



# NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION

## New charges for civilian use of MoD ranges

The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) responsible for running military ranges in the UK has published revised charges for non MoD users of its estate. This follows a thorough review of activities and reflects the fact that some of the underlying charges have been unchanged since 2012.

The key points of the new charges are:

The Licence Fee is £130 per annum. The majority of Clubs will already be aware of the new price through the renewal process that started in 2015.

Operative fees The cost of Landmarc operatives (formerly wardens) will be charged to users of the range. The hourly rates for “time and half” and “double time” remain unchanged from the 2013-2014 charging schedule. The basis for Landmarc charges, particularly governed by range orders, and concurrent bookings are detailed in the enclosed schedule.

Lane fees The charge for a lane on a Gallery range will increase from £30 per day to £36 per day and includes a standard target.

Small Arms Ranges Targetry System (SARTS) The charge per lane will increase from £20 to £37, reflecting the operating cost of the system. SARTS can now only be operated by a Landmarc employee and therefore clubs will bear the cost of the Operative.

Governance All charges are authorised by DIO Service Delivery Training, and executed by Landmarc. Any local arrangements are now void.

In summary, the new charges will come into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 and remain effective until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. Club Secretaries and Treasurers are encouraged to study the enclosed letter from DIO carefully and familiarise themselves with the details. Landmarc is expected to communicate with clubs that regularly use the DIO estate in due course.

Whilst any increase in the cost of shooting will be a concern to members, we understand the constraints placed on the MOD and the need to make more effective use of assets under its direct control. The new charges, particularly for the use of SARTS provide an opportunity for closer collaboration and co-ordination amongst Clubs to drive economies of scale through shared bookings to spread costs.

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