



Australian Government

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency

Schedule of testing charges for

Ultraviolet Protection Factor (UPF) Testing

Effective from 1st May 2011

ARPANSA operates a service for measuring the Ultraviolet Protection Factor (UPF) rating of sun protective materials. UPF testing is performed according to Australian Standard AS/NZS4399. UPF testing request forms are available from the ARPANSA UPF Testing Service or from the ARPANSA website.

The preferred sample size is one metre by half a metre of each fabric. ARPANSA may reject samples that are too small to be tested effectively. Garments and other finished products may also be submitted for testing but will be cut during the testing process. Due to the added time and complexity of evaluating hats for UPF rating there is a slightly higher charge for testing hats.

To obtain meaningful UPF results it is essential that samples sent for UPF testing are representative of the bulk material. Due to manufacturing variations, UPF results for one batch of material may not apply to different batches of the same material. The Australian/New Zealand standard for sun protective clothing, AS/NZS 4399, specifies certain requirements for test reports. These include adequate descriptions of the **type** and **colour** of the material tested. ARPANSA cannot issue an AS/NZS 4399 compliant report unless adequate descriptions are supplied with samples.

Samples are processed in order of receipt. An additional Express Testing charge of 50% of the standard charge applies to each sample that requires processing out of sequence (priority testing). ARPANSA requests payment in advance on the first occasion a company uses the UPF Testing Service.

Schedule of charges for Ultraviolet Protection Factor (UPF) testing of fabrics

Number of Fabric Samples	Cost per sample (\$) including Australian GST	Cost per sample (\$) excluding Australian GST
1 to 10	125.00	113.64
More than 10	105.00	95.45

Schedule of charges for Ultraviolet Protection Factor (UPF) testing of hats

Number of Hat Samples	Cost per sample (\$) including Australian GST	Cost per sample (\$) excluding Australian GST
1 to 10	135.00	122.73
More than 10	115.00	104.55

Australian companies pay the charges in the GST-included column. Non-Australian companies pay the charges in the GST-excluded column. All prices are in Australian dollars. The preferred methods of payment are in Australian dollars, either by bank cheque made out to "ARPANSA", by electronic funds transfer (EFT) or by credit card. Contact the ARPANSA accounts section for specific details of payment by EFT and credit card. Note that overseas EFT payments attract an additional bank fee of AUD\$20 per transaction. The prices above are for numbers of samples received as a single lot.

Notes for licensees of the UPF Certification Trade Mark

Fabrics tested at ARPANSA will be automatically added to your licence agreement unless you indicate otherwise. UPF test reports performed on samples that are less than 200mm x 300mm in size may not be accepted for use in the UPF Certification Scheme.



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