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Forest Resource Fees

This fact sheet provides information on the fees that are associated with harvesting forest resources in Yukon. If you require further information please contact your local Client Services & Inspections office or visit the Forest Management Branch online at www.forestry.gov.yk.ca

Application Fees

Application fees are collected when you apply for a commercial harvesting licence. The fees are calculated based on the volume of timber you are applying for. There is no application fee for Forest Resources Permits for personal use timber. The table below illustrates the fees:

Harvesting Licences	
under 100 m ³	\$ 10.00
100 m ³ to 1000 m ³	\$ 50.00
over 1000 m ³	\$ 100.00
Forest Resources Permit	No Charge

Stumpage

The previous system of quarterly stumpage rate calculations has been replaced. In the past, North American lumber market fluctuations were used. Stumpage rates are now set in Yukon, taking into account our own unique market situation.

The stumpage rate is calculated and set at the time of issuance of a cutting permit and remains the same throughout the life of the permit.

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-Business Registration

Energy Mines & Resources Land Management Branch Land Use

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-Land Use Permits

Highways & Public Works Transportation Maintenance Branch

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-Access Permits to build roads
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Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board

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Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (YESAB)

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City of Whitehorse Planning & Development Services

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-Business Licence Bylaw 99-04

Under the *Forest Resources Act*, the stumpage rate is a collection of four potential fees calculated based on the sum of the timber fee and, where applicable, the reforestation fee, development fee, and road use fee.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \text{Timber Fee} & + & \text{Reforestation Fee} & + & \text{Development Fee} & + & \text{Road Use Fee} & = & \text{Stumpage Rate} \\ \text{Unless exempted} & & \text{Where applicable} & & \text{Where applicable} & & \text{Where applicable} & & \end{array}$$

The four potential fees that make up the stumpage rate are explained below:

Timber Fee

Item Type	Fee per m ³
Green or Dead Timber	\$1.00
Occasionally, in order to meet forest health objectives, timber in threatened or affected areas may be made available at a reduced rate.	\$0.25

Reforestation Fee

This portion of the stumpage rate is collected to offset the cost of reforestation treatments. The fee is updated annually and is based on average costs to conduct reforestation activities in Yukon and will be established according to the reforestation plans prepared during Site Plan development.

Licence/Permit	Reforestation Fee, per m ³
Timber Resources Licence	\$5.00* m ³
Woodlot Licence	\$5.00* m ³
Fuel Wood Licence	No charge
Forest Resources Permit	No charge

* Fees will be updated annually based on average costs of reforestation.

Under the *Forest Resources Act*, the cost to develop a permit area is included in the Stumpage Rate as the Development Fee and the Road Use Fee; they are explained below:

Development Fee	Fee per m ³
May include planning, survey, layout and engineering costs.	The approved development costs divided by the total volume in the planning area to provide an average cost per m ³ of timber available.

Road Use Fee	Fee per m ³
May be applied where government spends money on road construction, maintenance and decommissioning.	The approved construction, and expected maintenance and/or decommissioning cost based on an average per m ³ of timber available.

Competitive Bids

At times, the Forest Management Branch will make harvesting licences available through a competitive bidding process. Eligible businesses will be requested to respond to a public advertisement and submit bids. Bidders will be evaluated on the amount per cubic metre that is bid over and above the base stumpage rate.

Fees not included in Stumpage Calculation:

Security Deposits

The *Forest Resources Act* requires that a harvesting licence holder provide and maintain a security deposit with the Director of Forest Management Branch.

- ▶ There will be a minimum security of \$100 collected for all commercial harvesting operations. Additional security may be required based on potential adverse environmental risk and past performance.
- ▶ When a licensee negotiates road construction, modification or decommissioning activities or reforestation through his/her harvesting licence, the costs of these commitments will be considered in determining the security.
- ▶ Security shall be held for the term of the harvesting licence.
- ▶ Security will be refunded once it is determined all obligations under the licence have been met.

Security may be posted by the applicant in the form of

- ▶ a promissory note guaranteed by a bank in Canada and payable to the Commissioner;
- ▶ an irrevocable letter of credit from a bank in Canada;
- ▶ a certified cheque drawn on a bank in Canada and payable to the Yukon government;
- ▶ a bond issued or guaranteed by the Government of Canada; or,
- ▶ cash