

CALCULATION OF WATER USE FEES FOR
AGRICULTURAL
UNDERTAKINGS

The following has been developed by the Water Board Secretariat as examples of fee calculations to assist you.

When you apply for a water use licence, you are required to pay your first year's water-use fee as part of your application.

This **fee is calculated using "cubic metres"**. If your measurement is currently in acre-feet, use the following equation for conversion:

$$1 \text{ acre-foot} = 1234 \text{ cubic metres}$$

1. If you are proposing to use **200,000 m³/year of water or less**, your water-use fee is **\$30.00** which is the minimum fee payable.
2. If your total water use is **greater than 200,000 m³/year**, you need to calculate your water use fee. For example, if you are proposing to obtain 5,500 m³/day of water, for a 12 week period out of the year, the water-use fee is calculated as follows:

Step One

$$5,500 \text{ m}^3/\text{day} \times 5 \text{ days of work/week} \times 12 \text{ weeks} = \\ \mathbf{330,000 \text{ m}^3/\text{year}}$$

Step Two

Since this water use is greater than 200,000 m³/year, to determine the fee multiply the water use by \$0.15 for each 1000m³/year as follows:

$$330,000 \text{ m}^3/\text{year} \div 1000 \text{ m}^3/\text{year} = 330, \text{ multiplied by } \$0.15 = \\ \mathbf{\text{Total of } \$49.50} \text{ owing for water use fees.}$$

You are welcome to contact the Yukon Water Board Secretariat at (867) 456-3980 (collect) should you require assistance in calculating your water-use fees.

Note: The calculation of water-use fees is regulated under Section 8(1)(a) of the *Waters Regulation*.