

SUMMARY OF 2026-27 CHANGES TO FEES AND CHARGES

The following changes will take effect in 2026-27 unless otherwise specified.

Indexed road-use charge on electric vehicles

The Fuel Tax Accountability Act ensures that the fuel tax applicable to on-road travel in Saskatchewan is directed at preserving and improving the provincial highway system and related transportation infrastructure. The number of electric vehicles registered in Saskatchewan continues to grow. These vehicles contribute to wear and tear on provincial roadways but, since they do not consume traditional fuels, they do not contribute to highway maintenance through the provincial fuel tax.

To more fairly ensure that owners of electric vehicles contribute to the upkeep of Saskatchewan's roads, the 2021-22 Budget introduced an annual Road Use Charge for each passenger electric vehicle registered in Saskatchewan, with all revenue collected dedicated to provincial highway maintenance. In the 2025-26 Budget, the charge was increased from \$150 to \$300.

Beginning January 1, 2027, increases to the Road Use Charge will be indexed annually to the national rate of inflation. This will ensure that the charge continues to reflect the costs of road maintenance and ensure owners of electric vehicles contribute a more comparable amount to owners of traditional vehicles.

The charge will continue to be collected by SGI when the electric vehicle is registered and will continue to be included in reporting under *The Fuel Tax Accountability Act*.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/business/taxes-licensing-and-reporting/provincial-taxes-policies-and-bulletins/fuel-tax/road-use-charge-on-electric-vehicles>.

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Angling Habitat Certificate fee

When purchasing a hunting licence in Saskatchewan, hunters are also required to purchase an annual Wildlife Habitat Certificate. Proceeds from the sale of this certificate is deposited into the Fish and Wildlife Development Fund.

For the upcoming 2026-27 angling season, the Habitat Certificate will be extended to purchases of angling licences. Annual angling licences will require the purchase of a \$20 Angling Habitat Certificate, while one- and three-day angling licenses will require a \$5 certificate. Individuals who purchase both an annual angling licence and a hunting licence in the same year will only require the purchase of a single Habitat Certificate. Saskatchewan residents aged 65 and older, who are exempt from purchasing angling licences, will also be exempt from purchasing the Angling Habitat Certificate.

The extension of the Habitat Certificate to angling licences is expected to generate an additional \$2.1 million annually. All revenue will be deposited into the Fish and Wildlife Development Fund to support modernization and expansion at the fish hatchery and support long-term fisheries stocking and enhancement activities.

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Wildlife Survey fee

The Ministry of Environment currently administers a Hunter Harvest Survey for each hunting licence sold in Saskatchewan. Hunters are asked to complete the survey following the hunting season, providing details such as dates and locations hunted and animals harvested. Data collected from these surveys are an important tool for wildlife biologists to assess game population trends and adjust hunting quotas.

Although the surveys are mandatory, completion rates have plateaued at about 60 per cent. Effective August 25, 2026, hunters who fail to submit their required Hunter Harvest Survey will be charged a \$15 fee when purchasing their next hunting licence. This new surcharge is intended to provide a stronger incentive for survey completion.

The Hunter Harvest Survey fee is expected to increase revenue by \$225,000 in 2026-27. However, revenues are expected to decline over time as more hunters complete the mandatory surveys.

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Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program application fees

The Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program (SINP) is a way to immigrate to Canada and accounts for approximately 70 per cent of immigration in Saskatchewan. There are multiple streams within the SINP, including skilled workers with and without job offers. Applications from skilled workers without job offers are currently subject to a \$500 fee, while applications from skilled workers with job offers are currently free of charge.

As a result of the federal government's change to overall immigration levels, the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training has shifted program delivery towards applications in the skilled workers with job offers stream. In order to better recoup costs associated with administering the program, effective April 1, 2026, a new fee of \$500 will be charged for applications from skilled workers with job offers.

The new SINP fee is anticipated to increase revenue by \$2.9 million which will recover the majority of the program's cost.

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Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program second review fees

Applications received through the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program (SINP) skilled workers with job offers stream are reviewed by the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training for approval which results in some applicants being deemed ineligible. If the applicant believes the ineligible decision was due to a processing error or an error in the ministry's assessment, they may request a second review free of charge. This helps ensure integrity and quality of program decisions.

Requesting a second review has become a default selection for SINP refusals with the majority being disingenuous or baseless appeals. In order to deter insincere requests, effective April 1, 2026, a new \$250 fee will be charged for second review requests received through the skilled workers with job offers stream. If the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training determines the complaint is valid and the original decision is overturned, the charge will be fully reimbursed to the applicant.

The new second review fee is expected to increase revenue by \$16,000 for 2026-27.

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Increased minimum penalties for alcohol infractions

The Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA) has the authority to issue penalties to liquor permitted establishments that sell or supply beverage alcohol to minors; individuals who appear intoxicated; and for failing to demand proof of age from a person appearing to be a minor. The current minimum penalties issued are \$1,000 for selling alcohol to minors or intoxicated individuals and \$500 for failing to demand proof of age.

In order to better incentivize compliance with Saskatchewan liquor regulations and create parity with the penalties already in place for cannabis offences, minimum penalties will be increased to \$2,500 for selling alcohol to minors or intoxicated individuals, and \$1,000 for failing to demand proof of age.

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Increased deductibles on basic plate insurance and new administrative fees

Effective January 1, 2027, deductibles on SGI's basic plate insurance are increasing. The typical \$700 deductible will increase to \$950. Most other vehicle deductibles will increase by about 20 per cent.

Also effective January 1, 2027, new administrative fees will apply to new vehicle registrations and new or renewed driver's licences (\$15); vehicle registration renewals (\$5); and driver's licence payment transactions (\$2).

These changes will offset costs to support the long-term sustainability of the Auto Fund, which is facing challenges due to inflation and rising vehicle repair costs.

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