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PLANT IMPROVEMENT ACT (ACT No. 53 of 1976)

TABLE 1
FEES PAYABLE 2025/04/01 – 2026/03/31

[Table 1 substituted and amended by R. 1621 of 22 July 1983, R. 2173 of 28 September 1984, R. 1522 of 12 July 1985, R. 256 of 14 February 1986, R. 1489 of 11 July 1986, R. 1700 of 7 August 1987, R. 1518 of 14 July 1989, R. 1976 of 15 September 1989, R. 76 of 18 January 1991, R. 174 of 10 February 1995, R. 1976 of 22 December 1995, R. 1011 of 1 August 1997, R. 1284 of 16 October 1998, R. 1015 of 27 August 1999, R. 919 of 15 September 2000, R. 430 of 25 May 2001, R. 547 of 10 May 2002, R. 410 of 28 March 2003, R. 185 of 11 March 2005, R. 131 of 17 February 2006, R. 45 of 26 January 2007, R. 430 of 11 April 2008, R. 381 of 17 April 2009, R. 100 of 19 February 2010, R. 161 of 4 March 2011, R. 86 of 10 February 2012, R. 95 of 15 February 2013, R. 88 of 14 February 2014, R. 81 of 13 February 2015 (as corrected by R. 191 of 13 March 2015), R. 2 of 19 February 2016, R. 182 of 3 March 2017, R. 1355 of 8 December 2017, No. 253 of 01 March 2019, No. 125 of 14 February 2020, R. 221 of 19 March 2021, No. 45275 of 8 October 2021, No. 46261 of April 2022, R. 3190 of 24 March 2023 and R. 4366 of 16 February 2024.]

NO.	PARTICULARS OF SERVICE AND PURPOSE	TARIFF
1.	TARIFFS PROVIDED FOR BY LEGISLATION	
1.1	Issuing of Export Certificate under Section 27	
	a) Application for a certificate [Reg. 45A(2)(a)]	R 122,00 per certificate
	b) Inspection and sampling of plant and propagating material within official office hours [Reg. 45(3)]	R 310,00 per half hour or portion thereof
	c) Purity analysis [Reg. 45(3)]	R 227,00 each
	d) Germination [Reg. 45(3)]	R 1030,00 each
1.2	Registration of Premises under Section 7	
	a) Application for registration of premises in respect of a business [Reg. 2(2)(b)]	R 495,00 for one type of business plus R 241,00 for each additional type of business on the same premises
	b) Application for renewal of registration of premises in respect of a business [Reg. 3(2)]	R 495,00 for one type of business plus R 241,00 for each additional type of business on the same premises
	c) Conduction of examination for a seed analyst to act as responsible officer of a seed testing laboratory [Reg. 8A(6)(i)]	R 574,00 per person per day
1.3	Variety Listing (Recognition of a Variety)	
	a) Application fee in respect of the recognition of a variety [Reg. 16(b)]	R 1 965,00 each
	b) Examination fee for variety list placement: [Reg. 17(1)]	
	Category A (agronomic, vegetable and pasture crops and sweet corn)	R 2 290,00 each
	Category B (white and yellow maize)	R 2 607,00 each
	Category C (fruit crops)	R 4 250,00 each
	c) Application for the alteration or supplementation of the denomination of a variety [Reg. 20A]	R 3 276,00 each
1.4	General	
	a) Perusal of a document [Reg. 52(1)]	R 735,00 per occasion
	b) Application for a copy of a document [Reg. 52(3)]	As per Department of Justice and Constitutional Development, Section 22 of PAIA
	c) Lodgment of appeal against a decision of or steps taken by the Registrar [Reg. 53(1)(d)]	R 7 847,00 each

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NO.	PARTICULARS OF SERVICE AND PURPOSE	TARIFF
2.	TARIFFS NOT PROVIDED FOR BY LEGISLATION	
2.1	Unjustified Complaints Concerning Plants or Propagation Material	
	(a) Inspection, sampling and sealing within official office hours	R 310,00 per half hour or portion thereof
	(b) Purity analysis (grasses excluded)	R 227,00 each
	(c) Purity analyses on grasses (excluding where degluming or the blowing method is required)	R 495,00 each
	(d) Purity analysis on grasses that require degluming	R 748,00 each
	(e) Purity analysis on grasses that require the uniform blowing method	R 655,00 each
	(f) Germination test	R 1 030,00 each
	(g) Weighed replicate germination test	R 1 229,00 each
	(h) Tetrazolium test	R 1 229,00 each
2.2	Seed Analyses and Seed Technological Examinations	
	(a) Purity analysis (grasses excluded)	R 227,00 each
	(b) Purity analyses on grasses (excluding where degluming or the blowing method is required)	R 495,00 each
	(c) Purity analysis on grasses that require degluming	R 748,00 each
	(d) Purity analysis on grasses that require the uniform blowing method	R 655,00 each
	(e) Germination test	R 1 030,00 each
	(f) Weighed replicate germination test	R 1 229,00 each
	(g) Other seed determination	R 670,00 each
	(h) Alkaloid test	R 174,00 each
	(i) Moisture determination	R 320,00 each
	(j) Tetrazolium test	R 1 229,00 each
	(k) Preference testing for (a) to (j) above	Double tariff
	(l) Seed identification	R 348,00 per hour
	(m) Seed quality investigation	R 523,00 per hour
	(n) Annual courses presented in seed testing methods and techniques for a trainee seed analyst	R 5 521,00 per person
	(o) Specialist workshop presented in seed testing methods and techniques for a qualified seed analyst	R 1 109,00 per person per day
2.3	International Certificates	
	(a) Issuing of seed quality certificates	R 307,00 per certificate
	(b) Sampling and sealing of containers within official office hours	R 310,00 per half hour or portion thereof including travelling
	(c) Seals for sealing containers	R 0,20 per seal
2.4	Seals for Sealing Containers of Seed for Which an Export Certificate Has Been Issued Under Section 27 of the Plant Improvement Act, 1976 (Act no 53 of 1976)	R 0,20 per seal
2.5	Application for Authorisation to Import Unlisted Varieties	R 146,00 per authorisation for a maximum of 10 varieties

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	Application for authorization to establish propagating material of unlisted varieties exceeding the limit for imported amount	Free
	Application for authorization to sell propagating material of locally produced unlisted varieties	Free
2.6	Examination of Samples to Determine Conformity with Variety Descriptions (see categories under 1.3)	R 2 290,00 each (Cat. A) R 2 607,00 each (Cat. B) R 4 250,00 each (Cat. C)
2.7	Plant Improvement Services Rendered in Respect of the Maintenance and Provision of Plant Propagation Material Derived from Nucleus Plants Kept at a Departmental Quarantine Station	
	(a) Vegetative propagation material (buds)	R 3,00 per bud
	(b) Vegetative propagation material (cuttings)	R 21,00 per cutting
	(c) Vegetative propagation material (growing tips for <i>in vitro</i> propagation)	R 21,00 per growing tip
	(d) Plants of various fruit crops	R 24,00 per plant
	(e) Management of gene source material in repositories	R 146,00 per unit
2.8	Application for Addition of a Synonym for Approved Denomination of a Variety	R 3 276,00 each
2.9	Application for Hemp Permit	R 751,00 each