

Tyre Stewardship Fee

From the 1st April 2026 TDX will be applying a Tyre Stewardship Fee to all new rubber tyres and rubber tracks sold with any new machine and as applicable under New Zealand's *Tyrewise* product stewardship scheme. The scheme was introduced on the back of the Waste Minimisation (Tyres) Regulations 2023.

This government-set fee funds responsible end-of-life collection and recycling, helping reduce landfill and illegal dumping.

What are the fees

Applicable gross vehicle mass range	Fee per vehicle (\$) excluding GST
≤1.5 tonnes	31.26
>1.5 tonnes to 3.5 tonnes	63.18
>3.5 tonnes to 6.0 tonnes	142.31
>6.0 tonnes to 9.0 tonnes	237.41
>9.0 tonnes to 12.0 tonnes	333.17
>12.0 tonnes to 15.0 tonnes	428.26
>15.0 tonnes to 18.0 tonnes	523.36
>18.0 tonnes to 21.0 tonnes	619.12
>21.0 tonnes to 24.0 tonnes	714.21
>24.0 tonnes to 27.0 tonnes	809.31
>27.0 tonnes to 30.0 tonnes	904.40
>30.0 tonnes to 33.0 tonnes	1,000.16
>33.0 tonnes to 36.0 tonnes	1,095.26
>36.0 tonnes to 39.0 tonnes	1,190.35
>39.0 tonnes to 42.0 tonnes	1,286.11
>42.0 tonnes to 45.0 tonnes	1,381.21

Applicable gross vehicle mass range	Fee per vehicle (\$) excluding GST
>45.0 tonnes to 48.0 tonnes	1,476.30
>48.0 tonnes	1,540.14

For further information on fees, see the legislation:

[Waste Minimisation \(Tyres\) Regulations 2023 \(SL 2023/263\) \(as at 11 December 2025\) Schedule 2 Fees for regulated tyres – New Zealand Legislation](#)

How the fee is set

The fee is set as follows:

- The rate of the fee is based on a standard measure called the Equivalent Passenger Unit (EPU). An EPU is equivalent to the weight of a ‘typical’ passenger tyre (9.5kg of tyre).
- Loose regulated tyres are identified and categorised by their tariff item. Tyres have a set fee value based upon the EPU of that tyre.
- Tyres attached to vehicles are identified by motor vehicle class or vehicle type in NZTA vehicle registration systems, or by the vehicle weight.
- The fee on tyres manufactured onshore and sold in New Zealand is calculated using the formula: $f = (w / 9.5) \times \$6.65$, where:
 - w is the weight of tyres (kg)
 - 9.5 is the value representing the Equivalent Passenger Unit (EPU) standard measure of a new passenger tyre.

What the regulations do

The regulations support an accredited priority product stewardship scheme for tyres known as Tyrewise.

The aim of Tyrewise is to:

- provide a free, convenient and accessible collection service for end-of-life tyres across Aotearoa New Zealand
- improve the rate of re-use, recycling and re-purposing of end-of-life tyres in Aotearoa
- reduce the number of tyres entering landfill and illegal dumping through a free tyre collection service

- provide incentive payments for more sustainable domestic uses of end-of-life tyres
- provide funding for innovation and market development.

The Tyrewise scheme was developed by a stakeholder working group and accredited in late 2020. The accreditation is held by Auto Stewardship New Zealand (ASNZ), a not-for-profit product stewardship organisation.

The scheme is currently going through a re-accreditation process to align with the new regulations and feedback from key industry stakeholders and ASNZ.

Reasons for the regulations

Before the regulations were in place, the costs of end-of-life tyres largely fall on communities, local government and the environment.

A regulated product stewardship tyre scheme ensures that producers take responsibility to minimise the waste and harm caused by tyres at the end of their usual useful life.

This is part of the government's comprehensive waste minimisation work programme. It supports the goal of moving to a circular economy.

For further information on the regulations, visit: [Regulations supporting tyre product stewardship | Ministry for the Environment](#)

For further information on the Tyrewise stewardship scheme, visit: [Turning Waste Into Opportunity – Tyrewise, Aotearoa New Zealand](#) and their FAQ's [FAQs - Tyrewise](#).