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What is it?

A Network Development Fee is a charge per new or upgraded customer connection point and the amount payable depends on the type of connection whether that is standard single phase, standard two or three phase, or non-standard connection. This fee contributes to the upstream costs of the additional demand on our Network.

Why is it being introduced?

New and upgraded connections to our Network have traditionally only been charged the cost of the works required to provide the physical connection and load requirements for a new or upgraded connection but not the costs of increased demand on the Network upstream. This upstream cost has therefore traditionally been borne by existing customers, which is unfair. The Network Development Fee will ensure those that generate upstream demand costs on our Network are the ones that pay for it.

How much are the Network Development Fees?

For the latest Network Development Fee schedule visit our website. The fees at introduction are:

Fee Type	Amount (inc GST)	Application
Network Development Fee	\$3,134	*Standard Single Phase Point of Connection
	\$9,403	*Standard Two or Three Phase Point of Connection
	\$208.95	Non-standard Point of Connection per kVA

**A new or upgraded connection must have an anticipated maximum demand of less than 70kVA to be considered Standard.*



The following examples are provided (based on fee levels at introduction):

Example 1:

A developer applies for supply to a new 100 lot Residential subdivision requesting a single phase connection point for each. The Network Development Fee payable will be $100 \times \$3,134 = \$313,400$.

Example 2:


A developer applies for supply to a new Commercial development with 7 three phase customer connection points. The Network Development Fee payable will be $7 \times \$9,403 = \$65,821$.

Example 3:

A customer applies for an additional single phase connection at their property. The Network Development Fee payable will be $1 \times \$3,134 = \$3,134$.

Example 4:

A farming customer is constructing a new cowshed on their property and this requires an upgrade to the fusing and transformer supplying the existing three phase connection. As well as any Capital Contribution (see overpage), the Network Development Fee applicable is $1 \times \$9,403 = \$9,403$.



How will I know if my particular individual new or upgraded connection will incur a Network Development Fee?

For new connections, if an allocated connection point (for example fuses in a pillar box specifically installed to supply a lot) currently exists then you won't need to pay a Network Development Fee prior to connection. This is because if the connection point was installed after 1 July 2022 then the Network Development Fee would have already been paid by the developer prior to installation. If however there is no existing allocated connection point, or the connection or associated network equipment requires upgrading, then a Network Development Fee will be required.

How will the Fee be applied?

The Network Development Fee will be calculated and included with a Capital Contribution quote.

Why do I still need to pay a Capital Contribution?

The Network Development Fee covers the upstream costs associated with the connection. The physical infrastructure installation costs to establish the connection point such as fusing, lines/cabling and transformer are not covered by the Network Development Fee. For information about Capital Contributions please visit our website.

How can I find out more information or discuss this with Waipa Networks?

For information on Capital Contributions, the Network Development Fee, or other applicable fees please visit the New Connections section of our website. You are also free to contact us and talk to a member of our Projects Planning Team.

Contact Us

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