

# Understanding the nbn New Development Charge

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## Introduction

This article aims to provide a clear understanding of the nbn new development charge, including its purpose, instances when it may apply, and how much it costs.

## What is the nbn New Development Charge?

The nbn new development charge is a \$300 fee imposed by nbn on residents to help cover the costs of rolling out the nbn. This charge applies to locations that nbn classifies as new development.

## Instances when the nbn New Development Charge may apply

The charge may apply in the following scenarios:

1. The first nbn service activation at a property, such as homes and businesses in new developments without any existing phone or internet infrastructure.
2. New connection activations in a pre-existing nbn enabled area where a developer has increased the number of properties.
3. In some cases where the property in an existing nbn ready area is demolished and re-developed.

## **Repayment of the nbn New Development Charge**

The new development charge should only be paid once during the life of the building and should not be charged again unless any of the above-mentioned scenarios occur again. It is advisable to keep the receipt for any cases where proof may be needed.

## **How to know if your address attracts a new development charge**

You will be notified before completing your order or any installation appointment, and your authorization will be required before proceeding with your order.

## **Clarification on developer fees**

The new development charge is not the same as the fees and charges that a developer has already paid to NBN Co to register the new property development with NBN Co while the property was still being developed.

## **Can I pass the New Development Charge (NDC) on to my landlord if I'm renting?**

Typically, as a tenant, you wouldn't be responsible for paying the NBN New Development Charge (NDC). This charge is usually the responsibility of the

property owner or developer who is undertaking the new development and is therefore accountable for associated costs. However, it's essential to review your rental agreement for any clauses that mention passing on certain charges to tenants.

## **Conclusion**

Understanding the nbn new development charge is essential for residents in new developments or those planning to move into one. By knowing when the charge applies and how much it costs, residents can make informed decisions and avoid any unnecessary fees. For more information, click [here](#).

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