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Preface

On behalf of the Office of the Auditor General of Canada, I am presenting the report on fees for the 2017–18 fiscal year.

On 22 June 2017, the [*Service Fees Act*](#)¹ received royal assent, thereby repealing the [*User Fees Act*](#)². The *Service Fees Act* provides for annual detailed reporting to Parliament.

This 2017–18 Fees Report is the first report to be prepared under the *Service Fees Act*. Additional fee information will be included starting next fiscal year, once the Office fully transitions to the *Service Fees Act*.

General fees information

The tables in this section provide information on each category of fees, including the following:

- the name of the fee category
- the date that the fee category was introduced and last amended
- service standards
- performance results against these standards
- financial information regarding total costs, total revenues, and total remissions

General and financial information by fee category

General information

Fee category	Fees for processing requests filed under the Access to Information Act ³
Fee-setting authority	<i>Access to Information Act</i>
Year introduced	1983
Year last amended	2018
Service standard	A response is provided within 30 days following receipt of a request; the response time may be extended under section 9 of the <i>Access to Information Act</i> .
Performance results	The Office of the Auditor General of Canada responded within 30 days for all 11* requests completed in 2017–18.
Other information	Under the <i>Access to Information Act</i> , fees under \$25 may be waived when deemed to be in the public interest. Fees waived during the 2017–18 fiscal year totalled \$10.

* Included cases in which a Notice of Extension was sent to the requester within 30 days of receipt of the request.

Financial information (dollars)

2016–17 Revenue	2017–18 Revenue	2017–18 Cost*	2017–18 Remissions†
20	35	267,483	Not applicable

* The amount includes direct and indirect costs, where such costs are identifiable and material.

† A remission is a partial or full return of a fee paid. Under the *Service Fees Act*, federal entities are required to develop policies that determine when fees will be remitted to fee payers should service standards not be met. The requirement for federal entities to remit is anticipated to come into effect on 31 March 2020. This effective date allows federal entities time to develop remissions policies and to adjust service standard tracking and remittance systems.

Fees under the Office of the Auditor General of Canada's authority

Fee amounts for the 2017–18, 2018–19, 2019–20, and a future fiscal year, as applicable (dollars)

Name of fee	2017–18 Fee amount	2018–19 and 2019–20 Adjusted fee amount	Future fee amount and fiscal year
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Endnotes

¹ *Service Fees Act*, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/S-8.4/index.html>

² *User Fees Act*, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/U-3.7/20040331/P1TT3xt3.html>

³ *Access to Information Act*, <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/A-1/index.html>