

Proposal 4:

Changes to fees for road user charges (RUC) administration

NOTE: This is a summary of Proposal 4. To read the full proposal in the consultation document, go to our website www.nzta.govt.nz/funding-and-fees

Who this affects

All people who own a diesel vehicle or a heavy vehicle and who pay Waka Kotahi for RUC-related transactions. Administration fees are included in the cost when you buy RUC.

What we're proposing

- Changing the administration fee paid when purchasing RUC distance licences.
- New fees to change odometer and hubodometer.

Please note: These proposed changes only impact fees relating to RUC administration, not RUC rates themselves. Further changes may be needed as a result of the 2022 consultation "Driving Change: Reviewing the Road User Charges system".

Why we're proposing this

- To make sure fees paid reflect actual costs of providing the services.
- To make sure everyone is paying their fair share.

Waka Kotahi services

We currently process approximately 3.7 million RUC transactions annually. To make sure the system works properly, we also process applications to change distance recorders and hubodometers, set up purchasing facilities, process RUC distance licence and additional applications, applications to amend RUC vehicle types, and process exemption applications etc.

What is RUC?

Most drivers using New Zealand's roads contribute towards their upkeep. Some pay in the prices of their fuel. Others, like drivers of light diesel vehicles and heavy vehicles like trucks, pay through road user charges (RUC). Waka Kotahi and its agents collect RUC.

The money collected from road user charges largely goes to the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF) which funds a range of land transport investments, including road improvements and maintenance, public transport, and road safety. It also goes to other regulatory functions and revenue management.

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These tables only cover some of the most common fees. For all fees, see the consultation document or our website, www.nzta.govt.nz/funding-and-fees

Proposed fees relating to RUC administration that go **UP** (GST inclusive)

Note: Administration fees are included in the cost when you pay for RUC transactions.

Service	Forecasted annual volumes	Current fee	Proposed fee	Change %	Estimated fee if Proposal 1 unsuccessful	Change %
Application to purchase distance licence (RUCLA)						
Industry Agent - DC / eRUC	1,640,439	\$2.10	\$5.92	181%	\$9.10	332%
Agent	1,246,988	\$7.80	\$13.25	70%	\$16.44	111%
Online	762,943	\$4.80	\$12.05	151%	\$15.24	218%
Phone/Fax	93,215	\$8.63	\$14.36	66%	\$17.54	103%
Application to purchase additional licence (RUCAD)						
Industry Agent / DC / eRUC	197,477	\$2.10	\$5.92	182%	\$9.10	333%
Agent	6,204	\$7.80	\$13.03	67%	\$16.22	108%
Phone/Fax	5,223	\$8.63	\$16.75	94%	\$19.94	131%

Proposed fees relating to RUC administration that go **DOWN** (GST inclusive)

Service	Forecasted Annual Volumes	Current fee	Proposed fee	Change %	Estimated fee if Proposal 1 unsuccessful	Change %
RUC vehicle types						
Application to change to an H RUC vehicle type (RUCCV-H)	4,600	\$46.00	\$12.98	-72%	\$16.16	-65%
Application to change to an elective RUC vehicle type (RUCCV)	1,023	\$46.00	\$14.03	-69%	\$17.22	-63%

Proposed new fees relating to RUC administration (GST inclusive)

Note: Administration fees are included in the cost when you pay for RUC transactions.

Service	Forecasted Annual Volumes	Proposed fee	Estimated fee if Proposal 1 unsuccessful
Changes to distance recorder			
Change in odometer for light diesel vehicles (LDV's)	43,409	\$12.05	\$15.24
Application to change hubodometer (RUCHO) - agent process	10,285	\$8.34	\$11.53
Application to change hubodometer (RUCHO) - Direct Connect, eRUC providers and online		\$5.88	\$9.07
Application to change hubodometer (RUCHO) - CCFAX process	761	\$9.07	\$12.26
Correction of hub serial/make	6,873	\$13.18	\$16.36
Secondhand hub - Approval to have one fitted	5,728	\$13.18	\$16.36