

## **General Aviation User Fee - Q&A**

### **What is the General Aviation (GA) User Fee?**

The General Aviation (GA) User Fee is \$5 per departing enplaned passenger onboard an aircraft and is charged to all movements that do not involve the main Edmonton International Airport (EIA) terminal building. The GA User Fee is charged for service that is not operated on a unit toll basis or made directly or indirectly available to the general public.

A \$6 fee will be applied per landed aircraft seat to all carriers who have not reported passenger figures within five business days from the end of the previous month.

**\*\*Note:** Flights operated on a scheduled, or unit toll basis, will be subject to the regular AIF of \$20 per departing enplaned passenger.

### **Is this the same as the Landed Seat Fee?**

No, it is applied only to departing enplaned passengers onboard an aircraft. The landed seat fee (currently \$12 per seat at ECCA) is applied to all seats on aircraft with more than 4 seats.

**\*\*Note:** The \$12-per-seat Landed Seat Fee was discontinued at EIA the end of 2008.

### **Are positioning flights from Edmonton City Centre Airport (CYXD) exempt from the GA User Fee?**

No, this fee is intended to be applicable to departing enplaned passengers and is not the same as the Landed Seat Fee currently in place at Edmonton City Centre Airport. Monies collected from this fee go towards developing and maintaining general aviation infrastructure at EIA.

### **How do your GA fees compare with other airports?**

EIA's general aviation fees are very competitive. For example, here's how our fees compare with City Centre Airport and Calgary International. The comparison is based on a full seven-seat airplane, weighing under 10,000 kg:

- YXD: \$114
- YYC: \$93.50
- YEG: \$85

### **Is the reporting of passengers mandatory and is there a lot of paperwork involved?**

The reporting of passengers is voluntary. Passengers who participate by reporting their enplaned passengers pay a reduced fee of \$5 per passenger, versus \$6 per seat for those who do not participate.

No, we've made the process as easy as possible. This is a one-page document that only needs to be submitted once per month. We hope everyone will participate, as gathering passenger numbers is critical to helping us make further investments in GA infrastructure.

**When will it take effect and why introduce it now?**

The new fee will take effect on January 1, 2011.

Introducing the fee at this time corresponds with the additional GA demand and activity. This puts pressure on existing GA infrastructure for things like apron maintenance and operations, and requires additional infrastructure such as roads, storm-water handling and the construction of Aprons 3 and 4 for cargo operations.

**Is this a new tax for government?**

No. EIA is not a government organization and is not funded by government. EIA pays rent to the federal government (e.g. in 2010 we expect to pay about \$10.5 million). All revenues go back into the organization to support services and infrastructure.

**Why levy a GA user fee?**

The GA fee is being introduced for two main reasons:

- 1) To cover the growth of costs to operate, maintain and develop infrastructure on general aviation aprons, the addition of aprons to permit growth in GA (apron 3 & 4), increased demand for snow removal and ice control and increased storm water management requirements
- 2) To create greater equity in user costs on GA Aprons 2, 3 and 4 compared to Apron 1, that currently charges an AIF of \$20 per departing enplaned passenger onboard an aircraft

**How will the GA User Fee be collected?**

A faxable passenger reporting template will be sent to you to complete and submit to EIA within 5 days of the end of each month. An electronic version of the form can also be found online at [http://corporate.flyeia.com/business\\_development/rates\\_fees](http://corporate.flyeia.com/business_development/rates_fees) and can be submitted by e-mail to [accounts@flyeia.com](mailto:accounts@flyeia.com).

**What is my EIA Customer Account Number?**

Your Customer Account Number can be found on your invoice. It will begin with "C" followed by three letters and three numbers.