



Rates for Commercial Use

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The fee is set at 7% of estimated gross annual revenue from 1 July 2022 until your balance date (excluding GST).

If your Company or Business operates several activities, you will be required to separate your income earned on Taupo Waters. Your accountant can assist with this.

You will be asked to forecast your revenue for the current year and a financial 'wash up' will be made at the end of the financial year which will need to be signed off/verified by a Chartered Accountant.

Fees will be charged quarterly throughout the year.

Application processing fees will also apply (refer to rates for processing).

Estimated Statement of Gross Income

This will be required to be filled out prior to applying for a licence and ongoing on an annual basis <https://www.tuwharetoa.co.nz/commercial-operations-and-events/taupo-waters-commercial-operator/>

- If calculated forecast revenue is >30% lower than the originally reported gross income, the operator is eligible for a reforecast.
- a reforecast can only be made after 6 months from your nominated balance date (the date your annual licence commences).

Notes:

If a Commercial Operator (Principle) is sub-contracting another Commercial Operator for services or equipment, then only the Principle Commercial Operator needs to declare the income earned.

Rates for events

The fee is set at 7% of the entry fee charged to the participant and any sponsorship or other contributions (either financially or in kind) to the event received (excluding GST).

If you are unsure of your final participant numbers, you will be asked to forecast numbers and a financial 'wash up' will be made after the event.

Application processing fees will also apply (refer to rates for processing)

If your event does not require an entry fee and is Community based you will have the opportunity to apply for a waiver, please discuss with our processing team.

Monitoring

Events will be subject to monitoring. At the low-impact end, this may be a single visit to ensure compliance with conditions, and a check that numbers on site match the application.

Where Permissions staff undertake the monitoring, the costs for this will be recovered from the concessionaire at Taupo Waters current charge out rates – discuss with your permissions contact.

Rates for filming & photography – (one-off activity)

Type	Standard daily fee (Excluding GST)	Half day fees (Excluding GST)	Per person per day fee (Excluding GST)
Commercials - Promotional	\$500	\$250	\$25
Recreational Promotion	\$100	\$50	Nil
Feature film	\$500	\$250	\$25
Television drama	\$500	\$250	\$25
Documentaries	\$300	\$150	\$25
Sports events (commercial)	\$300	\$150	\$25
Filming schools and students	\$100	\$50	Nil
Television news/current affairs	Nil	Nil	Nil
Still photography (commercial)	\$300	\$150	\$25
Social Media (e.g., YouTube, Facebook)	\$100	\$50	Nil

Total fee is calculated by multiplying the per person charge by the number of persons in the film crew (including actors and talent) and then adding the standard daily fee.

To take account of how crews operate, the total daily charge can be halved for film crews who spend 5 hours or less filming on any one day.

Rates for filming & photography – (Longer-Term activity)

Identify the area of land and lake you wish to use. We will invoice you once we have processed your application. The processing fee for a standard application for a longer-term activity is likely to be \$2,065 plus GST. If your application is assessed as complex, or includes more than 20 individual locations, this fee is likely to be higher. We will send you an estimate of costs once we have received your application. Your application should be processed within 55 working days of receipt for simple applications. It can be up to 120 working days if hapū consultation is required.

Monitoring

Filming & Photography will be subject to monitoring. At the low-impact end, this may be a single visit to ensure compliance with conditions, and a check that numbers on site match the application.

At the larger scale end, this could be by way of a full, independently delivered, monitoring programme.

Large film crews will be expected to directly fund the monitoring costs with the independent monitoring contractor. A level of flexibility will be maintained to ensure that the monitoring requirement is not unnecessarily detrimental to the timelines that the film crew is working to.

Where Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board staff undertake monitoring, the costs for this will be recovered from the applicant.

Cultural Assessment

Significant time spent on helping the Commercial Operator get the required consents.

Resourcing for Tuwharetoa liaison when the filming involves spending a considerable time close to sites of special importance to Ngāti Tūwharetoa. This is particularly the case if the filming involves ground disturbance or is located close to ancient urupa or wāhi tapu (cemetery/sacred ground).

Conditions imposed may include an iwi representative being on site for filming in sensitive sites to ensure the correct protocols are followed. This would require a separate contract for services, to be negotiated and agreed separately.

Access for news media

News media do not need to apply for a permit to access Taupo Waters, provided their activity is low impact (e.g., one camera/recording device and one reporter) and they are accessing areas that the general public are allowed to go.

If a News Media Company on-sell images or footage, then this will be subject to fees. Please contact our permissions team for advice.

You must abide by guidelines for filming noted in the Cultural and Taiao/Environmental protocols. We encourage media to engage with local tangata whenua before venturing out.

Media who want to film with a drone will need permission. Contact permissions@tuwharetoa.co.nz for more information.

If the application does not meet the criteria you will need to apply for a filming concession.

News media do not need special permission to access Taupo Waters if they are covering issues that are in the public interest.

Drones

To use a drone on Taupo Waters for any reason, you need permission from Taupo Waters.

For Commercial drone use or Recreational drone please contact our Permissions Team.

If your drone use is Commercial, you will be required to apply through the filming and photography process and the associated fees will apply.

For recreational use you must follow the guidelines:

<https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/rules-regulations-and-licenses/drones#:~:text=Drone%20operators%20need%20to%20be,several%20aerodromes%20in%20the%20area.>

Managing your Licence

Taupo Waters Trust (TWT)

Rates for processing commercial licences, events, filming & photography

Ongoing Permission Fees

Rate for processing – Application Fee	Timeframes	Cost
Processing Fee – Simple	10 working days	\$130 plus GST
Processing Fee – Standard	15 working days	\$260 plus GST
Processing Fee – Complex	30 working days	\$390 plus GST

Note: if the application is complex and requires the input of CEO, Manager or Legal team then this time will be on charged.

Fee Type	Fee
<p>Annual Management Fee <i>Your annual management fee will cover the time required by TWT to manage your licence.</i></p> <p><i>It is likely to be between \$130 plus GST and \$500 plus GST depending on the level of ongoing management that your licence requires. This includes annual financial information and certification such as current Public Liability Insurance and Maritime certification, re-evaluations & CPI increases.</i></p>	\$130 - \$500 plus GST
<p>Monitoring Fee <i>If TWT is required to monitor the effects of your activity, we will charge you a monitoring fee to recover our costs. The fee will depend on what your activity is and how much work is required by our Permissions Team.</i></p> <p>Note: <i>If we find that you are not adhering to your licence terms & conditions, your licence could be terminated immediately.</i></p>	\$130 plus GST per hour
<p>Iwi Consultation Fee There may be times where you will require iwi consultation to support your application. If you are unable to do this consultation yourself, a fee will be charged for our Permissions team to undertake this on your behalf.</p>	\$130 per hour plus GST
Transfer Application Fee	\$130 per hour plus GST
Surrender your licence Application Fee	\$130 per hour plus GST
Review of fees	
Waiver Application Fee (Events, Filming & Photography ONLY)	No charge
Amendment (Licence) Fee	\$130 per hour plus GST

Contact us: Email: permissions@tuwharetoa.co.nz Phone: 07 386 8832