

Fees & Charges 1 July 2026

Resource Management Act 1991, Local Government Act 1974 & Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

The Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC), in accordance with section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), section 150 of the Local Government Act 1974 (LGA), and section 104 of the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA), has set charges for the recovery of costs from the applicant associated with:

- > Processing resource consents (land use and subdivision),
- > Other applications under the RMA,
- > Private plan changes,
- > Local Government Act approvals,
- > Involvement in applications applying to use and approved to use the FTAA.

The following schedules set out the hourly rates and initial fees payable at the time of lodging an application and are effective from 1 July 2026.

Notes accompanying the schedules below:

- > All charges and initial fees are inclusive of GST.
- > Applications will not be processed until the QLDC invoice issued for the initial fee required is paid.
- > Unless a fixed fee is indicated below, all fee amounts listed are a minimum initial charge.
- > If the initial charge is used up, but the application has not completed processing, further costs will be invoiced monthly on a time cost basis at the hourly rates below.
- > Where the processing of resource consent application does not use the full initial fee, the unused amount, if greater than or equal to \$100 (inclusive of GST), will be refunded.
- > For more information, and answers to FAQs on resource consent fees and charges please visit the  **Fees and Charges webpage.**
- > QLDC, like many councils, uses external planning and engineering consultants to support the processing of resource consent applications. External planning consultants are charged at the same hourly rates as Council Planners.
- > Other external expert consultants also contribute to the processing of applications (e.g. landscape architects/urban designers/acoustic/traffic and geotechnical engineering). These experts are charged at their council contracted hourly rate (inclusive of GST).
- > QLDC, like many councils, uses RMA accredited commissioners to support the decision making on notification, make non-notified and notified application decisions, and decide on objections under the RMA. These commissioners are charged at their Council contracted hourly rate (inclusive of GST).
- > For applications that need to be notified (limited or publicly), disbursement costs (i.e. printing, advertising, postage) will be charged to applicants.
- > If you are applying for a “retrospective” resource consent to authorise an existing mooring or jetty, the initial fee charged and invoiced is classified as “Other Application”.
- > Under the FTAA, QLDC has the right to recover the fair and reasonable costs of its involvement in consultation, referral applications and substantive applications. Where costs for Council's involvement in the process are not recoverable through the Environmental Protection Agency (who administer the FTAA process  **Fast-track Approvals Act**), Council will recover its costs directly from applicants using the officer rates listed below. Any external consultant or legal representative assisting QLDC with these applications will be charged at their Council contracted hourly rate (inclusive of GST).
- > Road Corridor Applications – TMP revision fee does not apply to minor administrative adjustments, such as corrections to contact details, typographical errors, or minimal extensions that do not change the approved layout or risk profile. All other changes to an approved TMP will generally incur the revision fee. Additional corridor management charges apply where Council involvement is required beyond standard or Global CAR processing. This includes additional inspections, coordination, or compliance follow-up, particularly where works are non-compliant or undertaken outside an approved TMP. Where practicable, applicants will be advised in advance where additional charges may apply.

HOURLY RATES PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AND STRATEGY & DEVELOPMENT	Amount (NZ\$)
Planning Officer	208.00
Planner	237.00
Senior Planner	267.00
Leadership	267.00
Principal Planner	267.00
Project Manager	267.00
Strategic Planner	237.00
Strategic Senior Planner	267.00
Land Development Engineer Cadet	199.00
Land Development Engineer	263.00
Road Corridor Officer / Engineer	208.00
Subdivision / Development Contributions Officer	199.00
Technical Support	138.00
Senior Technical Support	148.00

MONITORING & ENFORCEMENT, PROPERTY & INFRASTRUCTURE AND PARKS	Amount (NZ\$)
Monitoring & Enforcement Officer	208.00
Senior Monitoring & Enforcement Officer	267.00
Leadership	267.00
Harbourmaster	208.00
Environmental Health	155.00
Senior Infrastructure Engineer	263.00
Infrastructure Engineer	237.00
Infrastructure Other	199.00
Parks & Reserves Senior Planner / Planning Manager	267.00
Parks & Reserves Planner / Officer	208.00

