

New Stock Route Management Regulation 2023

Introduction

The new Stock Route Management Regulation 2023 (the Regulation) introduces several changes including new travel and agistment permit fees. The Regulation is subordinate legislation to the *Stock Route Management Act 2002* (the Act), the primary legislation for administering stock routes in Queensland.

The new Regulation contains many of the provisions in the repealed regulation that have been refined in close consultation with stakeholders. This consultation also led to the Act being recently amended with other changes. The Changes to the *Stock Route Management Act 2002* and Stock Route Management Regulation 2003 fact sheet has more details on these changes.

For local governments, the refinements reduce the regulatory burden and enable greater cost recovery for administering and managing the stock route network.

The Regulation has effect from **1 July 2023**.

What's different?

Travel and agistment permit fees (refer to Attachment 1)

The Regulation makes important changes to permit fees.

- Travel permit fees have increased and are on a per day basis (previously per kilometre), noting that the minimum travel rate of 10 kilometres per day remains unchanged under the Act.
- Agistment permit fees have increased and remain on a per week basis.
- Travel and agistment fees for small stock are set at one-seventh the fee for large stock (previously one-fifth).
- The permit fees will be indexed annually.

Stock route management plans

From 1 July 2023 the councils required to prepare a stock route management plan has changed, removing five councils from the prescribed list. Only 19 councils that have significant primary stock routes in their local area are now required to prepare a stock route management plan for their local government area. A plan is no longer required for Bulloo Shire Council, Charters Towers Shire Council, Cloncurry Shire Council, Mt Isa City Council and Quilpie Shire. No new councils are prescribed.

Application fee (refer to Attachment 1)

The Act now requires payment of an application fee for travel and agistment permits (including renewals). The application fee will be indexed annually.

Local governments may waive the application fee if it is satisfied that the applicant is experiencing financial hardship.

Alignment of other travelling stock fees

The Regulation also amends the Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) Regulation 2017 to align the permit fees for stock travelling in a protected area with that which applies to stock travelling on the stock route network.

Minor amendments

The Regulation inserts new definitions for 'eligible large stock', 'eligible small stock' and 'excluded stock'. It also removes obsolete terms and provisions. Some provisions have been redrafted in line with current drafting practices.

Further information

For more information about stock routes, visit the website at <https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/land/access/stock-routes>

Stock Route Management Act 2002 and Stock Route Management Regulation 2023

<https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/browse/inforce> and

<https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/browse/asmade>

If you have questions or require further information about these changes, call 13 QGOV (13 74 68) to contact your nearest business centre.

Attachment 1

New stock route permit fees and application fee commencing 1 July 2023

The regulation specifies a number of fee units applying to each permit. The amounts in the regulation are multiplied by the *value* of a fee unit for a particular year to arrive at the actual fee in dollars and cents. The value of a fee unit will change every year on 1 July according to Government's indexation policy. For 2023/24 the value of a fee unit is \$1.06.

Example

The blue columns in the table below show the number of fee units specified by the regulation for each type of permit. When these are multiplied by the fee unit value of \$1.06 for 2023/24, the actual fees in dollars and cents are calculated. These calculated fees appear in the green columns.

Note that from 2024/25 the fee unit value may change and therefore the actual fees in the green columns below will also change.

Permit type	Fee Parameters	FEE UNITS from Stock Route Regulation 2023		Actual Fee for 23/24	
		min	max	min	max
Travel permit - large stock	per day per 20 head ¹	1		\$1.06	
Travel permit - small stock	per day per 140 head ²	1		\$1.06	
		min	max	min	max
Agistment permit - large stock	per head per week ³	2.8	5.5	\$2.97	\$5.83
Agistment permit - small stock	per 5 head ⁴ per week ³	2	4	\$2.12	\$4.24
Application Fee		150		\$159.00	

¹- or part of 20 head

²- or part of 140 head

³- or part of week

⁴- or part of 5 head

For 2023/24, 1 fee unit = **\$1.06**