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## Assessments Explained

As a WHR breeder, there are 2 annual payments to be made: the \$100 membership (for senior members) and the WHR assessment. The WHR assessment is synonymous with “inventory” as it applies to the females in your herd and this is how you will keep it up to date. With the assessment, you’ll cull out any females that are no longer in your herd by giving them the appropriate disposal code. What is left in the herd of females is what will be assessed (or paid for) for the year. Assessing a cow gets you a free registration of her calf from that calendar year (as long as it’s registered before it turns 1 year of age) and a free transfer of the calf (as long as the date of transfer is within 60 days from the date of sale). There is a fee schedule for the assessment, which is included below, and it is based on when the assessment is completed.

If paid between these dates	Pay this amount
November 1st - January 9th	\$16
January 10th - February 28th	\$20
March 1st - December 31st	\$25

So, for example, if a breeder with 10 head completes their assessment between November 1 and January 9, the total that they will pay for the year would be \$160. This breeder will be able to register all 10 calves from the year for free, as well as

transfer them to new owners for free – as long as they do so before the calves turn 1 year of age and transfer them within 60 days from the date of sale.

There is another fee schedule (*included below*) that applies when the assessments are completed on time, but the calf isn’t registered before it turns a year old.

Description of Service	Price
Registration, all sexes, 12 to 24 months of age (Natural or AI)	\$40
Registration, all sexes, over 24 months of age (Natural or AI)	\$100

WHR registrations done on calves whose dams were not assessed in the calendar year that the calf was born use a different fee schedule as well. This new schedule was implemented to start on January 1, 2019. See Below:

Description of Service	Price
Registration, all sexes, under 12 months of age	\$75
Registration, all sexes, 12 to 24 months of age	\$95
Registration, all sexes, over 24 months of age	\$135
Transfers processed within 60 days from date of sale	\$20
Transfers processed over 60 days from date of sale	\$40

As you can see, there is a major price difference when the WHR assessments are completed. Doing assessments on 10 head for \$160 gets you 10 registrations and transfers included in that price (again, assuming the registrations are completed before the calves turn 1 year

of age and the transfer is within 60 days from the date of sale). If the assessment isn’t completed, trying to register and transfer only 2 head will cost \$190 (\$150 for the registrations and \$40 for the transfers). Registering and transferring 10 head would cost \$950 (\$750 for the registrations and \$200 for the transfers).

Hopefully this has shed a little light on the assessments - how they work and what they include.

Just a reminder, assessments for the following year are sent out the first week of November. As always, if there are any questions, do not hesitate to contact the office! ☐

Visit [shorthorn.org](http://shorthorn.org) to view a printable version of the WHR Rules & Fees.

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