Guide to the regional resource consent annual charges schedule

Please note that the information contained in the table below, with the exception of section 6.0, relates to functions, powers & duties charges (FPD) only.

Consent activity	Section	Explanation
Discharges to air	1.0	Discharge to Air consent activities are grouped into seven risk categories: • minor, • very low, • low • medium • major – power • major – manufacturing • major - waste The category is shown on your invoice. Section 1.0 of the schedule outlines the charges for air discharge consents and provides a breakdown of the types of air discharge consents that fall into each risk category.
Coastal activities	2.0	Coastal consents are grouped into seven categories, based on activity description: • Seawalls • coastal structures (other than seawalls) • coastal activities/events/other • moorings • dredging & reclamation • vegetation removal or disposal/deposit • extraction • marine farm The category is shown on your invoice. Section 2.0 of the schedule also outlines when certain activity descriptions are not billed or are billed in other ways.

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Discharges to land and water	3.0	Discharges to land and water consents have two areas of assessment when determining annual charges:
		
		• the environment which is being discharged to, and
		
		• the risk category
		
		The activity description is grouped into nine categories:
		
		   • dairy discharges to streams
		
		   • discharges to ground
		
		   • discharges to open coast and harbours
		
		   • discharges to streams/lakes
		
		   • open landfills
		
		   • closed landfills
		
		   • major discharge consents
		
		   • wastewater network overflows
		
		   • Auckland network
		
		Within each of these groupings, there are various risk categories, each with it's own charge. Please refer to Section 3.0 for further details.
		
		The annual charge invoice will quote the type of discharge consent that you hold. For example, wastewater discharge, dairy farm discharge or contaminated site discharge.

Discharges of stormwater	4.0	Discharges of stormwater are categorised using a risk matrix which takes into account the treatment device type, nature of the receiving environment and the type of activity. There are six categories:
		
		   • private Stormwater
		
		   • minor
		
		   • low
		
		   • medium
		
		   • high
		
		   • major
		
		Section 4.0 details the charges for each category Which is also shown on your invoice.

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Land disturbance	5.0	Land disturbance activities are grouped into six categories, based on activity descriptions: • vegetation removal (permitted activity) • vegetation removal (consented activity) • quarries • earthworks • riverbed/streamworks • diversion of surface water For vegetation removal and earthworks activities the annual charge is based on the average number of hectares open and the duration of the disturbance during the annual charge period. For quarrying activities, the annual charge is based on the number of hectares worked. The earthwork annual charge is based on the duration of disturbance multiplied by the average hectares open during the annual charge period. For riverbed/stream works activities the annual charge is based on the physical length of disturbance and is only charged in the year which the works are undertaken. For diversion of surface water, the annual charges is based on a fixed charge per consent and is only charged in the year that the works are undertaken. The category is shown on your invoice.
Take, use, dam or divert water	6.0	Consents for activities to take, use, dam or divert water apply to activities involving: • freshwater • coastal (sea) water • geothermal water. We consider a number of factors when calculating the annual charge for these consents. You can find further information on these categories and areas in the schedule. Firstly, the consent is assigned to one of the following four categories: • Major consents • Important monitoring consents • Low impact monitoring • Dam water This determines the Administration, Monitoring and Supervisions charge (AMS).

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		Secondly, the consent is categorised by location:
		• special aquifer or catchment area
		• non-special aquifier or catchment area.
		
		This determines the Functions, Powers and Duties charge (FPD).
		
		For consents relating to the taking of water, the FPD charge is also affected by:
		• what the water is being used for (referred to in the schedule as 'use type') and
		• the volume of water (grouped into tiers within each use type).
		
		In summary, your consent annual charge is determined by:
		1. AMS charge – the monitoring category for your consent
		2. FPD charge – based on the following factors:
		   i. where the consent is located (is it within or outside a special catchment or aquifer area?)
		   ii. what the water is being used for (use type category)
		   iii. volume consented (which tier the volume falls within)
		
		All categories and activity types are shown on your invoice.