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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

NO. 7890 **8 September 2026**

Determination of Safety Permit Fees for 2026/2027 Financial Year

I, Barbara Creecy, Minister of Transport, in terms of section 66(1) of the Railway Safety Act, 2024 (Act No. 30 of 2024) read together with section 30(2), hereby determine as indicated in the Schedule, fees that the Railway Safety Regulator must charge for the safety permits, with effect from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027.

The Safety Permit Fees are published for compliance and general information.

MS. BARBARA CREECY, MP
MINISTER OF TRANSPORT
DATE: 4 September 2026

SCHEDULE

1. Definitions

For purpose of calculating fees:

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

"activity costs" means the activity levels of the operator based on distance travelled (in kilometres) and number of passengers, tonnages for dangerous goods or general freight transported;

"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 tonnes" 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;

"base costs" means costs related to safety permit assessments, audits, inspections and the maintenance and running of the National Information Monitoring System (NIMS);

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

"dangerous goods" means dangerous goods as defined in the Act;

"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;

"operator" means an operator as defined in the Act;

"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;

"rand per activity unit" means the Railway Safety Regulator (RSR) cost divided by the total of the operators' averages. The total activity by all operators over the period under consideration;

"safety costs" means the annual number of occurrences reported by the operator over the calculation period(s). Occurrences are weighted based on their severity;

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

"total annual kilometres travelled" means the total annual kilometre rail distance covered with passengers, general freight or dangerous goods; 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

2.1 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 fee for general safety permit** that is applied for as specified in the first column of the Schedule indicated as follows:

Table 1 - Operator Category and Amount (Rands)

APPLICATION FEES FOR GENERAL SAFETY PERMIT	**OPERATOR CATEGORY AND AMOUNT (RANDS)**		
	Transportation of Mining goods by rail	**Transportation of Dangerous goods by rail**	**Transportation of passengers or General Freight by rail**
Group A: Train, Network and Station operators Application Fee	R74 204.00	R74 204.00	R74 204.00
Group B: Train, Network and Station Operators Application Fee	R24 314.00	R25 519.00	R4 392.00
Group C: Train, Network and Station Operators Application Fee	R10 196.00	R10 196.00	R4 387.00

2.2 The Operators have been grouped as follows:

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

Railway Operators who transport 500 000 tonnes or more of general freight, 50 000 tonnes or more of dangerous goods, or passengers are liable to pay application fees as determined in the table above.

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

Railway Operators who transport between 200 000 tonnes and 500 000 tonnes of general freight, less than 50 000 tonnes of dangerous goods or tourists are liable to pay application fees as determined in the table above.

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

Railway Operators who transport less than 200 000 tonnes of general freight are liable to pay Application fee as determined in the table above.

3. **Permit fee rates for train operators, network operators and station operators for existing operators or railway users**

3.1 The formula below is used as a basis to calculate safety permit fees:

Safety Permit Fee = Base cost + Safety cost + Activity cost

3.1.1 Table 2 below is used as a basis to calculate operators' annual safety permit fee.

Table 2 - Permit Fee Inputs - Activity Costs

PERMIT FEE INPUTS - ACTIVITY COSTS			
Operator Category	**Rail Activities**	**Data input**	**Unit cost for 2026/2027 FY**
Train Operator	Tourists or Passengers (running lines and or private sidings)	Average **kilometers** travelled with Tourists or Passengers for the selected period	**Rand per km = R1.8649**
		Average # of **passengers** for the selected period scaled at 1:11.98 using the Passenger to General freight unitized equivalent (passenger)	**Rand per passenger unitized equivalent Rand per passenger/tonne = R0.4260**
	General freight or Dangerous goods (running lines or private sidings)	Average **kilometers** travelled with general freight or Dangerous goods for the selected period	**Rand per km = R1.8649**
	General freight	Average **tonnes** for the selected period scaled at 11.98:1 using the Passenger to General freight unitized equivalent (**tonne**)	**Rand per general freight tonne unitized equivalent**

