

Patented Medicine Prices Review Board

2017 to 2018

Fees Report

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Chairperson's message

On behalf of the Patented Medicine Prices Review Board (PMPRB), I am pleased to present the 2017 to 2018 Report on Fees.

On June 22, 2017, the [Service Fees Act](#)ⁱ received royal assent, thereby repealing the [User Fees Act](#)ⁱⁱ.

The Service Fees Act introduces a modern legislative framework that enables cost-effective delivery of services and, through enhanced reporting to Parliament, improved transparency and oversight. The act provides for:

- a streamlined approach to consultation and the approval of new or modified fees
- a requirement for services to have service standards and reporting against these standards, along with a policy to remit fees to fee payers when standards are not met
- an automatic annual fee adjustment by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to ensure that fees keep pace with inflation
- annual detailed reporting to Parliament in order to increase transparency

This 2017 to 2018 Fees Report is the first report to be prepared under the Service Fees Act. The report includes new information such as a detailed listing of all fees along with future year fee amounts. Additional fee information will be included starting next fiscal year, once the PMPRB fully transitions to the Service Fees Act regime.

I welcome the increased transparency and oversight that the Service Fees Act's reporting regime embodies, and I am fully committed to transitioning my department to this modern framework.

Dr. Mitchell Levine
Chairperson

General fees information

The tables that follow provide information on each category of fees, including:

- the name of the fee category
- the date that the fee (or fee category) was introduced and last amended (if applicable)
- service standards
- performance results against these standards
- financial information regarding total costs, total revenues and remissions

In addition to the information presented by fee category, there is a summary of the financial information for all fees as well as a listing of fees under the department's authority. This listing includes the existing fee dollar amounts and the adjusted dollar fee amount for a future year.

General and financial information by fee category

General information

Fee category	Fees for processing requests filed under the Access to Information Act.
Fee-setting authority	Access to Information Actⁱⁱⁱ , paragraph 11
Year introduced	1985
Year last amended	2018
Service standard	A response is provided within 30 days following receipt of a request; the response time may be extended under section 9 of the Access to Information Act.
Performance results	The department responded within 30 days for 2 of the 3 cases. The remaining request was completed within 61 to 120 days.
Other information	Not applicable

Financial information (dollars)

2016 to 2017 Revenue	2017 to 2018 Revenue	2017 to 2018 Cost*	2017 to 2018 Remissions†
\$5.00	\$15.00	\$0.00	Not applicable

* The amount includes direct and indirect costs, where such costs are identifiable and material.

† A remission is a partial or full return of a fee paid.

Endnotes

- ⁱ Service Fees Act, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/S-8.4/index.html>
- ⁱⁱ User Fees Act, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/U-3.7/20040331/P1TT3xt3.html>
- ⁱⁱⁱ Access to Information Act, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/A-1/page-1.html#docCont>