

Cremation, niche and ash scattering fees

Service	Now	From 1 Jan 2027
Cremation (SC/PR)	S$100	S$175
Cremation (non-SC/PR)	S$100	S$350
Standard niche	S$500	S$600
Family niche	S$900	S$1,080
Inland ash scattering	S$320	S$200

Graphic: LBRD, from NEA Annex A, revised fees for government-managed after-death facilities, November 2026

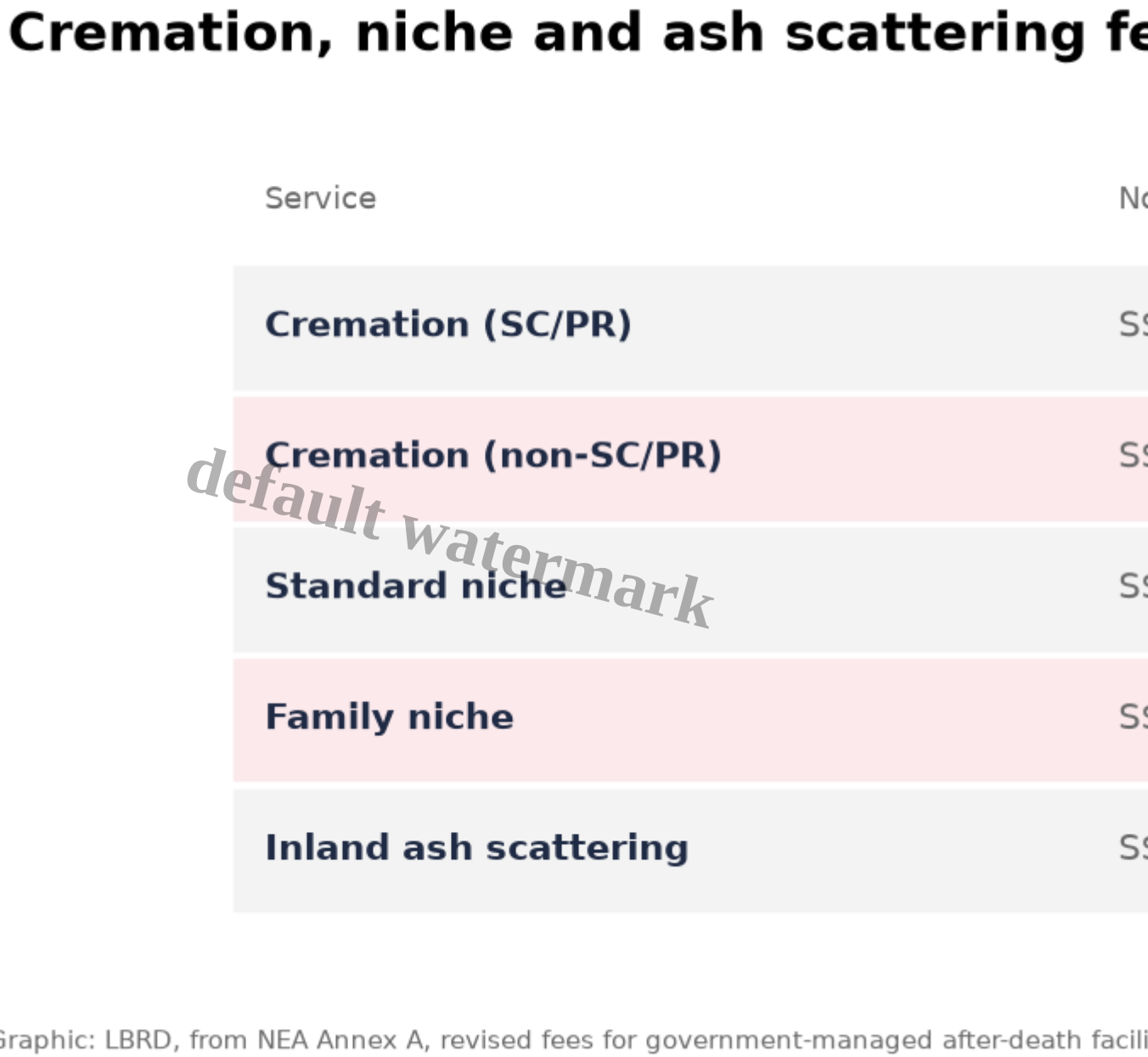
Cremation, burial and niche fees rise from 1 January 2027, while ash scattering drops to S$200

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Cremation fees, along with burial and niche fees, at government-managed after-death facilities go up on 1 January 2027, the National Environment Agency (NEA) announced on 27 November. It is the first increase in more than 25 years. One fee goes the other way: inland ash scattering drops from S$320 to S$200.

