

VHS Services and Fees

Current at 7 August 2024

The following fees and charges relate to services for the diagnosis of *Phytophthora* from samples submitted to the Vegetation Health Service (VHS) laboratory.

VHS service From August 1 2024	Client on whose behalf samples submitted	AU\$ per sample
Standard service ¹	non-DBCA	150.00 ² (GST incl.)
<u>Additional services³ available on request</u>	non-DBCA	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • double-baiting • retesting 		45.00 (GST incl.) 45.00 (GST incl.)
Standard service Can include double-baiting and/or retesting on request.	DBCA Includes: Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority; Rottnest Island Authority; Zoological Parks Authority	75.00 (GST exempt)

¹ The standard service includes single baiting of samples and reporting of absence or presence of *Phytophthora cinnamomi*. VHS identifies *P. cinnamomi* samples morphologically. Non-*P. cinnamomi* samples may be sent to Murdoch University for identification using molecular methods. As additional sample processing is required for molecular methods the results for other *Phytophthora* species may take longer to report. **Please note:** The cost of molecular identification may be passed onto clients at the discretion of the VHS. Clients will be advised of the process and cost of this prior to samples being sent for molecular diagnostics.

² For large sample batches (>20) please inform VHS ahead of time to aid in scheduling and timely processing. A discount on the sample price may be negotiated for batches of >100 samples. Please contact the VHS Senior Technical Officer to discuss prior to submitting samples.

³ For samples submitted on behalf of non-DBCA clients the cost of double-baiting and retesting is additional to the cost of the standard service. Double-baiting refers to the process where, when *Phytophthora* is not detected in the initial baiting, the sample is drained and allowed to dry for 10 days and then rebaited. Retesting refers to baiting surplus sample not used in initial baiting process.

A 20% discount on the price of services for non-DBCA clients applies to samples collected and submitted on behalf of [NRM organisations](#) or recognised community groups.

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