



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

GNWT Increasing Fees in Regulations

Why is the GNWT increasing licensing fees?

The fee increases are part of the Government of the Northwest Territories' (GNWT) standard process of aligning fees with inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Since the last adjustment in 2023, the CPI has risen by approximately 4%. The changes allow the fees to reflect the costs of service delivery while maintaining quality and sustainability.

What fees are being adjusted?

The increases will affect the following licensing and service categories:

- Real Estate Agent and Salesperson Licences
- Business Licences (Resident and Non-Resident)
- Vendor and Direct Seller Licences
- Collection Agency Licences
- Plan Review Services

For instance, the fee for a full-year Real Estate Agent Licence will increase from \$204 to \$212, while the hourly rate for Plan Reviews will rise from \$167 to \$173.

How were these increases determined?

The adjustments are based on inflation as measured by the CPI. The GNWT's Financial Management Board approved a fee structure that ties periodic increases to inflation. This supports fairness, transparency, and alignment with economic conditions.

How will these changes impact businesses and individuals?

The fee increases are modest and designed to minimize financial impact. Here's what to expect:

- Real Estate Licences will see increases of \$4 to \$8.
- Business Licences for residents and non-residents will increase by \$8.
- Vendor and Direct Seller Licences will increase by \$3 to \$8, depending on the application period.
- Plan Review fees will rise by \$6 per hour.

These adjustments balance cost recovery with maintaining quality service delivery.

How do these changes benefit NWT residents and businesses?

The increased fees support the GNWT's aim to maintain high-quality services, including:

- Efficient licensing and compliance processes.
- Public safety measures through thorough Plan Reviews.
- Support for fair marketplace practices and consumer protection.

Additionally, the changes support GNWT's efforts to modernize regulations and address evolving economic needs.

Will these fees increase again in the future?

Fee adjustments are reviewed periodically for alignment with inflation and the costs of service delivery. While no specific timeline for future increases is set, any adjustments will follow the same transparent process tied to the CPI.

Where can I find more information or assistance?

For more details about the updated fees and related services, visit the MACA website at www.maca.gov.nt.ca/en/services/consumer-affairs. You can also contact MACA's Consumer Affairs Office for specific inquiries.

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