

Device Registration and Inspection Fee Regulation Change

Frequently Asked Questions



The Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) is requesting input on proposed changes to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 581. The proposed changes would adjust the fee schedule and increase rates for the registration, inspection and testing of all weighing and measuring devices used for a commercial purpose in Nevada.

What is changing?

NAC 581 requires all commercial weighing and measuring devices (such as gas pumps and commercial scales) to be registered annually with the NDA Division of Consumer Equitability. All registered devices are inspected by NDA personnel to be sure the device is suitable for its intended use and is accurate, properly installed and regularly maintained. These inspections use staff time and resources, and because all division programs are funded through fees, the fee amount needs to be enough to cover the cost of the inspections. The proposed revisions to NAC 581 adjust the fees for registration, inspection and testing to ensure the program can pay for itself.

Why is this changing?

The NDA has not increased fees for this program since 2000. Since that time, the number of commercial weighing and measuring devices in Nevada has increased by approximately 68 percent, but there are fewer Weights and Measures inspectors today than in the year 2000. To inspect and test the more than 42,000 devices in use across the state on a regular basis, the NDA needs to hire additional inspectors.

How much are the fees going to change?

The fee amount varies depending upon device and inspection type. The fee increase ranges from \$1 to \$400, with the annual registration fee for 85 percent of the devices increasing by no more than \$16.

Who would be affected by this change?


All commercial weighing and measuring device owners, such as:

- Gas stations
- Grocery retailers
- Shipping companies
- Commercial truck scale operators
- Concrete, gravel and similar heavy materials companies
- Livestock scale owners

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When will these changes go into effect?

Keep in mind that at this time, the proposed changes are just that: proposed. The regulation change may be updated based on feedback received at the workshop on Aug. 2. If the changes go through as-is, they are scheduled to go into effect in July 2019.

How does NDA use these fees?

Registration and inspection fees go toward staff time and operating expenses such as fuel, facilities, and to purchase and maintain the vehicles, weights, canisters and other equipment used to perform inspections.

How do I give comment?

The NDA is currently requesting input on these proposed changes, and there are several ways to make sure your voice is heard:

1. **Attend the workshop on Thursday, Aug. 2** – the workshop will be held at the NDA headquarters in Sparks, with video conference from the Elko and Las Vegas offices:
 - Sparks
405 South 21st St.
 - Elko
4750 East Idaho St.
 - Las Vegas
2300 East Saint Louie Ave.
2. **Submit comments in writing** – mail or email your comments to c.matijevich@agri.nv.gov by August 3, 2018 to be included as part of the workshop record.
3. **Call with questions** – 775-353-3726

