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Announcement: New Fee Schedule Effective September 8, 2009

The Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) completes an annual review of its fees by soliciting input from stakeholders, which includes contractors at large and ESA's three independent Advisory Councils. All comments, requests or suggestions are closely considered before ESA makes any changes to its fees.

This annual review has recently been completed and is based on the following principles:

- Recognize and respond to customer needs and continue to deliver electrical inspections that will positively impact public safety across all customer segments.
- Ensure consistency in the application of fees across like or similar items.
- Recover the costs associated with providing services and safety initiatives; ESA must be self-sustaining with its principal source of revenue through inspection services.
- ESA must continue to control its costs while still meeting its safety mandate.
- Fee increases are to be in line with inflation net of productivity improvements.

As a result of this year's review the following fee changes will become effective September 8, 2009:

1. No fee increase for New Residential units
2. Fees associated with an hourly rate will increase from \$120 to \$125
3. All other fees will increase at a rate approximating 2.0%
4. Reduction in Apartment Renovation unit fees from \$15 to \$6 beyond the first 4 units if the renovation involves 1-3 devices
5. Reduction in fees for Sub-Metering Conversions, Retrofit Lighting and Fire Alarms for Apartment installations
6. Reduction in Commercial Retrofit Lighting fees
7. Reduction in fees for an industrial process with an assembly of motors in excess of 200
8. Other minor fee changes

Further details will be available on our corporate website www.esasafe.com in September 2009 by clicking on Fee Schedule.

Quick Reference Guides, updated Application Forms (including the Fee Estimator Application Form) and the full Fee Schedule will be available for viewing/downloading from our corporate website at www.esasafe.com in September 2009.

Please forward any comments you may have in regards to the fee schedule to the ESA Customer Service Centre email address: esa.feeschedule@electricalsafety.on.ca. Your comments are an important part of our annual review and we encourage your feedback.

Note: Electrical contractors, business and property owners have expressed a need to have more detailed information provided on the Certificates of Inspection. Itemizing the specific work performed in a specific location is a primary factor in minimizing risk for all parties involved. Starting in the fall of 2009, ESA is introducing an initiative whereby contractors will be requested to provide the details of the specific work performed in specific room(s) i.e. "3 outlets, 2 switches - main floor kitchen" on all Applications for Inspection submitted for renovations for residential and commercial structures. This specific information will be included as part of the Certificates of Inspection once the work is complete.