

SCHEDULE OF FEES

For Season 2005/2006 - 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006

Channel Access

Channel Access Fees	(one outlet)	\$606.33 / year
Fee for each additional outlet	(2-5 outlets)	\$21.83 / year
Fee for each additional outlet	(6-10 outlets)	\$32.75 / year
Fee for each additional outlet	(over 10 outlets)	\$39.70 / year

Pipeline Access

Access Fee		\$714.50 / year
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Storage Access

Access Fee		\$92.29 / year
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Volumetric Charge

Charge for water used per Megalitre		\$46.64
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Capacity Charge

Charge per Megalitre on licence volume held		\$91.30 / year
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Rural Administration Fee

Fee for transfer of Licence or Licence volume		\$57.05 per transfer
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Notes:

Accounts will be sent out quarterly.

Capacity Charge is applied to the percentage of Licence volume allocated in any given season

Coliban Water's policy for billing the capacity charges component of the rural water account in years of limited supply is to:

- Bill the September account at the rate declared on 15 September of that year (the 'initial allocation');
- Bill the December account at the rate declared on the 15th December of that year;
- Declare the 'final' allocation on the 15th January;
- Bill the March and June accounts at the rate declared as the final allocation; and
- Calculate the difference between the 'initial' allocation, the December allocation and the 'final' allocation, and add that amount to the March account.

INTRODUCTION

In 1986 the Rural Water Commission completed a comprehensive study on the supply and servicing to Rural Water customers within the Coliban system. The study confirmed that the rural system was not viable in its current form and that it was inevitable and essential that there be some changes to the level of service and that rural water prices should rise significantly.

Since taking over the responsibility for the Coliban Rural system, Coliban Water has made a commitment to maintain a viable rural water service. The Authority's Board has conducted extensive tours of the rural district and consulted with key customers to discuss the future financial viability of the service.

The consultations, coupled with the desire to move the rural sector toward long term financial viability, has resulted in a review of the services offered and a change to the structure of rural billings.

HOW FINANCIALLY VIABLE IS THE RURAL SECTOR?

In the first year of operation of Coliban Water, the rural sector made a loss of \$1.3M. This loss was subsidised by both the urban water and wastewater customers. Recent projections for the 1993/94 year also indicate a further loss of \$1.3M.

From July 1994, following restructuring of the water industry by the State Government, the functions of Coliban Water are being split into two operations, water wholesaling (headworks) and retailing (distribution).

Under this arrangement, urban and rural retailing operations will buy bulk water at a common price from the wholesaling operation. The common price to be charged will eliminate cross subsidies that presently occur between urban and rural operations, and will result in a higher bulk water

price to the rural sector. Increased rural revenue and reduced cost structures that result from initiatives taken in the 1994/95 business estimates will be neutralised by the higher rural bulk water price.

As Coliban Water is committed to the long term viability of the rural sector, further fee reviews, together with a critical review of cost structures and operational efficiencies, will become a feature of the rural sector for some years to come.

BILLING CYCLES

Accounts will be rendered twice each year. The first will be billed in November and will comprise the service fee and outlet charge for the full year. The second account (in May) will be for the water consumed in the season. The procedure differs from the way we have charged in previous seasons when the service fee was split between the two accounts.

STRUCTURE OF THE FEE

Rural water accounts will consist of three components:

Service Fee

infrastructure charge for the provision of the service.

Volume Charge

costs of supply based on the amount of water used.

Outlet Charge (channels only)

this is a new charge and is based upon the number of outlets. The intention is to reflect the operational costs of servicing more than one outlet to each property.

SCALE OF FEES

For Season 1994/95 - 1 July 1994 to 30 June 1995

Channel Services

Channel Service Fees (one outlet) \$345.00

Fee for each additional outlet (2-5 outlets) \$20.00

Fee for each additional outlet (6-10 outlets) \$30.00

Fee for each additional outlet (over 10) \$40.00

Pipeline Service

Service Fee \$450.00

Volumetric Charge

Charge for Water used per Megalitre \$50.00

Please note that tariffs are set on a half yearly basis. The above charges represent the fees for both the first and second half year tariff which will be billed in total in November.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Accounts are due and payable on the **due date** as specified on the invoice which is 28 days after the invoice date. Interest will be charged on all amounts outstanding from the due date. The 60 day interest fee period is no longer applicable.

