



New South Wales

# Fire and Rescue NSW Amendment (Charges) Regulation 2025

under the

Fire and Rescue NSW Act 1989

*[The following enacting formula will be included if this regulation is made—]*

Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following regulation under the *Fire and Rescue NSW Act 1989*.

Minister for Emergency Services

## Explanatory note

The objects of this regulation are—

- (a) to prescribe the maximum charges payable in relation to hazardous material incidents, and
- (b) to prescribe the charges payable for certain services performed by the Commissioner or by members of a fire brigade, and
- (c) to provide for the annual indexation of the charges referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b).

This regulation is made under the *Fire and Rescue NSW Act 1989*, including sections 40(4A) and 42(1).

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### **1 Name of regulation**

This regulation is the *Fire and Rescue NSW Amendment (Charges) Regulation 2025*.

### **2 Commencement**

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**Drafting note 2.1** *Commencement date to be confirmed.*

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## Schedule 1 Amendment of Fire and Rescue NSW Regulation 2023

### [1] Section 3 Definitions

Insert in alphabetical order—

*fire safety system report* has the same meaning as in the *Environmental Planning and Assessment (Development Certification and Fire Safety) Regulation 2021*, section 51.

*performance-based design brief* has the same meaning as in the *Environmental Planning and Assessment (Development Certification and Fire Safety) Regulation 2021*.

### [2] Section 44, heading

Omit “**Hazardous**”. Insert instead “**Charges in relation to hazardous**”.

### [3] Section 44(1)

Omit the subsection. Insert instead—

- (1) For the Act, section 40(4A), the prescribed charges for services performed in relation to a hazardous material incident are—
  - (a) the call out charge specified in Schedule 1, Part 1 for the incident, and
  - (b) if an item specified in Schedule 1, Part 2 is used or made available for use—the charge specified in the part for the item, and
  - (c) if an item specified in Schedule 1, Part 3 is hired or purchased—the charge specified in the part for the item, and
  - (d) if consumables are used—the charge specified in Schedule 1, Part 4 for the consumables.

### [4] Section 44(4) and (5)

Omit “Part 2” wherever occurring. Insert instead “Part 3”.

### [5] Sections 45 and 45A

Omit section 45. Insert instead—

#### **45 Additional services for which Commissioner entitled to payment**

For the Act, section 42(1)(f), the following services are specified—

- (a) attending an event to monitor fire safety at the event,
- (b) rescue from a lift,
- (c) reptile handling.

#### **45A Charges for certain other services**

For the Act, section 42(1), the prescribed charge for performing a service specified in Schedule 2 is the charge specified in the schedule for the service.

### [6] Section 46, heading

Omit the heading. Insert instead—

#### **46 Charge for responding to false alarm**

**[7] Section 46**

Omit “For the Act, section 42(1)(e), the charge prescribed is \$1,600”.

Insert instead “For the Act, section 42(1), the prescribed charge for responding to an alarm discovered to be a false alarm is \$1,656”.

**[8] Sections 47 and 47A**

Omit section 47. Insert instead—

**47 Charges for attending event to monitor fire safety—the Act, s 42(1)**

- (1) For the Act, section 42(1), the prescribed charges for attending an event to monitor fire safety at the event are—
  - (a) for each fire brigade member attending the event—the charge specified in Schedule 3, Part 1 for the member, and
  - (b) if an item specified in Schedule 3, Part 2 is hired or purchased—the charge specified in the part for the item, and
  - (c) if consumables are used—the charge specified in Schedule 3, Part 3 for the consumables.
- (2) If an item is purchased and, in the Commissioner’s opinion, the item may be reused, the prescribed charge for the item under Schedule 3, Part 2 must be reduced by the amount the Commissioner considers reasonable, having regard to the extent to which the item may be reused.

**47A Indexation of charges—the Act, ss 40(4A) and 42(1)**

- (1) This section applies to each charge prescribed by this part.
- (2) The charge must be adjusted on 1 July each year using the following formula—

$$\text{adjusted charge} = \text{cost} \times \frac{A}{B}$$

where—

***A*** is the Public Sector Wage Price Index total hourly rates of pay, excluding bonuses, for the March quarter for the year.

***B*** is the Public Sector Wage Price Index total hourly rates of pay, excluding bonuses, for the March quarter for the previous year.

