



<b>Title:</b>	<b>Alberta Wildfire Payment Directive</b>
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**Purpose**

This Directive establishes payments rates for emergency hire personnel not covered under contracts or wages, and fireline equipment not covered by the Alberta Road Builders & Heavy Construction Association Equipment Rental Rates Guide (AR&HCA).

**Section 1 - Remuneration for Services**

**Definitions**

- 1 In this Section, the program means the Wildfire Management Branch Certification Program.
  - (a) “certified person” means a person who is certified for fireline duty under the Program;
  - (b) “qualified person” means a person who is qualified for wildfire operations under the Program;
  - (c) “trainee” means a person who is training to be but is not yet qualified under the Program and who meets the minimum requirements set by the Department to carry out certain positions pertaining to wildfire operations;
  - (d) “uncertified person” means a person who is not certified under the Program but who meets the minimum requirements set by the Department to carry out certain positions pertaining to wildfire operations.

2 The hourly rate payable to persons holding the following positions is as per the following table:

Position Worked	Certified or Qualified Person	Uncertified Person or Trainee
Camp Manager	\$ 21.79	\$ 20.05
Stevedore	\$ 16.65	n/a
Stevedore Foreman	\$ 17.69	n/a
Firetack Leader	\$ 20.81	\$ 19.77
Firetack Sub Leader	\$ 19.77	\$ 18.73
Firetack Member	\$ 18.73	\$ 17.69

3 Remuneration for overtime hours is to be calculated in accordance with the *Employment Standards Code* and the *Employment Standards Regulation* (AR 14/97).

4 Holiday remuneration is to be calculated at the rate of 4% on all regular hours worked and is not calculated on overtime hours.

## Section 2 - Rates for the Use of Vehicles and Equipment

### 1 Vans and Buses

The rates to be paid for the hire of the following vehicles include the provision of fuel and the operator, unless otherwise specified:

Vehicle Type	\$ per kilometre	OR	\$ per hour
6 to 8 passenger van	1.20		61.66
9 to 12 passenger van	1.45		71.65
13 to 15 passenger van	1.74		88.34

Buses are paid for at the contracted rate, or in the absence of a contract, at the negotiated company rate for the rental business.

### 2 Hotshot Trucks and Equipment

The rates to be paid for the hire of the following vehicles include the provision of fuel and the operator, unless otherwise specified:

Vehicle Type	\$ per kilometre	OR	\$ per hour
½ ton hotshot truck	1.59		95.07
¾ ton hotshot truck	1.59		108.40
1 ton hotshot truck	1.59		119.95

If the following equipment is also used, the rate listed above is increased as follows:

Equipment Type	\$ per kilometre	OR	\$ per hour
up to 18 foot uncovered trailer	0.86		16.69
more than 18 but less than 30 foot uncovered trailer	1.66		24.98
30 foot or greater uncovered trailer	2.48		33.33
Add on Type (can be one or both)	\$ per kilometre		\$ per Hour
picker or crane (on truck or trailer)	n/a		16.60
trailer cover (any size)	0.86		7.99

### 3 Commercial Rental Business

If vehicles or equipment (other than those listed above) are hired from a commercial rental business, the rental rate of that business is the rate to be paid. These vehicles do not include drivers or operators.

### 4 Skidders and All-terrain Vehicles

The base hourly rate to be paid in respect of skidders or all-terrain vehicles (ATV) is to be determined in accordance with the current *Alberta Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association Equipment Rental Rates Guide*. This base rate:

- includes the provision of fuel and the operator,
- includes equipment servicing and the use of the service vehicle, and
- is to be decreased by 15% if the operator does not supply the skidder or ATV fuel.

If the skidder or all-terrain vehicle is requested to be equipped with a pump, power saw, hose or water tank, the base rate is to be increased as per the following rates:

#### A Portable Fire Pumps (all types)

Dry rate = government supplies fuel and oil for pump Wet rate = vendor supplies fuel and oil for pump	Dry Rate \$ per hour	Wet Rate \$ per hour
pumps with 50 mm or larger discharge ports	7.94	10.20
pumps with 38 mm discharge ports	7.02	9.29
pumps with 25 mm or smaller discharge ports	6.33	8.59

#### B Power Saws (all types)

Dry rate = government supplies fuel and oil for power saw Wet rate = vendor supplies fuel and oil for power saw	Dry Rate \$ per hour	Wet Rate \$ per hour
saws with engine size of 54 to 57 cc	7.53	9.80
saws with engine size over 57 cc	9.15	11.42

#### C Fire Hose

For each 30-metre length of lined discharge fire hose supplied by the owner or operator, the rate to be paid is \$ 0.30 per length per hour.

#### D Skidder and All-terrain Vehicle Water Tanks

For each litre of tank capacity, add \$ 0.01 per litre per hour.

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