SCALE OF FEES

For Season 2001/2002 - 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002

Channel Access

Channel Access Fees (one outlet) \$525.00

Fee for each additional outlet (2-5 outlets) \$20.00

Fee for each additional outlet (6-10 outlets) \$30.00

Fee for each additional outlet (over 10) \$40.00

Pipeline Access

Access Fee \$650.00

Volumetric Charge

Charge for water used per Megalitre \$30.00

Capacity Charge

Charge per Megalitre on licence volume held \$60.00

Note: Accounts will be sent out four times per year for the Access Fee and Capacity Charge components. The last account for the season will also include the Volumetric Charge on water used.



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SCALE OF FEES

For Season 2000/2001 - 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001

Channel Access

Channel Access Fees (one outlet) \$500.00

Fee for each additional outlet (2-5 outlets) \$20.00

Fee for each additional outlet (6-10 outlets) \$30.00

Fee for each additional outlet (over 10) \$40.00

Pipeline Access

Access Fee \$650.00

Volumetric Charge

Charge for water used per Megalitre \$30.00

Capacity Charge

Charge per Megalitre on licence volume held \$50.00

Note: Accounts will be sent out on a quarterly basis for the Access Fees and Capacity Charges. The last quarterly account for the season will include the Volumetric Charge on water used.



COLIBAN WATER

SCALE OF FEES

For Season 1999/2000 - 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000

Channel Access

Channel Access Fees (one outlet) \$475.00

Fee for each additional outlet (2-5 outlets) \$20.00

Fee for each additional outlet (6-10 outlets) \$30.00

Fee for each additional outlet (over 10) \$40.00

Pipeline Access

Access Fee \$650.00

Volumetric Charge

Charge for water used per Megalitre \$30.00

Capacity Charge

Charge per Megalitre on licence volume held \$40.00

Note: Accounts will be sent out on a quarterly basis for the Access Fees whilst Consumption will be billed on an annual basis. The Capacity Charge will be applied to volume held at 31 May 2000 and will be billed on the last quarterly account for this season only. As from 2000/2001 season the Capacity Charge will be billed quarterly as with the Access Fees.



COLIBAN WATER

SCALE OF FEES For Season 1996/97 - 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997

Channel Access

Channel Access Fees (one outlet) \$375.00

Fee for each additional outlet (2 - 5 outlets) \$20.00

Fee for each additional outlet (6 - 10 outlets) \$30.00

Fee for each additional outlet (over 10) \$40.00

Pipeline Access

Access Fee \$575.00

Volumetric Charge

Charge for water used per Megalitre \$55.00

Note: Accounts will be sent out on a quarterly basis for the Access Fees whilst Consumption will be billed on an annual basis.

TRANSFERRING WATER VOLUME PERMITS

Permit holders are advised that a \$50.00 transfer fee applies to all temporary and permanent transfers approved by Coliban Water.

The transfer fee cannot be debited to the permit holder's account and transfers will not be processed unless the fee is paid.

To avoid unnecessary delays, please ensure that payment is made when the transfer application is lodged.

In the event that a transfer is not approved, the fee will be refunded.



COLIBAN WATER

SCALE OF FEES

For Season 1998/99 - 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999

Channel Access

Channel Access Fees (one outlet) \$450.00

Fee for each additional outlet (2 - 5 outlets) \$20.00

Fee for each additional outlet (6 - 10 outlets) \$30.00

Fee for each additional outlet (over 10) \$40.00

Pipeline Access

Access Fee \$650.00

Volumetric Charge

Charge for water used per Kilolitre 6.5 cents

Full Cost recovery per Kilolitre 10 cents

Prices outlined are for current agreement volumes and associated sales water which may be available in this season. Where customers are seeking new or additional volumes in an agreement for this season or any future season it will be priced at full cost recovery. ie current pricing only recovers about 50% of full cost.

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