MDMF (CWB)
Charging Scheme – wef 1 Nov 2026

1. Tier-1 Jobs (HKUST internal users)

1.1 Design & Fabrication Unit, DFU (Machine being operated by MDMF staff)
Charges = Consumables + Machine charge per associated category (refer to Table 1) + Man hour charge of HK$90/hour

1.2 Maintenance & Repair Unit, MRU
Charges = Consumables + Man hour charge of HK$200/hour

Remarks:
- For charges being based on hour, the charging will be rounded up to the nearest 0.5 hour.

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2. Tier-2 Jobs (Users from sister institutions)

2.1 Design & Fabrication Unit, DFU (Machine being operated by MDMF staff)
Charges = Consumables + Machine charge per associated category (refer to Table 1) + Man hour charge of HK$170/hour

2.2 Maintenance & Repair Unit, MRU
Charges = Consumables + Man hour charge of HK$400/hour

Remarks:
- For charges being based on hour, the charging will be rounded up to the nearest 0.5 hour.
- External users will pay an additional 30% of the above charges to cover university overhead.

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3. Tier-3 Jobs (Industrial & service contracts and consulting work)

3.1 Design & Fabrication Unit, DFU (Machine being operated by MDMF staff)
Charges = Consumables + Machine charge per associated category (refer to Table 1) + Man hour charge of HK$340/hour

3.2 Maintenance & Repair Unit, MRU
Charges = Consumables + Man hour charge of HK$670/hour

Remarks:
- For charges being based on hour, the charging will be rounded up to the nearest 0.5 hour.
- External users will pay an additional 30% of the above charges to cover university overhead.

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Table 1: Machine Category & Associated Machine Charge

Unit	Category	Machine	Charging Rate - Tier 1	Charging Rate - Tier 2	Charging Rate - Tier 3	New User Training
DFU	1	Conventional Machining	HK35/hr	HK58/hr	HK70/hr	N/A
DFU	2	Wire-Cut Machine / EDM Machine / CNC Machining Center / CNC Lathe / CNC Milling Machine / Professional Grade 3D Printer / Laser Cutting Machine for Metal	HK55/hr	HK88/hr	HK110/hr	N/A