

**WAC 246-294-070 Fees.** (1) The fees for Group A water system operating permits are authorized under RCW 70A.125.100 and are listed in Table 2.

**TABLE 2  
OPERATING PERMIT FEES**

<b>Classification</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014 and following years</b>
Base fee for all water systems	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Per connection fee:			
14 or fewer services	\$0.65	\$0.98	\$1.30
15 - 99 services	\$0.63	\$0.94	\$1.25
100 - 499 services	\$0.60	\$0.90	\$1.20
500 - 999 services	\$0.58	\$0.86	\$1.15
1,000 - 9,999 services	\$0.55	\$0.83	\$1.10
10,000 - 95,000 services	\$0.53	\$0.79	\$1.05
95,001 or more services	\$50,000.00 per year	\$75,000.00 per year	\$100,000.00 per year
SMA	Use the per connection fee amount above to calculate the fee based on total number of all service connections owned plus a \$100 base fee	Use the per connection fee amount above to calculate the fee based on total number of all service connections owned plus a \$100 base fee	Use the per connection fee amount above to calculate the fee based on total number of all service connections owned plus a \$100 base fee
Late fee (late fee is charged seventy days after the department mails the renewal application)	Add 10% to applicable fee or \$25.00, whichever is greater	Add 10% to applicable fee or \$25.00, whichever is greater	Add 10% to applicable fee or \$25.00, whichever is greater

(2) For purposes of determining the operating permit fee, service connections shall be counted as follows:

(a) For community water systems, the operating permit fee is based on the total number of residential service connections and non-residential service connections.

(b) Nonresidential service connections are counted as one service connection for each property as defined in WAC 246-294-010(11) regardless of how many buildings are on the property.

(3) For NTNC and TNC systems, owners shall pay the fee in Table 2 based on equivalent number of service connections. Population information used in calculating equivalent number of service connections shall come from the WFI. The department shall use the following formulas to determine equivalent number of service connections:

(a) For NTNC populations, divide the average population served each day by two and one-half; and

(b) For TNC populations, which include recreational service connections, divide the average population served each day by 25.

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