

Trampoline Sector Fee Consultation Overview April 1, 2023

Consultation open October 3, 2022 – November 4, 2022

New regulation of amusement rides and devices, including trampoline courts

Following a fatality at a trampoline court in Richmond in 2018, recommendations were made to the Province to bring trampoline courts under regulation to increase safety within the trampoline industry.

In partnership with stakeholders across the industry, we have developed an oversight model that includes substantive changes to the ways in which amusement rides and devices are regulated. The revised program requires operators to:

- foster a culture of safety;
- develop safety practices that consider how their patrons interact with their rides and devices; and
- make plans to mitigate risks that may be associated with their operations.

Within the oversight model, we are currently exploring flexible fee structure options, with the first phase of consultation targeting trampoline courts. This includes a fair and transparent consultation with you, the trampoline park operators. A second phase of consultation to involve the remainder of the amusement industry will be scheduled in 2024.

You can read more details about the proposed changes [here](#).



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The value of regulation and participation in the safety system

Upon coming under regulation, you will have access to the safety system community, as well as our tools and resources, including:

- the technical expertise of our team, including industry education events and training opportunities;
- a voice at the table to influence changes in your industry, including participating in conversations about codes, regulations, and other areas of improvement;
- opportunities to connect with others in your industry to share knowledge and best practices;
- access to learnings and recommendations from our incident investigations to help you prevent similar situations from happening at your facility; and
- hands-on guidance on how to address hazards, correct non-compliances, and re-establish safe practices, should an incident occur at your facility.

Fees

As a not-for-profit safety regulator, we do not receive government funding. We use the fees we collect to carry out our safety mandate, which includes administering safety legislation and regulation, and overseeing the safe installation and operation of technical systems and equipment in BC. For more information on how our fees are determined, see our [fee guide](#).

Proposed fee options

The launch of the new oversight model for trampolines parks is **proposed for April 1, 2023**. We are proposing two cost structure options, which are outlined below (**Table 1**) that we would like your perspective on.



We have also provided the full proposed fee schedule below (**Table 2**), which outlines the breakdown of the costs for specific regulatory requirements and services. Within this schedule, ***we are looking for input from you on what factors might be considered*** in calculating fees and applying fees to different types of facilities in the trampoline sector (e.g., square footage of trampoline surfaces, size of the facility, etc.). Currently the pricing is set where everyone, regardless of facility size or number of devices, would pay the same.

Table 1. Proposed cost structures

Option 1	You pay the <i>full cost of regulation upon entry</i> into the safety system and are thereafter subject to predictable increases in fees. • This will allow you to frontload costs and allow you to best plan and budget for these costs annually. • All future general fee increases will be subject to consultation with you.
Option 2	We provide a <i>temporary reduction</i> in the cost of regulation for the first two years upon entry into the safety system, with the balance of these costs charged back to you at a later date. • This will enable you to transition into the new system with less immediate costs but will provide less certainty on what the future costs will be after the transition period. • All future fee increases will be subject to consultation with you.

Example of how this may be applied to you

A facility with a single trampoline court who is obtaining a new license and certification for their responsible person, has registered their equipment design, and obtained an installation and operating permit would **pay on average per year**:

Cost structure	Proposed for consultation		Possible future costs (will require consultation)
	2023	2024	2025+
Option 1	\$3K	\$1.5K	\$1.7K*



Option 2	\$2.4	\$1.3K	\$1.7K*
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*Subject to additional general fee increases

