



Fact Sheet: Third Party Access to Rail Corridor and Other Property

Third parties may request access to the Aurizon rail corridor and other property in order to undertake:

- **temporary non-invasive activities, such as visual inspection, surveying, soil sampling, etc., or**
- **permanent placement of infrastructure on, under or above the property. Third party infrastructure placed on the rail corridor is referred to as a Wayleave.**

Broadly, under the terms of its lease and the Transport Infrastructure Act (Qld), Aurizon Network is obliged to facilitate temporary access and, where required, the construction and maintenance of infrastructure across the rail corridor by a third party under appropriate terms and conditions once the proposed access or infrastructure has been assessed and approved.

In each case, an application form is to be completed and submitted with accompanying information in the form of technical drawings, photos, insurance details, a Safe Work Method Statement and any other information that will aid in assessing the application.

Subsequently, an assessment of the scope of the application is carried out to ensure that the proposed activity is aligned with Aurizon's safety guidelines and technical standards and is constructed in such a way as to be compatible with rail operations.

In undertaking the assessment of these applications, ensuring compliance with appropriate safety guidelines and technical standards, monitoring, maintaining and providing administrative services (mapping, document retention, asset maintenance etc.) associated with this work, Aurizon Network seeks to recover its costs.

The applicant will be provided with an initial invoice that will need to be paid prior to the release of the assessment. This invoice is a pre-payment towards estimated costs incurred to undertake the assessment. Because each application can involve different enquiries, internal stakeholders, timeframes, legal documents, technical reviews and negotiation processes, Aurizon Network has moved away from charging a standard fee and now charges full cost recovery.

When requested, Aurizon will provide an estimate of costs required to give temporary or permanent access.

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Once the assessment has been completed, a Technical Assessment Letter (Letter) will be forwarded to the applicant outlining whether the application has been approved or not. Any conditions applying to the approval are also outlined.

Contact details of Aurizon personnel will be noted in the Letter so that arrangements can be made for attendance of Protection Officers, cable location personnel, possession and isolation personnel on the site as required. These appointment times may need to be arranged up to six weeks in advance depending upon the availability of personnel. These services will be invoiced separately by the relevant Aurizon Network service provider discipline. **Please note that the cost of these services is in addition to the costs associated with assessing and granting access.**

Once approved, legal documents granting the relevant licence or enabling rights are forwarded to the applicant for signature and returned for Aurizon Network execution.

A final invoice is issued to the applicant taking into account the amount paid under the initial invoice and the costs incurred in finalising the application. These costs are based on actual hours spent together with other necessary costs. These costs are in effect compensation paid to Aurizon for its costs in dealing with the practicalities of the application. Should the actual costs incurred be less than the value of the initial invoice, a credit note will be issued.

Indicative Costs (GST exclusive)		
	Wayleave	Access Only
Initial invoice (flat charge)	\$5,000	\$5,000
Final Invoice for:	This is based on actual time and is at indicative hourly charges of:	
granting technical assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial \$200-210/hr Technical \$190-210 	
finalising legal documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal \$1,700 (flat fee + outlays) 	
Additional individual charges as applicable for:	An indicative hourly charge for each service is \$220-260. These individual services are based on actual time taken together with other situational costs, e.g. accommodation, plant charges, etc. and depends upon the scope of work.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protection Officer Cabling services Possession & isolation 	

A separate invoice is forwarded to the owner of the infrastructure to compensate Aurizon for the imposition of having the third party infrastructure on the rail corridor.

For Wayleaves, once the construction has been completed, an As Built RPEQ certified drawing needs to be provided. Please refer to the Aurizon Network fact sheet "RPEQ Certification".

The process is set out below as a general guideline only.



Please see our website at:

<http://www.aurizon.com.au/Network-site/Access/Pages/Wayleave-Forms.aspx>

for the application forms and related links.

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