

SUMMARY OF 2016-17 CHANGES TO FEES AND CHARGES

The following changes will take effect in 2016-17:

Ministry	Initiative	2016-17 Additional Revenue	Client Impact	Contact
Economy	Modernized Oil and Gas Tenure Fees The draft Oil and Gas Tenure Registry Regulations, expected to be approved in the summer of 2016, will prescribe an implementation date for electronic oil and gas tenure to take full advantage of the new, Integrated Resource Information System (IRIS) and to replace over 20 paper-based service fees with a single, one-time application fee of \$600 for each new oil and gas disposition issued.	\$192,170	Approximately 680 oil and gas companies which currently hold oil and gas tenure in Saskatchewan.	Deb Young Phone 306-787-4765
	Updated Data Extract Subscription Fees Effective June 1, 2016, subscription fees associated with data composed and acquired on the new IRIS will be streamlined into annual and monthly subscription and custom request rates.	\$38,370	Approximately 11 companies that compile and analyze data from the system for sale to oil and gas companies.	

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Health	<p>Increased Air Ambulance Fees</p> <p>Effective July 1, 2016, fees will increase by 10% for Saskatchewan residents and by \$1.00 per mile for third-party insurers and out-of-province residents, followed by additional 10% increases per year for the next two years.</p> <p>As a result, the fee for residents will increase from \$350 to \$385 effective July 1, 2016; to \$424 effective April 1, 2017; and to \$465 effective April 1, 2018. The per-mile fee for non-residents and third-party insurers will increase from \$5.29 to \$6.29 effective July 1, 2016; to \$6.92 effective April 1, 2017; and to \$7.60 effective April 1, 2018.</p> <p>This is the first adjustment for inflationary pressure in over 15 years. While ambulance services (ground and air) are not an insured service under the <i>Canada Health Act</i>, the Ministry of Health provides funding for a significant portion of the costs for both fixed-wing and rotary-wing (STARS) air ambulance services. After the implementation of this three-year increase, Air Ambulance fees will continue to make up only about 10% of the total cost to the province.</p>	\$311,250	<p>About 900 Saskatchewan residents each year, on average, use air ambulance services.</p> <p>About 725 air ambulance trips per year are paid for by non-residents and third-party insurers.</p>	<p>Tyler McMurchy</p> <p>Phone 306-787-4083</p> <p>Cell 306-537-3594</p>