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CHARGES FOR NON MOD USERS OF THE DIO SERVICE DELIVERY TRAINING ESTATE 1 APRIL 2016 UNTIL 31 MARCH 2017

I am writing to inform you of a new set of charges for the use of our ranges, training areas and facilities on the Defence training estate run by the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO), Service Delivery Training (SD Trg). I have put this on a wider circulation as historically these charges have been used as a benchmark by other Defence Organisations involved in wider market activities. There have been no charge increases for a number of years and therefore I directed a review and the review has been endorsed by my Board Members, Landmarc Support Services (LSS) and DIO Land Management Services (LMS).

The charge increases are made against a backdrop of austerity and the need to ensure MOD is being efficient within the resources allocated. The Secretary of State has contracted with a Strategic Business Partner (SBP) to run the Defence Infrastructure Organisation. They are leading on the Government direction to dispose of assets wherever possible and commercialise the irreducible spare capacity held in Public hands. Moreover, there are very challenging budgetary targets to be achieved. Some of this is to be met with a more commercial approach to increase income generation to allow reinvestment back into the training estate for the benefit of all users.

We are now in the second year of the new National Training Estate Prime (NTEP) contract on the DIO Training Estate. This contract has seen significant savings and efficiencies in the contract price. It has also meant that the Prime Contractor, Landmarc Support Services (LSS), have had to make significant changes to their business model to meet this challenge. In particular they now have fewer staff.

To enable wider context and understanding the broad findings of the Review itself are laid out below.

The actual costs on some facilities were not being covered. This makes the commercial activity for non govt users non-compliant with Treasury policy that requires, as a minimum, that we recover full costs.

There was not enough differentiation in the charges to reflect the scale and variation in some facilities. For example, the differing level of utilities being supplied to training facilities, the increased costs of operating the more modern SARTS, and the difference in size of some facilities all of which were being charged at a flat rate.

SARTS introduces a level of complexity that means the occasional or casual users are not able to operate it efficiently and safely. This therefore requires Training Area Operatives to operate SARTS for such users.

The review uplifted charges with inflation and ensured our costs were covered as well as implementing new charges for facilities such as Small Arms Ranges Targetry System (SARTS). The revised rates are effective on 1 April 2016 and will be extant until 31 March 2017. I attach the conditions and charging annex. These charges are administered by LSS who will write out more widely to regular users of the estate whom this will affect.

This review is the first stage towards increasing our fees and further work will be undertaken in the near future to increase commercialisation on the estate. I will keep you informed of the outcomes of any future reviews.

Signed on DII

Brigadier Frank Noble
Head Service Delivery Training
Defence Infrastructure Organisation

Annex:

A. Licence, Operative and Facility Fees for all non MOD users

Distribution:

Landmarc Support Services (LSS)
National Rifle Association (NRA)

LICENCE, OPERATIVE AND FACILITY FEES FOR ALL NON MOD USERS

LICENCE FEE

The Licence Fee is £130 Ex VAT to comply with current DIO Policy. This will be renewed annually and it will present an opportunity to check insurances, affiliations, range safety practices, memberships etc. The safety details must be approved by the Range Officer or his nominated representative

OPERATIVE FEES (formerly Wardens)

Training Area Operatives. Operatives will be charged out, whether or not it is a normal working day; at the rate they are paid on the day they provide cover. Where Operatives work a flexible week and Saturday and Sunday are effectively normal working days they are paid single time plus an enhancement. To cover this, a charge of £29.50 per hour will be levied. Irrespective of who provides cover charges will be levied at the Operative rate. A minimum of 3 hours will be charged if operatives are asked to work on a non working day plus travelling time that is incurred; this will be charged to the users of the facility (proportionally if necessary).

	Single Time	Time and Half	Double Time	Weekend is a Normal Day
Range Operative Rate per hour ex VAT	£28.71	£31.78	£41.72	£29.50

Additionally a maximum of ½ hr before and ½ hr after may be charged to open up and close down a facility.

If an Operative covers several clubs at one booking then the time charges will be split proportionally between the clubs with a minimum charge of 1 hour per club.

If an Operative is also covering a military training unit for a concurrent booking, a fixed two hour charge will be made to the club whether a half or full day is consumed. If multiple clubs are using the facility they will be charged a minimum of 1 hour per club). If the military leave the facility, the club(s) will then pay the full rate for the Operatives remaining time where the byelaws permit shooting to continue.

If multiple Operatives are required by Range Orders then the club(s) must pay for all Operatives providing cover.

FACILITY FEES

Live Fire

Facility	Fee	Comments
Non electric 25/30M/Barrack/Zeroing/Gallery Range	£36 per lane	Minimum of 2 Lanes
SARTS Range - (Range Warden Operated) (MMTR)	£37 per lane	Minimum of 4 Lanes
Clay Range (MOD Traps)	£2,100 per annum plus warden fee	
Clay Range (Own Traps)	£1,100 per annum plus warden fee	
Indoor Range	£60 per lane	Minimum of 4 Lanes

Support

Facility	Fee	Comments
Additional Target	£15 each	

1. Any future change to these rates will be authorised by DIO SD Trg HQ and enacted by Landmarc Support Services and a minimum period of three months notice will be given to the users before implementation.
2. Any local arrangements are void.
3. The fees above include one standard target. Any additional targets will incur an additional fee of £15 per target.
4. Only one person can fire in any given lane at the prescribed target, at any given time.
5. SARTS can only be operated by Landmarc employees and therefore an Operative is required to be present during the operation.
6. If only the gallery is used on a SARTS range, the fee that will be charged will be the same as if using a Gallery Range
7. All fees are ex VAT