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Prices Regulation Act (Chapter 320)

ORDER FIXING MAXIMUM WATER AND SEWERAGE RATES IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL DISTRICT

I, Brown Bai, Price Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 21 of the *Prices Regulation Act (Chapter 320)*, and all other powers thereunto me enabling, do hereby order that the maximum water and sewerage rates, being declared goods and services, for the National Capital District from 31st January, 1999 shall be as detailed in the Schedule below.

Schedule of Water and Sewerage Rates to apply in the National Capital District from 31st January, 1999

SCHEDULE 1

Fees to be paid pursuant to Section 34(2) - testing of water meters

Meter Size	Fee per Test
15 mm - 20 mm	K20.00
25 mm - 50 mm	K40.00
Over 50 mm	K50.00

SCHEDULE 2

1. Water Rates

Vacant Land

1.1 Located at any point between 25 mm of a main pipe from which Eda Ranu is prepared to supply water to that land	Per annum K90.00
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Domestic

1.2 Low Covenant Residence

Minimum charge (up to 25 kilolitres per month)	Per annum K90.00
Monthly usage > 25 kilolitres	Rate per kilolitre
25.1 - 100 kilolitres	K0.75
100.1 - 200 kilolitres	K1.50

Order Fixing Maximum Water and Sewerage Rates in the National Capital District—*continued*Schedule 2—*continued*1.3 *High Covenant Residence*

Minimum charge (up to 10 kilolitres per month)	Per annum K120.00
Monthly usage > 10 kilolitres	Rate per kilolitre
10.1 - 100 kilolitres	K1.00
100.1 - 200 kilolitres	K2.00

Non-Domestic

1.4 *Public/Community Bulk Meters*

Minimum charge (up to 50 kilolitres per month)	Per annum K180.00
Monthly usage > 50 kilolitres	Rate per kilolitre K0.30

1.5 *Approved Institutions/Schools*

Minimum charge (up to 25 kilolitres per month)	Per annum K300.00
Monthly usage > 25 kilolitres	Rate per kilolitre K1.00

1.6 *Statutory Authorities/Government*

Minimum charge (up to 25 kilolitres per month)	Per annum K600.00
Monthly usage > 25 kilolitres	Rate per kilolitre K2.00

1.7 *Eda Ramu Filling Stations*

All coupon sales	Rate per kilolitre K3.00
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1.8 *All Other Non-Domestic*

Minimum charge (up to 10 kilolitres per month)	Per annum K240.00
Monthly usage > 10 kilolitres	Rate per kilolitre K2.00

Head Work Charges

1.9 *Water Supply* Rate upon application and approval by Eda Ramu

Connection Fee and Reconnection Fee	Charge per Connection/Junction K550.00
1.10 <i>New Connections/Junctions for 15 mm diameter pipe up to 26 metres length to one metre inside the property boundary</i>	
1.11 <i>New Connections/Junctions exceeding the above</i>	at cost
1.12 <i>Meter Connection/Reconnection Fee</i>	K50.00

2. Sewerage Rates

Domestic

Charge based on Water Meter Reading

2.1 *Low Covenant Residence*

Minimum charge (up to 25 kilolitres per month)	Sewerage Service Charge per annum K90.00
Monthly usage > 25 kilolitres	Rate per kilolitre
25.1 - 100 kilolitres	K0.15
100.1 - 200 kilolitres	K0.30

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2.2	<i>High Covenant Residence</i>	Sewerage Service Charge per annum
	Minimum charge (up to 25 kilolitres per month)	K180.00
	Monthly usage > 25 kilolitres	Rate per kilolitre
	25.1 - 100 kilolitres	K0.15
	100.1 - 200 kilolitres	K0.30

2.3	<i>Unmetered</i>	Sewerage Service Charge per annum
	Private connection (per house)	K120.00

Non-Domestic

Charge based on Water Meter Reading

2.4	<i>All Non-Domestic</i>	Sewerage Service Charge per annum
	Minimum charge (up to 50 kilolitres per month)	K240.00
	Monthly usage > 50 kilolitres	Rate per kilolitre
		K0.40

2.5	<i>Sewerage Sludge Tankers</i>	Sewerage Service Charge per annum
	Minimum charge (up to 10 kilolitres per month)	K45.00
	Monthly usage > 10 kilolitres	Rate per kilolitre
		K4.40

Charge based on Effluent Meter Reading

If the user makes a request in writing, or if Eda Ranu directs, the sewerage charges shall be based on an effluent meter reading. The user shall bear the cost of installation, at cost.

