



## INDUSTRY ADVISORY – FEE CHANGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

**Effective July 1, 2025, the SPCB will increase examination, license, renewal, and Wood Destroying Organism (WDO) activity fees.**

In 2024, the SPCB identified a budget shortfall caused by rising operational costs, including critical IT upgrades, mandated salary adjustments, and enforcement activities – most of which are beyond the Board’s control. To address this, the Board began a formal fee regulation update in January 2025. After public comment and Board approval, the new fee structure is set to take effect on July 1, 2025. For full regulation text, visit: [www.pestboard.ca.gov/pestlaw/approved\\_regulations.shtml](http://www.pestboard.ca.gov/pestlaw/approved_regulations.shtml).

### NEW FEE SCHEDULE

| License Type                   | Examination Fee  | License Fee | Renewal Fee |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Operator                       | \$100            | \$150       | \$150       |
| Field Representative           | \$75             | \$45        | \$45        |
| Applicator                     | \$60             | \$35        | \$35        |
| WDO Report Activity Filing Fee | \$5 per activity |             |             |

WDO Activities submitted on or after July 1, 2025 (regardless of activity date) will incur the \$5 filing fee.

### WDO FILING FEE FAQ's

**Q: I did an inspection on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The law says I have 10 business days to file it. If I file it on July 1<sup>st</sup>, will I have to pay the new fee?**

**A:** Yes. The fee is based on the day you file, not the day you did the inspection. If you file on or after July 1<sup>st</sup>, the new \$5.00 fee will apply.

**Q: I'm behind on filing and working with the WDO Task Force/Enforcement Team to catch up. If I don't finish until July 1<sup>st</sup> or later, will I have to pay the new fee for older work?**

**A:** Yes. The fee is based on the day you submit the file, not the day the work was done.

**Q: If I upload activities to my pending queue before June 30<sup>th</sup>, but don't have enough money to file them, will I still get the lower fee?**

**A:** No. Activities are not officially filed until you submit them and get a confirmation number.

**Q: I need to add money to my account to file before June 30<sup>th</sup>. Can I pay online?**

**A:** No. You can only add money to your WDO account by:

- Mailing a check, cashier's check, or money order to our office.
- Bringing payment (cash, check, cashier's check, or money order) to our office, Monday–Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

**Q: If I mail a check and SPCB doesn't get it by June 30<sup>th</sup>, can I still pay the lower fee?**

**A:** No. The new fee starts at on July 1<sup>st</sup> with no exceptions. We will have extra staff on hand to process payments quickly in late June.

**TIP:** Review your records and file all outstanding WDO activities before June 30<sup>th</sup> to avoid paying the extra \$1 per activity.