

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS
AND
MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FINANCE

MINISTERIAL ORDER No. 1/2004
Of 11 February 2004

SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES

The Decree-Law No. 4/2004, on water supply for public consumption, has established the schedule of fees and charges in relation to water supply for public consumption.

Pursuant to the provisions of the decree-law cited above, the Government, through the Minister of Transport, Communications and Public Works and the Minister of Planning and Finance, enacts the following order:

Section 1
Definitions

For the purposes of this ministerial order:

- (a) **WSS** means the Water and Sanitation Service;
- (b) **Domestic premises** are those principally used for residential accommodation, excluding commercially operated hotels and boarding houses;
- (c) **Social premises** are those used as places of worship (churches, mosques, pagodas, etc.), hospitals and schools, as well as water points situated in a village or small community, Government institutions, humanitarian organisations, and public utilities;
- (d) **General premises** means any other premises, including, among others, businesses, foreign missions, hotels, restaurants, and boarding houses;
- (e) **O&M** means operation and maintenance.

Section 2
Scope of Fees

1. WSS fees shall apply in the urban area of Dili to premises with or without a metre, in relation to the following services:

- (a) water supply;
- (b) connection to the water supply system;

- (c) reconnection to the water supply system;
- (d) repair of damage caused to WSS property.

Section 3

Fees

1. Water supply fees shall be levied on a monthly basis in accordance with the Schedule below:

Consumer Categories	Consumption	FEE (US\$ PER 1.000 LITRES)
Domestic	Up to 14.000 litres	USD\$ 0.20
	In excess of 14.000 litres	USD\$ 0.40
Social (Fountain)	Any amount	USD\$ 0.10
Social (Church, Mosque, Pagoda, Hospital, School, etc.)	Any amount	USD\$ 0.15
General	Any amount	USD\$ 0.60

2. Connection fees shall be levied in accordance with the Schedule below:

CONSUMER CATEGORY	PIPELINE SIZE	CONNCECTION FEE US\$
Domestic	DN 15	USD\$ 55
Domestic	DN 20 or bigger	USD\$ 100
Social	DN 15	USD\$ 55
Social	DN 20 or bigger	USD\$ 100
General	DN 20	USD\$ 100
General	DN 25 or bigger	USD\$ 200

3. Reconnection fees for each consumer category shall be the same as the ones listed in subsection 2 above.
4. Connection fees shall be payable in accordance with the Schedule below:

CONSUMER CATEGORY	PAYMENT <u>DEADLINES</u>
Domestic and Social (Water Point)	50% payable at the time an application for reconnection is lodged, and the balance shall be payable within the twelve (12) subsequent months.
Social	100% payable at the time an application for reconnection is lodged
General	100% payable at the time an application for reconnection is lodged

5. Reconnection fees shall be payable in their entirety before the water supply is reconnected.
6. Charges for the repair of damage caused to WSS property situated on the consumer's premises shall be levied in accordance with the Schedule below:

CONSUMER CATEGORY	PIPE SIZE	REPAIR CHARGE
Domestic	DN 15	Not less than US\$ 160
Domestic	DN 20 or bigger	Not less than US\$ 200
Social	DN 15	Not less than US\$ 160
Social	DN 20 or bigger	Not less than US\$ 200
General	Any size	Not less than US\$ 400

Section 4 Calculation of Fees

1. Water supply fees shall be calculated on the basis of the criteria set forth below:
 - (a) an economical fee for up to 14.000 litres, so as to ensure the basic service to domestic consumers;
 - (b) an economical fee for villages and small communities that only have access to water through water points;
 - (c) an economical fee for places of worship, hospitals and schools providing essential public services;
 - (d) an added fee for over-consumption as a deterrent against improper use or waste of water; and
 - (e) an average fee, to be calculated on the basis of O&M costs;

2. Connection and reconnection fees shall be calculated on the basis of the estimated cost of materials, labour and fixed expenditure required to reconnect individually metered premises to the water supply system;

3. Charges for the repair of the water supply system shall be calculated on the basis of the estimated cost of materials, labour and fixed expenditure required to repair damage caused to WSS property on the consumer's premises, accrued of a fine provided for in the Decree-Law No. 4/2004.

Section 5
Comoro B and E

Supplies from overhead filling stations, at the water points known as Comoro B and Comoro E, shall be subject to the general fees determined under section 3.1 of this ministerial order.

Section 6
Revocatory Clause

This ministerial order supersedes all previous fees and charges, including those established under UNTAET Notifications applicable to the Water Supply Service.

Section 7
Entry into force

This ministerial order shall come into force on the day following its publication date.

The Minister of Transport, Communications and Public Works

[Signed]
(Ovídio de Jesus Amaral)

The Minister of Planning and Finance

(Signed)
(Maria Madalena Brites Boavida)

Done in Dili, on 9 January 2004. -