

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

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**NATIONAL RAILWAY SAFETY REGULATOR ACT, 2002 (ACT NO. 16 OF 2002****DETERMINATION OF PERMIT FEES UNDER SECTION 23(2) OF THE NATIONAL  
RAILWAY SAFETY REGULATOR ACT, 2002**

I, Fikile April Mbalula, Minister of Transport, in terms of section 23(2)(a) of the National Railway Safety Regulator Act, 2002 (Act No. 16 of 2002), hereby determine as indicated in the Schedule, fees that the Railway Safety Regulator must charge for the safety permits, with effect from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

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



MR FIKILE A MBALULA, MP  
MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

DATE: 28. 01. 2023

## SCHEDULE

### 1. DEFINITIONS

For the 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 and /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 and/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 and/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”** A type of railway track where the distance between the two rails of the track is 1 435 millimetres in length.

**“tourist passengers”** mean 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 or General Freight
<b>Group A:</b> Train, Network and Station operators Application Fee	R64 469.03	R64 469.03	R64 469.03
<b>Group B:</b> Train, Network and Station Operators Application Fee	R21 124.27	R22 171.27	R3 816.32
<b>Group C:</b> Train, Network and Station Operators Application Fee	R8 858.67	R8 858.67	R3 811.08

## 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 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	R147 911.78	R118 328.80	R16 270.38
Construction Train Safety Permit	R739 559.97	R96 142.87	R4 437.19
Test and Commissioning Safety Permit	R1 479 120.98	R147 911.78	R59 165.97

**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	Transportation of Dangerous goods	Transportation of passengers or General Freight
<b>NETWORK</b>		Permit fee paid in 2022/23 FY + 4.7% (CPI)		
<b>TRAIN</b>	Private Siding Lines for General Freight/ Dangerous Goods	R77 516.74	R516 977.19	Flat Rate: R11 335.22
	Private Siding Lines for Tourist / Passengers	NOT APPLICABLE		Flat Rate: R11 335.22
<b>STATION</b>	On and off boarding sites/ zones for passengers	NOT APPLICABLE		Flat Rate: R126 036.95

**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 R11 335.22

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

OPERATOR GROUP	BAND	PERMIT FEE PAYABLE
<b>GROUP A</b> Train Station Network	Dangerous goods $\geq$ 50 000t General goods $\geq$ 500 000t All passengers	Permit fee paid in 2022/23 FY + 4.7%
<b>GROUP B</b> Train Station Network	Dangerous goods < 50 000t General goods $\geq$ 200 000t and < 500 000t All tourists	Permit fee paid in 2022/23 FY + 4.7%
<b>GROUP C</b> Train Station Network	General goods < 200 000t	Flat Rate: R11 335.22

**6. Application of Notice**

6.1 The permit fee rates determined for the 2023/24 financial year shall apply to the following entities:

(a) Transnet SOC Ltd **R120 017 916.77**

(b) Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (PRASA) **R35 776 023.50**

(c) Bombela Operating Company **R3 032 744.39**

(d) Non-South African train operators operating in the Republic of South Africa will pay the Permit fee paid in 2022/23 FY + 4.7%

**7. Short Title**

7.1. This notice is called the Determination of Safety Permit Fees for the 2023/24 financial year and will come into operation at a date to be determined by the Minister.