Table 2. Full proposed fee schedule for Trampoline Courts 2023-2024

	Cost Option 1		Option 2	
	2023	2024*	2023	2024*
Licensing				
All facilities that operate, install, perform maintenance, test and alter amusement devices must have a licence with Technical Safety BC. This fee covers the application, insurance requirements and safety plan submission. A single licence is sufficient for an operator of a trampoline court.				
New Licence	\$823	\$848	\$600	\$736
Renewal	\$700	\$721	\$632	\$687
System Verification (Hourly)	\$183	\$188	\$183	\$188
Certificate of Qualification (Responsible Persons)				
A certificate of qualification is issued to an individual who has the knowledge of the regulatory requirements and the ability to oversee and provide declarations of compliance on behalf of the licensee. This fee covers the cost of one Responsible Person course, exam, wallet card and digital certificate. Each licensee must employ and name at least <u>one</u> responsible person on their licence.				
Certification - New	\$250	\$258	\$248	\$256
Certification - Renewal	\$140	\$144	\$120	\$135
Installation Permit (Acceptance assessment included)				
A registered design at Technical Safety BC demonstrates that the equipment design meets the standard of professional reliance and follows the requirements of the Safety Standards Act and Regulations. After design approval, an installation permit is issued to provide approval for the installation of that unit. Based on configuration, the majority of trampoline parks only require a single design registration and installation permit. It is understood that some units will already be installed. It is recommended that they continue through the same process to ensure effective oversight.				
Permit	\$767	\$790	\$571	\$693
Re-inspection (Hourly; Safety Services Rate)	\$183-369	\$188-380	\$183-369	\$188-380
Design Registration (Hourly; 2 Hour Minimum)	\$203	\$209	\$203	\$209
Operating Permit (Assessment Included)				
An operating permit is needed before operating equipment or performing maintenance work. Each operating permit is assessed by Technical Safety BC to confirm that maintenance of your equipment is monitored or performed by qualified individuals. As with installation permits, the majority of trampoline park will only require a single operating permit.				
Permit	\$767	\$790	\$569	\$691
Re-inspection (Hourly; Safety Services Rate)	\$183-369	\$188-380	\$183-369	\$188-380



Miscellaneous				
Custom Reports and Searches (Hourly; Administrative Rate)	\$88-172	\$91-177	\$88-172	\$91-177
Replacement / Duplicated Certificate of Qualification or Wallet Card	\$88	\$91	\$88	\$91
Application for Each Copy of a Certificate of Inspection	\$88	\$91	\$88	\$91
Expedited Service for Design Approval				
2x standard fee for turnaround in 5 working days	\$406	\$418	\$406	\$418
3x standard fee for turnaround in 2 working days	\$609	\$627	\$609	\$627
Application for Variance from the Code (Hourly; Safety Services Rate)	\$183-369	\$188-380	\$183-369	\$188-380
NSF Cheques	\$44	\$45	\$44	\$45
Late Fee on Overdue Accounts (Hourly)	\$66	\$68	\$66	\$68
Hourly Rates				
Administrative Rate				
Normal working hours, Monday to Friday inclusive (except holidays), 8:00am to 4:30pm	\$88	\$91	\$88	\$91
Overtime working hours Monday to Friday inclusive (except holidays), 4:30pm to 8:00am, per hour, charged at 1.5x Administrative rate	\$129	\$133	\$129	\$133
Saturdays, Sundays and Holiday working hours, per hour, charged at 2x Administrative rate	\$172	\$177	\$172	\$177
Safety Services Rate				
Normal working hours, Monday to Friday inclusive (except holidays), 8:00am to 4:30pm. Expenses incurred will be charged additionally, where applicable	\$183	\$188	\$183	\$188
Overtime working hours Monday to Friday inclusive (except holidays), 4:30pm to 8:00am, per hour, charged at 1.5x Safety Services rate	\$277	\$285	\$277	\$285
Saturdays, Sundays and Holiday working hours, per hour, charged at 2x Safety Services rate	\$369	\$380	\$369	\$380
Professional Services Rate				
Normal working hours, Monday to Friday inclusive (except holidays), 8:00am to 4:30pm.	\$247	\$254	\$247	\$254



Expenses incurred will be charged additionally, where applicable				
Overtime working hours Monday to Friday inclusive (except holidays), 4:30pm to 8:00am, per hour, charged at 1.5x Professional Services rate	\$373	\$384	\$373	\$384
Saturdays, Sundays and Holiday working hours, per hour, charged at 2x Professional Services rate	\$495	\$510	\$495	\$510

Proposed effective date

The new fees will come into effect on April 1, 2023, pending regulatory change by the Province and approval of one of the new fee options.

How to participate

To have your say in this consultation, please participate in one of the following:

- visit our Engage page;
- complete the survey; or
- email our [stakeholder engagement team](#).