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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

NOTICE 2946 OF 2024

NATIONAL RAILWAY SAFETY REGULATOR ACT, 2002 (ACT NO. 16 OF 2002)

PUBLICATION OF SAFETY PERMIT FEES FOR COMMENTS

The Minister of Transport, hereby in terms of section 23(2)(a) of the National Railway Safety Regulator Act, 2002 (Act No. 16 of 2002) (the Act) read together with section 23(2)(b) of the Act publishes for comments the determination of the fees that the Railway Safety Regulator must charge for safety permits as indicated in the Schedule.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to the Director-General, Department of Transport, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice, for the attention of:

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SCHEDULE

1. Definitions

For purpose of calculating fees:

"activity" means the activities undertaken by operators on a railway network;

"annual passengers" means the total number of passengers transported aboard a train operator's passenger or commuter rolling stock between two points (i.e. a station of boarding and of disembarkation) with the exception of a train operator's personnel, over the period of the operator's most recently completed financial year;

"annual tons" means the total sum of the mass of dangerous or general goods loaded onto a wagon by a train operator in the preceding financial year and transported along the portion of a rail network for which the train operator has a permit to traverse;

"cape gauge" A type of railway track where the distance between the two rails of the track is 1 067 millimetres in length;

"general freight or passenger operators" means those networks, train or station operators (or a combination thereof) whose operations include the transportation of passengers and freight that excludes dangerous or mining goods;

"mine operations" means the operations undertaken above surface by train, network, and station operators to support mining activities;

"non-rail related revenue" means revenue generated by Train Operators, Network Operators or Station Operators whose railway operation is incidental to its main business;

"passengers" means people transported by a train between two points (i.e., a station of boarding and disembarkation) with the exception of a train operator's personnel);

"**rail-related revenue"** means the gross inflow of cash arising from rail operating activities of an operator;

"**relevant risk-based fee rate**" means the rand value equivalent of the risks attributable to rail activities. These units of measurement include R/Kilometres (for network operations), R/number stations (for station operator), R/passengers kilometre (for passenger operations), and R/ton kilometre (for freight operations);

"standard gauge" means a type of railway track where the distance between the two rails of the track is 1 435 millimetres in length; and

"tourist passengers" means passengers transported aboard railway operator's rolling stock between two points (i.e., a station of boarding and of disembarkation) for recreational purposes, with the exception of a train operator's personnel and commuter passengers.

2. Application fees

A non-refundable application fee must accompany an application for a safety permit. The fees specified in the categories **Operator category and amount** column of the Schedule shall be payable in respect of the corresponding **application fees for general safety permit** that is applied for as specified in the first column of the Schedule indicated as follows:

APPLICATION FEES FOR GENERAL SAFETY PERMIT	OPERATOR CATEGORY AND AMOUNT (RANDS)		
	Transportation of Mining goods	**Transportation of Dangerous goods**	**Transportation of passengers and /or General Freight**
Group A: Train, Network and Station operators Application Fee	R71 009.00	R71 009.00	R71 009.00
Group B: Train, Network and Station Operators Application Fee	R23 267.00	R24 420.00	R4 203.00
Group C: Train, Network and Station Operators Application Fee	R9 757.00	R9 757.00	R4 198.00

NB! Amount is based on CPI. Application fee paid in 2024/25 + 4.6%.

3. Other safety permit fees for railway operations

The fees specified in the categories **OPERATOR CATEGORY AND AMOUNT** column of the Schedule shall be payable in respect of the corresponding **APPLICATION FEES FOR OTHER SAFETY PERMIT** being applied for as specified in the first column of the Schedule indicated as follows:

APPLICATION FEES FOR OTHER SAFETY PERMIT	OPERATOR CATEGORY AND AMOUNT (RANDS)		
	GROUP A	**GROUP B**	**GROUP C**
Temporary Safety Permit	R162 916.00	R130 332.00	R17 921.00
Construction Train Safety Permit	R814 579.00	R105 895.00	R4 887.00
Test and Commissioning Safety Permit	R1 629 160.00	R162 916.00	R65 168.00

4. Permit fee rates for non-rail related revenue generating train operators, network operators and station operators

4.1 The fees payable will be calculated as follows:

OPERATOR CATEGORY		Transportation of Mining goods by rail	Transportation of Dangerous goods by rail	Transportation of passengers and /or General Freight by rail
NETWORK		**Permit fee paid in 2024/25 FY + 4.6% (CPI)**		
TRAIN	Private Siding Lines for General Freight/ Dangerous Goods	R85 380.00	R569 418.00	**Flat Rate:** R12 485.00
	Private Siding Lines for Tourist / Passengers	**NOT APPLICABLE**		**Flat Rate:** R12 485.00
STATION	On and off boarding sites/ zones for passengers	**NOT APPLICABLE**		**Flat Rate:** R138 822.00

5. Permit fee rates for rail-related revenue generating train operators, network operators and station operators

5.1 The Operators have been grouped as follows:

(a) **Group A: Train Operators, Network Operators and Station Operators**

Railway Operators who transport 500 000 tons or more of general goods, 50 000 tons or more of dangerous goods, or passengers are liable to pay railway safety permit fees as determined in the table below.

(b) **Group B: Train Operators, Network Operators and Station Operators**

Railway Operators who transport between 200 000 tons and 500 000 tons of general goods, less than 50 000 tons of dangerous goods or tourists are liable to pay railway safety permit fees as determined in the table below.

(c) **Group C: Train Operators, Network Operators and Station Operators**

Railway Operators who transport less than 200 000 tons of general goods are liable to pay a flat fee of R12 485.00

5.2 Table below is used as a basis to calculate railway Operators annual safety permit fee:

OPERATOR GROUP	BAND	PERMIT FEE PAYABLE
GROUP A • **Train** • **Station** • **Network**	Dangerous goods ≥ 50 000t General goods ≥ 500 000t All passengers	Permit fee paid in 2024/25 FY + 4.6%
GROUP B • **Train** • **Station** • **Network**	Dangerous goods < 50 000t General goods ≥ 200 000t and < 500 000t All tourists	Permit fee paid in 2024/25 FY + 4.6%
GROUP C • **Train** • **Station** • **Network**	General goods < 200 000t	Flat Rate: R12 485.00

6. Application of Notice

6.1 The permit fee rates determined for the 2025/26 financial year shall apply to all entities as stipulated in clause 4 and clause 5. Operators will pay the **Permit fee paid in 2024/25 FY + 4.6%.**

6.2 Newly formed entities or entities undergoing legal separation are to engage the RSR to ensure that their safety permit fees are equitably distributed and calculated.

7. Short title and Commencement

This notice is called the Determination of Safety Permit Fees for the 2025/2026 financial year and will come into operation at a date to be determined by the Minister in the Government Gazette.

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