PERMIT FEE INPUTS - ACTIVITY COSTS			
Operator Category	**Rail Activities**	**Data input**	**Unit cost for 2026/2027 FY**
			Rand per passenger/tonne = R0.4260
	Dangerous goods	Average **tonnes** for the selected period scaled at 1:5. Dangerous goods are scaled using the Passenger to General freight unitized equivalent **(Dangerous goods)**	**Rand per dangerous good tonne unitized equivalent Rand per passenger/tonne = R0.4260**

Table 3 - Permit Fee Inputs - Safety Costs

PERMIT FEE INPUTS - SAFETY COSTS			
Operator Category	**Rail Activities**	**Data input**	**Unit cost for 2026/2027 FY**
Network or Train Operator	All Operators	Average number of weighted occurrences	**Rand per Occurrence = R3 333.05**

Table 4 - Permit Fee Inputs - Base Costs

PERMIT FEE INPUTS - BASE COSTS			
Operator Category	**Rail Activities**	**Data input**	**Unit cost for 2026/2027 FY**
Network or Train Operator	All operators	Total Base costs	**Rand value based on the total number of operators Base costs = R19 801.98**

Network operator permit fee calculation: **Base cost + Safety cost**

3.2 Parameters used for the calculations.

(a) Passenger to General Freight unitized equivalent ratio is 1:11.98

(b) Dangerous Goods to General Freight proportion is 1:5

3.3 Detailed formulas for calculations

3.3.1 Activity Cost Formula:

Activity cost = {Activity **Distance** Component} + {Activity **Load** Component}

= {Year Average Operator kilometres x Rand per km} +

$$= \{([(\frac{\text{Year Average General FreightTonnes}}{\text{Passenger to General Freight Ratio}})(\frac{\text{Year Average Dangerous Goods}}{\text{Passenger to General Freight Ratio}}) \text{ x Dangerous goods to general freight ratio}]$$

x Rand per passenger/tonne) + [Year Average number of passengers x Rand per passenger/tonne]}

3.3.2 Safety Cost Formula:

Safety cost = Total number of weighted occurrences x Rand per Occurrence

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3.3.2.1 Total number of weighted occurrences = Number of occurrence x severity

4. Application of Notice

4.1 The safety permit fee rates and formulae specified in section 2 and 3 of this schedule applies to all legal entities and Railway Operators that are required to meet legal obligations as set out in the Railway Safety Act, 2024 (Act No.30 of 2024), irrespective of class, size or sector.

4.2 The permit fee rates and formulae specified in sections 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 of this schedule do not apply to operators listed in Annexure "A". These operators will be migrated over a 3-year period.

4.3 Annexure B contains the severity weightings, as determined by the RSR, for each of the occurrence subcategories in Regulation on Notifiable Railway Occurrences, 2022 as amended. Verified Occurrence data for the 2024/25 reporting period is applied to the categories contained in Annexure B for all legal entities and Railway Operators that are required to meet legal obligations as set out in the Railway Safety Act, 2024 (Act No.30 of 2024), irrespective of class, size or sector.

4.4 Activity data for the 2024/25 reporting period as declared by the operator is applied for the computation of the Activity component of the safety permit fee.

5. Short title and Commencement

This notice is called the Determination of Safety Permit Fees for the 2026/2027 financial year and will come into operation at a date to be determined by the Minister in the Government Gazette.

ANNEXURE A

MIGRATING OPERATORS FOR THREE YEARS

Number	Operator Name
1	AFRICAN RAIL AND TRACTION SERVICES
2	ASSMANG LIMITED T/A KHUMANI IRON ORE MINE
3	BOMBELA OPERATING CO (PTY) LTD
4	ESWATINI RAILWAYS
5	FPT GROUP (PTY) LTD
6	FRANSRAIL CC T/A FRANSCHHOEK VALLEY WINE TRAM
7	GRINDROD RAIL CONSULTANCY SERVICES (PTY) LTD
8	GRINDROD TERMINALS RICHARDS BAY A DIVISION OF GRINDROD (SA) (PTY) LTD
9	HARMONY GOLD MINING COMPANY LIMITED T/A HARMONY GOLD MINE FREE STATE OPERATIONS
10	IMPALA PLATINUM LTD T/A IMPLATS
11	LOCOMOTIVE, ENGINES & GENERAL ENGINEERING (PTY) LTD
12	MAKOYA SUPPLY CHAIN HOLDINGS (PTY) LTD
13	MOTSAMAYI TOURISM GROUP (PTY) LTD C/O CAPE POINT CONCESSION
14	MOZAMBIQUE PORTS & RAILWAYS T/A CFM
15	OUTENIQUA POWER VAN CC

