environmental effects or those which have unsatisfactory performance.

This audit work is carried out by staff and includes travel time, site inspections, meeting with consent holders, reviewing performance monitoring records, taking samples and having them analysed in a laboratory, writing up an audit report and having further communication with the consent holder, depending on the outcome of the audit. The process is independent of self-monitoring by the consent holder.

Actual and reasonable audit work costs are recovered from consent holders and the cost varies between different classes of activity granted under the Resource Management Act e.g. water take and discharge to water consents. Invoices for the audit charges will be sent once the auditing work is fully completed by ORC staff or its authorised contractors.

Gravel extraction charges

Gravel consent monitoring is paid for by the consent holder through payment of a fee per cubic metre of gravel taken by the consent holder. The current fee is 66c per cubic metre including GST.

Gravel extractors are reminded that if they do not take any gravel a NIL return is still required.

Resource consent establishment inspections

For most resource consents, ORC undertakes a one-off inspection once the establishment work has been carried out by the consent holder, to ensure installations and activities have been carried out according to the terms of the consent and relevant consent application information.

Actual and reasonable costs are recovered from the consent holder.

Resource Consents

Otago Regional Council (ORC) is responsible for issuing resource consents to applicants for the take, use, damming and diversion of water, discharges to water, air, coast and land, disturbances of river, stream and lake beds and structures in waterways and coastal marine areas.

After resource consents are issued, ORC monitors your consent to ensure you have complied with conditions. As the holder of a resource consent, you need to be aware of the charges ORC has set for work it must do to administer, supervise and monitor your consent.

These charges are set in accordance with section 36 of the Resource Management Act (1991) and section 150 of the Local Government Act (2002).

The frequency of monitoring depends on the type of activity allowed by your resource consent, the conditions specified and the extent you have complied with these conditions.

Performance monitoring charges

Many resource consents include conditions that require the consent holder to measure the quantity or quality of water or discharge to assess the resource use and impacts of the consented activity on the environment. As usual the cost of this performance or self-monitoring is borne by the consent holder. Once the results of performance monitoring are sent to ORC, the data are reviewed against the consent conditions by ORC staff.

The consent holder will be required to pay the cost of the above reviewing and storing of the performance monitoring data. Consent holders must still return NIL results and charges still apply for processing this information.

Annual performance monitoring charges

1. Discharge to air consents performance monitoring		\$
Measurement of contaminants from a stack report		95.00
Ambient air quality measurement of contaminants report		110.00
Management plans and maintenance records		38.00
Annual assessment report		75.00
2. Discharge to water, land and coast performance monitoring		
Effluent systems	Environmental quality report	50.00
	Installation producer statements	66.00
	Return of flow/discharge records	66.00
Landfills	Environmental quality report	63.00
	Management plans	140.00
Industrial discharges	Environmental quality report	46.00
	Environmental report	101.00
	Return of flow/discharge records	66.00
Annual assessment report		55.00
Management plans - minor environmental effects		140.00
Management plans - major environmental effects		280.00
Maintenance records		33.00
3. Water takes		
Verification reports		66.00
Annual assessment report		56.00
Manual return of data per take		87.00
Datalogger return of data per take		55.00
Telemetry data per consent		38.00
Administration fee – water regulations		100.00
Low flow monitoring charge*	Kakanui at McCones	350.00
	Unnamed stream at Gemmells	1,550.00
4. Structures		
Inspection reports for small dams		135.00
Inspection reports for large dams		270.00
Structural integrity reports		85.00
5. Photographs		
Provision of photographs		65.00
Additional charges may be incurred for new consents granted during the year.		

Non-compliance charges

In the event a consent holder is found to be not complying with resource consent conditions, ORC may carry out additional work, and enforcement actions may be initiated. ORC can seek to recover the actual and reasonable cost of this additional work regardless of an enforcement action being taken or not. Work may include site visits, meetings, phone calls, file notes and mileage.

Email or post your info to us

If your performance monitoring records relate to a water permit, email watermetring@orc.govt.nz;

All other performance monitoring records or enquiries can be emailed to compliance@orc.govt.nz. Or you can post your records to: Private Bag 1954, Dunedin 9054.

Please ensure you quote your consent number and the condition to which the information applies.





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