2.6	<i>Effluent meters</i>	Sewerage Service Charge per annum
	Minimum charge (up to 50 kilolitres per month)	K240.00
	Monthly usage > 50 kilolitres	Rate per kilolitre
		K0.40

Head Work Charges

2.7	<i>Sewerage Service</i>	Rate upon application and approval by Eda Ranu
	Connection Fee	Charge per Connection/Junction

2.8	<i>New Connections/Junctions for 100 mm diameter pipe up to 26 metres length to one meter inside the property boundary</i>	K550.00
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2.9	<i>New Connections/Junctions exceeding the above</i>	at cost
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3. Others

Charge out rates and fees for external services.

3.1 *Charge Out Rates for Labour*

Position (National)	Kina per Hour
(i) Chief Engineer	K96.00
(ii) Engineering Manager	K80.00
(iii) Senior Project Manager	K69.00
(iv) Project Engineer	K62.00
(v) Graduate Engineer	K60.00
(vi) Supervisory Drafting Officer	K70.00
(vii) Senior Technical Drafting Officer	K70.00
(viii) Technical Drafting Officer Grade 3	K50.00
(ix) Technical Drafting Officer Grade 2	K48.00
(x) Technical Drafting Officer Grade 1	K46.00
(xi) Technical Drafting Assistant Grade 2	K45.00
(xii) Technical Drafting Assistant Grade 1	K44.00
(xiii) Training Technical Drafting Officer	K42.00

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Position (Contract)	Kina per Hour
(xiv) Chief Engineer	K207.00
(xv) Engineering Manager	K172.00
(xvi) Senior Project Engineer	K153.00

3.2 Prints

	Rate per Sheet
(i) Photocopies - A4 Sheet	K0.60
(ii) - A3 Sheet	K0.80
(iii) Dycline Print - A2 Sheet	K3.50
(iv) - A1 Sheet	K5.00
(v) - B1 Sheet	K8.50
(vi) SEPIA - A2 Sheet	K8.50
(vii) - A1 Sheet	K13.00
(viii) - B1 Sheet	K17.50

	Rate per Set
(ix) Standard Specification	K100.00

3.3 Documents

	Rate per Sheet
(i) Design Manual	K150.00
(ii) Tender Document	K150.00
(iii) Standard Water Supply Drawings	K35.00
(iv) Standard Sewerage Drawings	K35.00
(v) Reports	Based on number of pages and drawings

Fees for Other Services

3.4 Approval of Drawings for Small Schemes	Rate per Sheet
(i) First Submission	K150.00
(ii) Second and Subsequent Submissions	K75.00

3.5 Inspection of Service Connections	Rate per Hour
(i) Water Supply	K70.00
(ii) Sewerage	K70.00

3.6 All other services Based on time, charge out rates, cost of material and overhead expenses**Notes:—**

- (a) The charges in Schedules 1 and 2 are excluding GST/VAT.
- (b) Charges based on meter readings under items 1 and 2, Schedule 2 have been set on per connection basis.
- (c) Low covenant residence relates to:-
 - (i) owner occupied properties (non-corporate ownership only) used solely for residential purposes where the UCV is K12,000 or less and the average monthly water consumption is 200 kilolitres or less.
 - or
 - (ii) rented properties where the UCV is K12,000 or less and the average monthly water consumption is 200 kilolitre or less.
- (d) High covenant residence relates to owner-occupied properties (non-corporate ownership only) used solely for residential purposes where the UCV is more than K12,000 and the average monthly water consumption is 200 kilolitres or less.
- (e) In the case of:-
 - (i) multiple residential buildings such as flats, dormitories, duplexes (with the exception of low covenant rented properties in note (c)(ii) above);
 - or
 - (ii) any residential building where the average monthly water consumption is more than 200 kilolitres per month;
 - or
 - (iii) any residential building under corporate ownership;
 - or
 - (iv) any rented property where the UCV is more than K12,000
 the user will be charged on the basis of the non-domestic tariff as in Items 1.8 and 2.4 of Schedule 2 above.
- (f) If a connection serves a mixed occupancy property, the non-domestic tariff i.e., Items 1.8 and 2.4 of Schedule above shall apply.
- (g) All charges under Schedule 1 and Items 1.9, 1.10, 1.11, 1.12, 2.5, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9 and 3 of Schedule 2 must be paid in advance unless prior special arrangements have been approved by the General Manager. All other charges must be paid within 14 days of billing. Failure to pay accounts within the stipulated period will lead to service being discontinued and recovery action being taken. The owner of the property is responsible for paying bills.
- (h) The customer is responsible for the cost of connection to the building from the connection provided by Eda Ranu.
- (i) For temporary new connections, the water charge will be the same as the non-domestic customers under Item 1.8 of Schedule 2.

Dated this 11th day of January, 1999.

B. BAI,CBE,
Price Controller.