Number	Operator Name
16	PALABORA MINING COMPANY LIMITED
17	PASSENGER RAIL AGENCY OF SOUTH AFRICA T/A PRASA RAIL
18	RICHARDS BAY COAL TERMINAL (PTY) LIMITED
19	SAFREIGHT LOGISTICS T/A SAFLOG
20	SIBANYE RUSTENBURG PLATINUM MINES (PTY) LTD
21	SISHEN IRON ORE COMPANY (PTY) LTD T/A KUMBA IRON ORE
22	TENGWA AFRICA (PTY) LTD
23	TRADEKOR PE (PTY) LTD
24	TRAINS PLANES & AUTOMOBILES T/A ATLANTIC RAIL
25	TRANSNET RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGER (TRIM), A DIVISION OF TRANSNET SOC LTD
26	TRAXTION SHELTAM (PTY) LTD
27	UMFOLOZI SUGAR PLANTERS (PTY) LTD T/A UCOSP
28	UMGENI STEAM RAILWAY

ANNEXURE B

OCCURRENCE SEVERITY RATINGS

Table 1: Operational Occurrences		Severity
Category	**Category Type and Description**	
Category A	**Collisions During Movement of Rolling Stock**	
A-a	Collision between rolling stock on a running line	5
A-b	Collision of rolling stock with an obstruction on a running line (including road vehicles that collide with rolling stock)	3
A-c	Collision of rolling stock with a stop block on a running line	3
A-d	Collision between rolling stock other than on a running line	1
A-e	Collision of rolling stock with an obstruction other than on a running line	1
A-f	Collision of rolling stock with a stop block other than on a running line	1
Category B	**Derailments During Movement of Rolling Stock**	
B-a	Derailment of rolling stock on a running line	5
B-b	Derailment of rolling stock on a line other than a running line	2
B-c	Derailment during tippler activities	2
Category C	**Unauthorized Movements (Rolling Stock Movements Exceeding the Limit of Authority in Respect of Position)**	
C-a	Signal passed at danger (SPAD) on a running line	4
C-b	Signal passed at danger (SPAD) on any other line	2
C-c	Physical token passed on a running line	4
C-d	Physical token passed on any other line	2
C-e	Verbal Authority exceeded on a running line	2
C-f	Verbal Authority exceeded on any other line	2
C-g	Written Authority exceeded on a running line	4
C-h	Written Authority exceeded on any other line	2
Category D	**Level Crossing Occurrences**	
D-a	Collision between rolling stock and a road vehicle(s) (including motor vehicles, bicycle or animal-drawn vehicles) at a recognized level crossing on a running line	3
D-b	Collision between rolling stock and a road vehicle(s) (including motor-powered, bicycle or animal-drawn vehicles) on any line other than a	1

