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## **Announcement: New Fee Schedule Effective October 27, 2010**

The Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) has completed its annual fee review. This review includes the engagement of ESA's Consumer, Industrial and Contractor Councils to gather their feedback for consideration when making changes to fees for inspection services.

The following principles are applied by ESA when conducting the annual fee review:

- Recognize and respond to customer needs and continue to deliver electrical inspections that will positively impact public safety across all customer segments.
- Ensure consistency in the application of fees across like or similar items.
- Recover the costs associated with providing services and safety initiatives; ESA must be self-sustaining with its principal source of revenue through inspection services.
- ESA must continue to control its costs while still meeting its safety mandate.
- Fee increases are to be in line with inflation net of productivity improvements.

As a result of this year's review, ESA will make the following fee changes effective October 27, 2010:

- Inspection fees based on an hourly rate will increase from \$125 to \$130 an hour
- Fee items based on devices or components will increase by 2.5%
- The minimum fee of \$71 will remain unchanged
- Reduction in fees pertaining to MicroFIT and FIT (Feed-in-Tariff) program inspections (already in effect)
- Reduction in fees pertaining to retrofit program inspections (already in effect)

Visit ESA's corporate website [www.esasafe.com](http://www.esasafe.com) in October 2010 for more information including:

- *Quick Reference Guides*
- *Updated Application Forms (including the Fee Estimator Application Form)*
- *The full Fee Schedule (available for viewing/downloading)*

Please forward any comments you may have in regards to the fee schedule to the ESA Customer Service Centre email address: [esa.feeschedule@electricalsafety.on.ca](mailto:esa.feeschedule@electricalsafety.on.ca). Your comments are an important part of our annual review and we encourage your feedback.