



Proposed introduction of fees and charges for Bendigo Airport

Why do fees and charges need to be introduced?

These proposed fees and charges will provide a fairer and more equitable structure to ensure that all users at Bendigo Airport contribute to the ongoing maintenance.

Why are fees and charges being introduced for all users?

Proposed fees and charges were included as a key action in the 2017 Bendigo Airport Strategic plan and are proposed to be introduced on July 1, 2020, following consultation and adoption at Council.

Other similar airports charge landing and aircraft parking fees. At present, the only income is derived from leased sites and only around half of these leases have an annual licence fee for use of the airport.

Many charter companies, flight schools and general aviation users travel to Bendigo and make use of the Bendigo Airport, but do not make any contribution to the infrastructure or

upkeep. Qantas has a separate agreement with Bendigo Airport for its service.

There is currently no fair and equitable structure to charge non tenants for use of the airport. By introducing fees and charges, all users at the airport will contribute to the costs of operating and maintaining airport infrastructure.

As a current tenant of the airport do I have to continue paying a licence fee as well as the proposed usage fees?

No, airport tenants who pay a licence fee will be exempt from landing fees for their aircraft. Tenants will also be given the opportunity to renegotiate a new lease. The City can waive all of the fees so that a new lease can be set up. However, this must be requested by December 31, 2020. Any fees incurred before your request for a new lease will not be reimbursed. All new leases will not include a licence fee.

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How will the fees and charges be used?

The fees and charges will contribute to the on-going maintenance and upkeep costs at the airport. For example, full security fencing around the perimeter is 6.6km in length. The main runway is 1720mx30m plus turnaround and the second runway is 640mx18m.

The annual operational cost at Bendigo Airport is approximately \$400,000.

How did you come up with this fee structure?

A comparison of the fees and charges at other airports with similar activity was conducted. Aircraft usage at the Bendigo Airport was also tracked over a three month period between November 1, 2018 and January 31, 2019.

How many aircraft use the Bendigo Airport?

Aircraft movements were monitored over a three month period from November 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019 and the extrapolated data indicate around 20,000 movements annually at Bendigo Airport.

What fees do you propose?

Landing fee

- Per landing: \$12
- Annual rate: \$500 (up to 1,500kg) or \$1,000 (1,501kg up to 5,760kg)

Flight training fee

- Per landing: \$12
- Annual rate: \$5,000

Aircraft parking fee: \$11

Passenger fee: \$12

How do I provide feedback on the proposed fees and charges?

You can provide your submissions in writing to airportmanager@bendigo.vic.gov.au by November 15, 2019. You are also invited to attend a drop in session on Monday October 21 between 3pm to 6pm. If this time doesn't suit and you'd like to discuss the proposal in person please contact Vicki Bayliss at airportmanager@bendigo.vic.gov.au or on 5434 6058 to arrange a suitable time.

What happens after submissions close?

All submissions will be read and considered when preparing our recommendation. This proposed fees and charges will then go to Council for adoption. Any fees and charges implemented will not commence until July 1, 2020.