	running line (including yards, sidings and private sidings) at a recognized level crossing	
D-c	Persons struck by rolling stock at an approved level crossing on a running line	1
D-d	Persons struck by rolling stock at an approved level crossing on a line other than a running line	1
Category E	**Persons Struck During Movement of Rolling Stock**	
E-a	Occurrence where a ***member of the public*** is struck by rolling stock on a running line	5
E-b	Occurrence where an ***employee*** is struck by rolling stock on a running line	5
E-c	Occurrence where a ***contractor or contractor's*** employee is struck by rolling stock on a running line	5
E-d	Occurrence where a ***member of the public*** struck by rolling stock on a line other than a running line	4
E-e	Occurrence where an ***employee*** is struck by rolling stock on a line other than a running line	4
E-f	Occurrence where a ***contractor or contractor's*** employee is struck by rolling stock on a line other than a running line	4
Category F	**People Related Occurrences: Trains Outside Station Platform Areas (In Section)**	
F-a	Occurrence where a ***passenger*** fell or was pushed from inside a moving or stationary train	5
F-b	Occurrence where an ***employee*** fell or was pushed from inside a moving or stationary train	5
F-c	Occurrence where a ***contractor*** or contractor's employee fell or was pushed from inside a moving or stationary train	5
Category G	**Passenger Related Occurrences: Travelling Outside Designated Passenger Area**	
G-a	These occurrences cover the number of occurrences as a result of passengers travelling outside the designated passenger area of the train	1
Category H	**People Related Occurrences: Station Platform-Train Interchange**	
H-a	Occurrence where a passenger fell between the train and the platform whilst entraining/detraining a stationary or moving train	4
H-b	Occurrence where a passenger fell on the platform whilst entraining/detraining a stationary or moving train	4
H-c	Occurrence where an employee fell between the train and the platform whilst entraining/detraining a stationary or moving train	4
H-d	Occurrence where an employee fell on the platform whilst entraining/detraining a stationary or moving train	4
H-e	Occurrence where a contractor or contractor's employee fell between the train and the platform whilst detraining a stationary or moving train	4
H-f	Occurrence where a contractor or contractor's employee fell on the platform whilst entraining/detraining a stationary or moving train	4
Category I	**People Related Occurrences at Stations (This Category Includes All Injuries at Stations, Including Those Resulting from Slips, Trips and Falls at Public Area of Stations, Station Concourse or Revenue Area of The Station. (The Scope Includes Overhead Pedestrian Bridges, Subways, Stairs, Travellators, Escalators, Elevators, Turnstiles, and Electric Sliding Doors).**	

I-a	Occurrence resulting in injuries and fatalities to members of the public in the public area of the station	4
I-b	Occurrence resulting in injuries and fatalities to passengers in the passenger area of the station	4
I-c	Occurrence resulting in injuries and fatalities to an employee in the public area of the station	4
I-d	Occurrence resulting in injuries and fatalities to an employee in the passenger area of the station	4
I-e	Occurrence resulting in injuries and fatalities to a contractor or contractor's employee in the public area of the station	4
I-f	Occurrence resulting in injuries and fatalities to a contractor or contractor's employee in the passenger area of the station	4
Category J	**Electric Shock Occurrences**	
J-a	Electrical shock to a member of the public on the network infrastructure	5
J-b	Electrical shock to an employee on the network infrastructure	3
J-c	Electrical shock to a contractor or contractor's employee on the network infrastructure	3
J-d	Electrical shock to the member of the public whilst on or in rolling stock	5
J-e	Electrical shock to an employee whilst positioned on or part of rolling stock	3
J-f	Electrical shock to a contractor or contractor's employee whilst positioned on or part of rolling stock	3
J-g	Electrical shock to a member of the public whilst on unauthorised part of the network infrastructure	5
J-h	Electrical shock to passengers whilst on or in rolling stock	3
Category K	**Spillage/ Leakage, Explosion or Loss of Dangerous Goods**	
K-a	Spillage or leakage of dangerous goods en-route	4
K-b	Spillage or leakage of dangerous goods during shunting operations	4
K-c	Spillage or Leakage of dangerous goods whilst staged	4
K-d	Missing Consignment of Dangerous Goods	4
K-e	Theft of Dangerous goods consignment	4
K-f	Explosion of dangerous goods	4
Category L	**Fire Occurrences**	
L-a	Fires on a fixed operational asset impacting on operational safety	3
L-b	General freight fires	4
L-c	Technical fault rolling stock fires	4
L-d	Veld fires that threaten operational safety	3
L-e	Dangerous goods fires	3
Category M	**Procedural Irregularities (And Near Misses)**	
M-a	Averted collisions on running line	4
M-b	Averted derailments on running line	4
M-c	Averted collisions on any line other than a running line	3
M-d	Averted derailments on any line other than a running line	3
M-e	Hard Coupling	2
M-f	Points run through	3

M-g	Wrong train authorisation issued	3
Category N	**Pantograph Hook-Up's**	
N-a	Pantograph Hook-up	3
Category O	**On-Board Passenger Related Occurrences**	
O-a	Slips, trips or fall on-board a train	3
O-b	Passengers injured on-board due to falling foreign objects while on-board	3
O-c	Fatality due to natural causes on-board train	2

