

# CHANGES TO MAFBNZ PLANT HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT LABORATORY COSTS

(Effective from 1 May 2010)

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) Plant Health & Environment Laboratory (PHEL) provides diagnostic testing services for importers and exporters of plants and plant products where these are not available from other providers. These services are provided on a cost-recovery basis.

MAF has recently reviewed charges for diagnostic testing to:

- Ensure charges fully recover the cost of testing
- Ensure charges remain fair and equitable
- Avoid under and over recovery of costs over time.

A comprehensive review of the charges has not been done since 2006.

As a result, charges for PHEL diagnostic testing services will change from **1 May 2010**.

Changes have also been made to the testing regimen to ensure customers are only charged for what they use. For example the costs of identifying insects on imported produce will be graded according to the number of identifications required.

See over for new schedule of charges.

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TEST TYPE	First Sample \$ excl GST	Additional sample \$ excl GST
<b>Invertebrates, e.g. fruit fly</b>		
Identification of 1 invertebrate	120	120
Identification of 2 invertebrates	190	190
Identification of 3 or more invertebrates	250	250
PCR – nucleic acid extraction	100	45
– PCR test	45	15
Sequencing (direct)	95	75
Sequencing (cloned product)	365	250
<b>Nematodes, e.g. <i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i></b>		
Identification of nematodes	260	260
<b>Fungi, e.g. <i>Monilinia fructigena</i></b>		
Diagnosis of fungal diseases	350	350
Screening for fungal diseases (negative results)	60	60
Seed wash test (inc. microscopic examination)	220	160
Seed plate test	410	330
Selective plating	50	25
Selective plating and morphological identification	65	65
PCR – nucleic acid extraction	100	45
– PCR test	45	15
Sequencing (direct)	95	75
Sequencing (cloned product)	365	250
<b>Bacteria, e.g. <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i></b>		
Diagnosis of bacterial diseases	530	530
Screening for bacterial diseases (negative results)	60	60
Seed wash test	55	25
Selective plating	50	25
Biochemical testing (e.g. Biolog, staining)	75	75
PCR – nucleic acid extraction	100	45
– PCR test	45	15
Sequencing (direct)	95	75
Sequencing (cloned product)	365	250
<b>Phytoplasmas, e.g. <i>Grapevine flavescence dorée phytoplasma</i></b>		
PCR – nucleic acid extraction	100	45
– nested PCR test	70	20
<b>Viruses, viroids and virus-like organisms, e.g. <i>Plum pox virus</i></b>		
Diagnosis of viral diseases (inc. negative results)	495	495
Electron microscopy	70	30
Bioassay – mechanical inoculation	155	85
Bioassay – woody grafting	175	100
ELISA	195	35
PCR – nucleic acid extraction	100	45
– RT-PCR test	85	25
Sequencing (direct)	95	75
Sequencing (cloned product)	365	250
<b>Provision of PEQ space (per cultivar, per month: max 10 plants per cultivar)</b>	250	250
<b>Sample handling</b>		
Packaging and handling for subcontracted tests (excluding transport)	35	35
Transport for subcontracted tests (e.g. courier)	Actual	Actual
<b>Other activities, e.g. technical advice (per hour)</b>	100	100