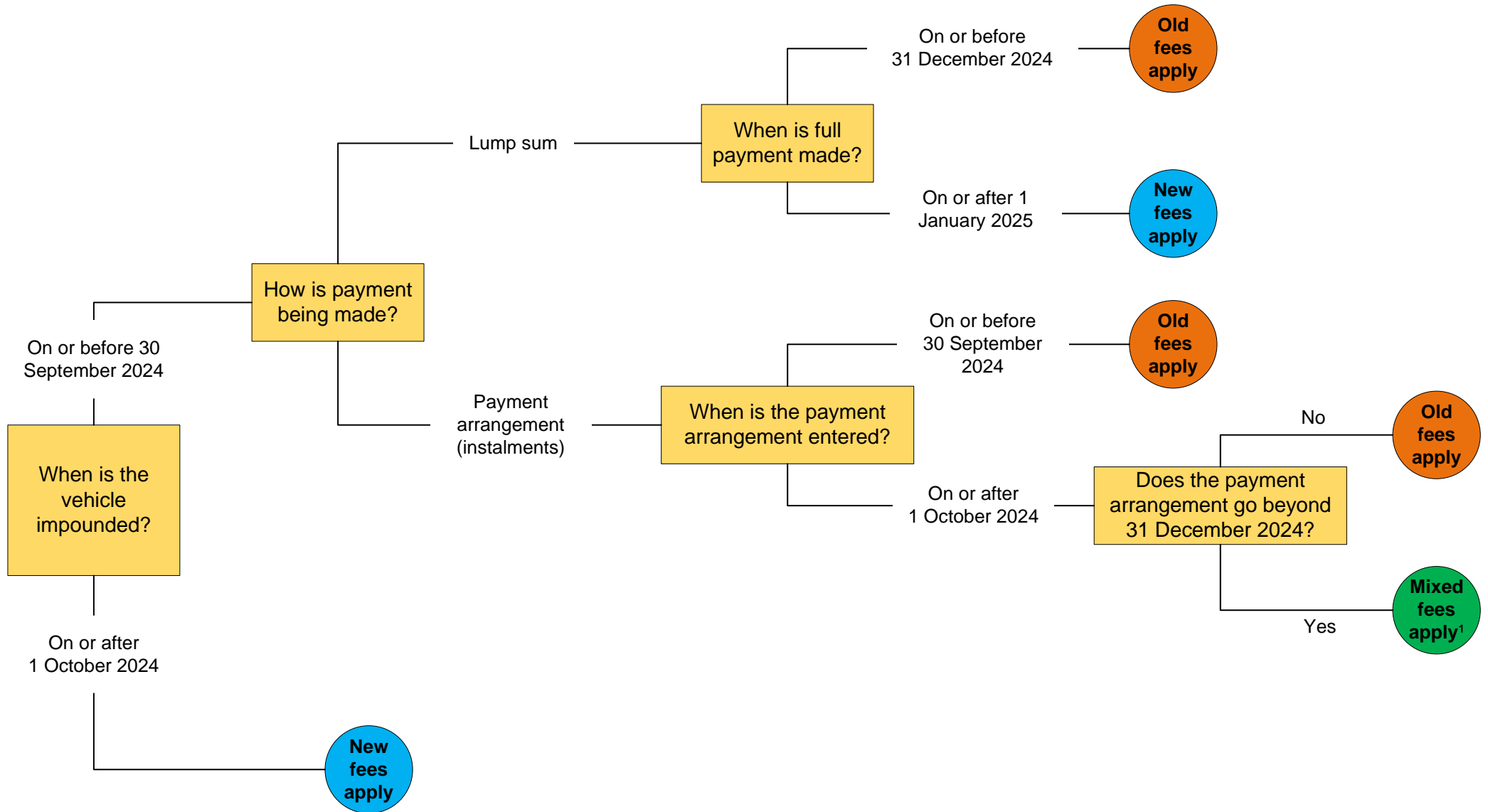


Impoundment storage fees

For vehicles seized and impounded under section 96, 96AAA, 96AAB, 96A, or 122 of the Land Transport Act 1998



Storage fee repayment scenarios

➤ Background

Regulated towage and storage fees have not been updated in at least 20 years. An inflationary increase to these fees comes into effect on 1 October 2024, and will apply to all vehicles impounded on or after this date.

For vehicles impounded prior to 1 October, the total storage fee will depend on whether a payment arrangement

- has been made prior to 1 October (in which case the old fees apply) or
- is made on or after 1 October (in which case either the old fees or a mix of old and new fees applies, depending on when the final payment is made).

The new fees apply to any vehicle impounded on or after 1 October 2024. For example:

On 22 October 2024, Alex fails to stop for Police. Their car is impounded for **six months**.

➤ Because the impoundment takes place after 1 October 2024, the new fees apply for the duration of the impoundment (regardless of when and how payment is made).

➤ **Total storage fee: \$4,374.00**
180 days at \$24.30

New fees apply

On 1 October 2024, Jac drives a medium-sized goods vehicle (> 3,500kg) while disqualified from driving. Their vehicle is impounded for **28 days**.

➤ Because the impoundment takes place on 1 October 2024, the new fees apply for the duration of the impoundment (regardless of when and how payment is made).

➤ **Total storage fee: \$1,417.50**
25 days at \$56.70

New fees apply

For vehicles impounded on or before 30 September 2024, the total storage fee depends on whether an existing payment arrangement is in place before 1 October, and when the final payment is made. For example:

On 1 September 2024, Sam fails to stop for Police. Their motorbike is impounded for **six months**.

➤ Sam enters a payment arrangement on 20 September 2024

➤ Because a payment arrangement is in place before 1 October 2024, Sam will pay the old fees for the duration of the impoundment (regardless of when payment is made).

➤ **Total storage fee \$2,196.33:**
179 days at \$12.27

Old fees apply

➤ Sam enters a payment arrangement on 5 October 2024

➤ The new fees are now in force. If Sam pays the full amount (by lump sum or instalments) on or before 31 December 2024, the old fees apply. If Sam enters into an arrangement that goes beyond 31 December, mixed fees apply.

➤ **Total storage fee if paid by 31 December: \$2,196.33**
179 days at \$12.27

Old fees apply

OR
➤ **Total storage fee if final payment is after 31 December: \$2,918.13**
119 days at \$12.27 and 60 days at \$24.30

Mixed fees apply