Table 2: Security-related Incidents		**Severity**
Category	**Category Type and Description**	
Category 1	**Theft of Assets Impacting on Operational Safety**	
1-a	Theft of rolling stock components in section	4
1-b	Theft of rolling stock components in yards and sidings	4
1-c	Theft of civil infrastructure components in section	5
1-d	Theft of civil infrastructure components in yards and sidings	4
1-e	Theft of overhead traction equipment in section	5
1-f	Theft of overhead traction equipment in yards and sidings;	3
1-g	Theft of train authorisation, control and telecommunication systems and equipment in section	4
1-h	Theft of train authorisation, control, and telecommunication systems and equipment in yards and sidings	4
1-i	Theft of ancillary equipment, including public address (PA) systems, information boards and closed-circuit television (CCTV)	3
1-j	Theft of freight, including dangerous goods in section	4
1-k	Theft of freight, including dangerous goods in yards and sidings	4
Category 2	**Malicious Damage (Vandalism) of Assets Impacting on Operational Safety**	
2-a	Malicious damage (vandalism) of rolling stock components in section	4
2-b	Malicious damage (vandalism) of rolling stock components in yards and sidings	4
2-c	Malicious damage (vandalism) of civil infrastructure components in section	4
2-d	Malicious damage (vandalism) of civil infrastructure components in yards and sidings	4
2-e	Malicious damage (vandalism) of overhead traction system equipment in section	4
2-f	Malicious damage (vandalism) of overhead traction equipment in yards and sidings	4
2-g	Malicious damage (vandalism) of train authorisation and control, and telecommunication systems and equipment in section	4
2-h	Malicious damage (vandalism) of train authorisation and control, and telecommunication systems and equipment in yards and sidings	4
2-i	Malicious damage (vandalism) of ancillary equipment including, Public Address systems, information boards and CCTV	4
Category 3	**Threats of Operational Safety**	
3-a	A bomb threat to network	4

3-b	A bomb threat to station	4
3-c	A bomb threat to rolling stock	4
3-d	Threats due to electrical power outages	4
3-e	Threats other than bomb and power outage threats	5
Category 4	**Unauthorised Control of Trains**	
4-a	Unauthorised person taking control of passenger trains	5
4-b	Unauthorised person taking control of freight trains	5
4-c	Unauthorised person taking control of other rolling stock	5
Category 5	**Crowd-Related Incidents**	
5-a	Crowd related incidents and includes stampede action	2
Category 6	**Industrial Action**	
6-a	Industrial action that causes a threat to safe railway operations	1
Category 7	**Personal Safety on Trains**	
7-a	Murder	4
7-b	Attempted murder	4
7-c	Rape	4
7-d	Aggravated rape	4
7-e	Assault	4
7-f	Indecent assault	4
7-g	Sexual assault	4
7-h	Aggravated sexual assault	4
7-i	Aggravated robbery	4
7-j	Robbery	4
7-k	Theft	4
7-l	Bomb explosions	4
Category 8	**Personal Safety on Stations**	
8-a	Murder	4
8-b	Attempted murder	4
8-c	Rape	4
8-d	Aggravated rape	4
8-e	Assault	4
8-f	Indecent assault	4
8-g	Sexual assault	4
8-h	Aggravated sexual assault	4
8-i	Aggravated robbery	4
8-j	Common robbery	4
8-k	Theft	4
8-l	Bomb explosions	4
		4

Category 9	**Personal Safety Outside Station Platform Area (In Section Between Stations, Including Yards, Sidings and Depots)**	
9-a	Murder	4
9-b	Attempted murder	4
9-c	Rape	4
9-d	Aggravated rape	4
9-e	Assault	4
9-f	Indecent assault	4
9-g	Sexual assault	4
9-h	Aggravated sexual assault	4
9-i	Aggravated robbery	4
9-j	Common robbery	4
9-k	Theft	4
9-l	Bomb explosions	4
Category 10	**Human Bodies Found Within the Railway Reserve**	
10-a	A body of a dead person found within the railway reserve	4
10-b	A body of dead person found on the railway line	4

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