***cost*** means—

- (a) for the first time the charge is adjusted under this section—the charge referred to in subsection (1), or
  - (b) otherwise—the charge referred to in subsection (1) as last adjusted under this section.
- (3) Fire and Rescue NSW must, before 1 July each year, publish notice of the adjusted charge on Fire and Rescue NSW’s website.
- (4) In this section—

***Public Sector Wage Price Index*** means the Wage Price Index (Public Sector) for New South Wales published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

**[9] Schedules 1 and 2**

Omit the schedules. Insert instead—

## Schedule 1 Charges in relation to hazardous material incidents

section 44

### Part 1 Call out charge

| Column 1                                 | Column 2 |
|------------------------------------------|----------|
| Incident                                 | Charge   |
| An incident involving downed power lines | \$403    |
| Another hazardous material incident      | \$570    |

### Part 2 Standard equipment

| Column 1                                                               | Column 2        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Item                                                                   | Charge per hour |
| Each standard pumper                                                   | \$560           |
| Each hazardous material pumper                                         | \$560           |
| Each hazardous material vehicle other than a hazardous material pumper | \$343           |
| Each special operations vehicle                                        | \$224           |
| Each incident command vehicle                                          | \$331           |
| Each mobile command centre                                             | \$343           |
| Each hazardous material delta decontamination shelter                  | \$343           |
| Each boat, including a trailer and vehicle to tow the boat             | \$343           |
| Each helicopter                                                        | \$3,767         |
| Each hose                                                              | \$38            |
| Each fully encapsulated gas suit                                       | \$112           |
| Each spillage suit                                                     | \$10            |
| Each self-contained breathing apparatus                                | \$51            |
| Each standard gas detector                                             | \$95            |
| Each unit of specialised detection equipment                           | \$95            |

### Part 3 Special items

| Column 1                                                                                                                                                    | Column 2                                                                                                                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Item                                                                                                                                                        | Charge                                                                                                                    |
| Goods or services hired or purchased by the Commissioner to perform services referred to in the Act, section 40(4A), other than items referred to in Part 2 | The amount certified by the Commissioner to be the cost to the Commissioner of hiring or purchasing the goods or services |

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| Column 1                                                                                                                              | Column 2                                                                                           |
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| Item                                                                                                                                  | Charge                                                                                             |
| Premises hired by the Commissioner to perform services referred to in the Act, section 40(4A), other than items referred to in Part 2 | The amount certified by the Commissioner to be the cost to the Commissioner of hiring the premises |

## Part 4 Consumables

| Column 1    | Column 2                                                                                                                    |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Item        | Charge                                                                                                                      |
| Consumables | The amount certified by the Commissioner to be the cost to the Commissioner of the consumables, plus 10% for handling costs |

## Schedule 2 Charges for certain other services

section 45A

| Column 1                                                                  | Column 2                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Service                                                                   | Charge                   |
| <b>Initial fire safety report</b>                                         |                          |
| Assessment of application for initial fire safety report                  | \$1,000                  |
| Provision of initial fire safety report                                   | \$192 per hour of labour |
| <b>Advisory, assessment or consultancy service</b>                        |                          |
| Assessment of application for advisory, assessment or consultancy service | \$373                    |
| Provision of advisory, assessment or consultancy service                  | \$192 per hour of labour |
| <b>Performance-based design briefs</b>                                    |                          |
| Assessment of application for performance-based design brief              | \$1,000                  |
| Provision of performance-based design brief                               | \$1,395                  |
| <b>Final fire safety report</b>                                           |                          |
| Assessment of application for final fire safety report                    | \$1,000                  |
| Provision of final fire safety report, including 2 hours of travel time   | \$2,429                  |
| <b>Fire safety system report</b>                                          |                          |
| Assessment of application for fire safety system report                   | \$1,000                  |
| Provision of fire safety system report, including 2 hours of travel time  | \$2,429                  |
| <b>Attendance at fire safety meeting</b>                                  |                          |

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| Service                                                                                                 | Charge         |
| Assessment of request to attend meeting                                                                 | \$373          |
| Attendance at fire safety meeting, including 2 hours of travel time                                     | \$1,990        |
| <b>Emergency plans report</b>                                                                           |                |
| Assessment of request to prepare emergency plans report                                                 | \$122          |
| Provision of emergency plans report                                                                     | \$407          |
| <b>Assessment of radiation gauges</b>                                                                   |                |
| Assessment of radiation gauges                                                                          | \$122          |
| <b>Fire safety inspection or assessment not otherwise provided for in schedule</b>                      |                |
| General fire safety inspection or assessment not otherwise provided for in this schedule                | \$172 per hour |
| Travel time to provide fire safety inspection or assessment not otherwise provided for in this schedule | \$172 per hour |

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**[10] Schedule 3, heading**

Omit the heading. Insert instead—

## **Schedule 3 Charges for attending event to monitor fire safety**

**[11] Schedule 3, Part 1**

Omit the part. Insert instead—

### **Part 1 Fire brigade members**

| Column 1                       | Column 2        |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Rank of member of fire brigade | Charge per hour |
| Fire safety engineer           | \$186           |
| Chief superintendent or above  | \$183           |
| Building surveyor              | \$140           |
| Engineer                       | \$151           |
| Fire safety manager            | \$186           |
| Superintendent                 | \$186           |
| Fire safety team leader        | \$140           |
| Inspector                      | \$140           |
| Fire safety officer            | \$128           |
| Station commander or captain   | \$128           |
| Firefighter                    | \$97            |

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**[12] Schedule 3, Parts 2 and 3**

Omit “**Amount**” wherever occurring. Insert instead “**Charge**”.