SET FEES TAKEN AT LODGEMENT	Amount (NZ\$)
Monitoring (initial fee)	293.00
Administration per consent (fixed fee)	307.00

MONITORING (Initial fees unless otherwise stated)	Amount (NZ\$)
Compliance inspections (including for NES-Plantation Forestry)	Hourly rate

PRE-APPLICATION MEETINGS (Initial fees unless otherwise stated)	Amount (NZ\$)
Pre-Application Meeting	Hourly rate
Costs include preparation work, meeting attendance, post meeting work.	

LAND USE CONSENTS (Initial fees unless otherwise stated)	Amount (NZ\$)
Deemed Permitted Activities - Boundary Activity Notice	619.00
Deemed Permitted Activities - Marginal and Temporary Non-compliance Notice	619.00
Controlled Activity (overall consent status) Except if fall into one of the specific consent categories below and then that initial fee applies	1,915.00
Restricted Discretionary Activity (overall consent status) Except if fall into one of the specific consent categories below and then that initial fee applies	2,479.00
Discretionary Activity (overall consent status) Includes section 127 and section 221 Variations Except if fall into one of the specific consent categories below and then that initial fee applies	2,727.00
Non-complying Activity (overall consent status) Except if fall into one of the specific consent categories below and then that initial fee applies	3,718.00
Signs	1,735.00
Scheduled Buildings and/or Trees (fixed fee): > Painting (only) of scheduled building/dwelling submitted with Heritage New Zealand approval > Trimming of scheduled or protected tree submitted with supporting arboriculturist's report	991.00
Transfer of Water Based Consent	Hourly rate
Responding to requests to Council to confirm that works are within the scope of an approved resource consent, or that a resource consent has been given effect to	Hourly rate
Other Applications	1,578.00

SUBDIVISION CONSENTS (Initial fees unless otherwise stated)	Amount (NZ\$)
Cancellation of Amalgamation Conditions (section 241)	1,476.00
Boundary Adjustment	2,479.00
Restricted Activity (up to two lots)	3,471.00
Restricted Activity (more than two lots)	3,831.00
All Other Subdivisions (i.e. non-complying activity)	4,165.00

OTHER APPLICATIONS/PROCESSES (Initial fees unless otherwise stated)	Amount (NZ\$)
Notice of Requirement (NoR) for a Designation	7,437.00
Alteration of Designation	4,845.00
Removal of Designation or Heritage Order	598.00
Certificate of Compliance	1,983.00
Existing Use Certificate	3,718.00
Extension of lapse period of a resource consent (section 125 RMA)	930.00
Outline Plan (section 176A RMA)	1,859.00
Outline Plan Waiver (section 176A(2)(c) RMA)	744.00
Surrender of Consent (fixed fee)	310.00
Private Plan Change	15,211.00

MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES

Where an application includes both land use and subdivision activities, or multiple activities, only the higher or highest relevant initial fee charge is payable.

OTHER SUBDIVISION RELATED APPROVALS (Initial fees unless otherwise stated)		Amount (NZ\$)
Amalgamation Certificate		189.00
Registered Bond / Release of Registered Bond (each)		189.00
Cancellation of Amalgamation Conditions Certificate (section 241)		189.00
Section 223 Certificate		189.00
Section 224(c) Certificate		379.00
Section 223 & Section 224(c) Certificate (combined)		568.00
Signing and Sealing other Plan or Certificate		189.00
Cancellation of Easement Certificate (section 243(e))		189.00

ENGINEERING REVIEW & ACCEPTANCE (Initial fees unless otherwise stated)		Amount (NZ\$)
Engineering Review & Acceptance (if staged application, each stage will be charged separately)		2,555.00
Engineering Review & Acceptance Variation		619.00

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT & OTHER CHARGES (Initial fees)			Amount (NZ\$)
Connection, Access and Occupation Applications			
Right of Way (section 348) Decision			818.00
Right of Way (section 348) Certificate			198.00
Licence to Occupy			755.00
Assignment of Licence to Occupy			189.00
Temporary Road Closures			755.00
Road Naming			248.00
Engineering Connection to Council Services (one connection)			367.00
Engineering Connection to Council Services (for each additional connection)			153.00
Cancellation of Building Line Restriction			389.00
Traffic Management Plans			
Traffic Management Plans (applications)			294.00
Traffic Management Plans (Revision of approved application)			294.00
Corridor Access - Excavation			
Excavation Corridor Access	< 20 m		356.00
	20-100 m		615.00
	100-500 m		875.00
	500-2000 m		1,134.00
	> 2000 m		2,610.00
Corridor Access – Non-Excavation			
Non-excavation Corridor Access (excludes events)			307.00
Corridor Access – Global			
Non-excavation Global Corridor Access & TMP (PARS) (excludes revision of approved PARS)			1,890.00
Excavation Global Corridor Access & TMP (PARS) (excludes revision of approved PARS)			3,690.00
Additional Corridor Management Charges			208.00
Road Corridor Officer/Engineer (if required due to non-compliance)			
1 If additional inspections are required due to non-conformance being identified, then these will be charged at the specific rate.			
2 The Corridor Manager will exercise judgement in respect to the application of non-compliance charges and may waive these charges at their discretion.			

OBJECTIONS		Amount (NZ\$)
Section 357A(1)(f) or (g) where a request is made for the objection to be considered by a hearings commissioner section 357AB, the cost of considering and making a decision on the objection will be charged as follows:		
RMA Accredited Commissioner – Actual costs		Hourly rate
Council Staff Time		As per hourly rates above

RMA PUBLICLY NOTIFIED AND LIMITED NOTIFIED APPLICATIONS (Initial fees)		Amount (NZ\$)
Limited Notification If a notification decision (under section 95 RMA) is issued stating that the application needs to be processed on a Limited Notified basis, an invoice will be issued with that decision for this fee amount. That invoice must be paid in order for the application to be notified. This further initial fee is required because a limited notified application involves additional work to a non-notified application. This is less than the publicly notified fee listed below because it is limited to specific parties.		2,016.00
Publicly Notified If Public Notification is volunteered or required by a notification decision (under section 95 RMA), an invoice for this fee will be issued. This invoice must be paid in order for the application to be notified. This further initial fee is required because a publicly notified application involves additional work from Council, including (but not limited to) notifying the application, receiving and reviewing submissions, liaising with submitters and the applicant, and preparation of a section 42A officer report on the application which is prepared for the Decision maker.		6,929.00
Hearings If a hearing is required for a limited or publicly notified resource consent application, an invoice for additional initial fees—based on the anticipated hearing duration (half day, full day, or multiple days)—will be issued. Payment of this invoice is required for the hearing to proceed. This additional initial fee is necessary because hearings involve extra work for the council and the engagement of RMA accredited Commissioners. This work includes, but is not limited to: > The Council Hearing Administrator organising and attending the hearing, liaison with the Hearing Commissioners, the applicant, Council officers and experts. > Council officers and experts reviewing applicant and submitter evidence, liaison with those parties, attendance at the hearing, provision of any further information requested by the Commissioners. > Commissioner minutes related to the Hearing process including the direction for pre-circulated evidence, review of the application, section 42A report, and applicant and submitter evidence, site visit, attending the hearing, requesting and reviewing any additional information, undertaking deliberations and writing of the decision. <i>This further initial fee recognises that there are additional costs for a notified application proceeding to a hearing. It should not be interpreted as a fee that will cover the remaining processing costs of your application. The total processing costs of your application may be greater than all the initial fees paid, and once processing costs exceed this hearing deposit fee you will receive an invoice. The invoice may show charges dating back several weeks or months depending on the time it took for the hearing fee deposit to be used by processing costs.</i>		Half day 8,451.00 Full day 15,492.00 Each additional day 13,633.00