For Singapore citizens and permanent residents, cremation goes from S$100 to S$175. A standard niche at a government columbarium moves from S$500 to S$600, and a family niche from S$900 to S$1,080. Cremation for anyone who is neither a citizen nor a PR rises from S$100 to S$350.

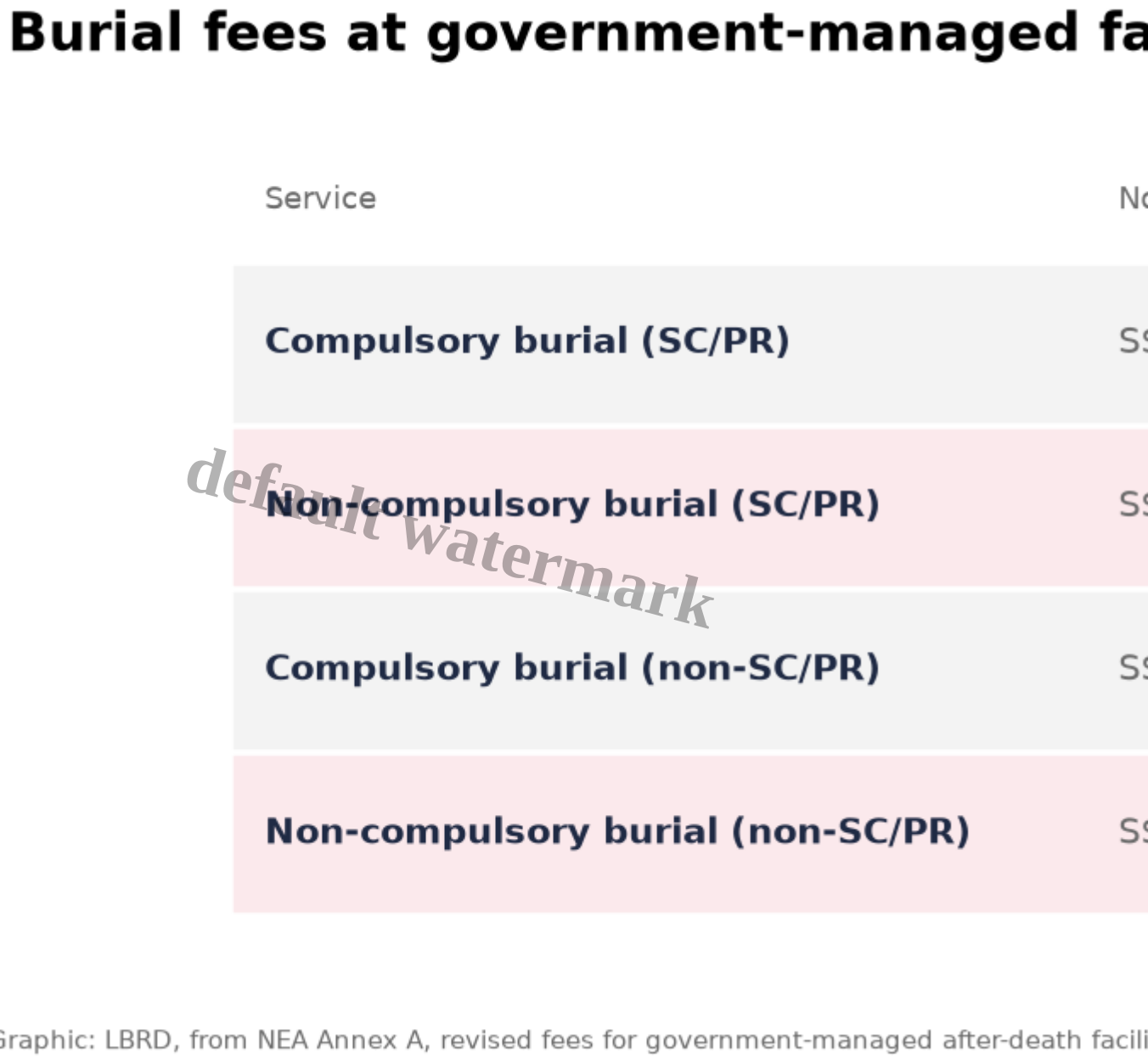


Cremation and niche fees rise on 1 January 2027, while inland ash scattering falls to S$200. Graphic: LBRD, from NEA figures

The ash scattering cut follows rising demand. Inland ash scattering accounted for about 7 per cent of cremations in 2022 and about 12 per cent in 2025. Families who prefer the sea will get another option in the second half of 2027, when a two-year pilot of scheduled ferry services for sea scattering begins.

Burial fees from January

Compulsory burial, for families whose religion requires it, rises from S$315 to S$400 for citizens and PRs. Non-compulsory burial moves from S$940 to S$1,200. For non-citizens and non-PRs, both kinds of burial go from S$1,880 to S$2,500.



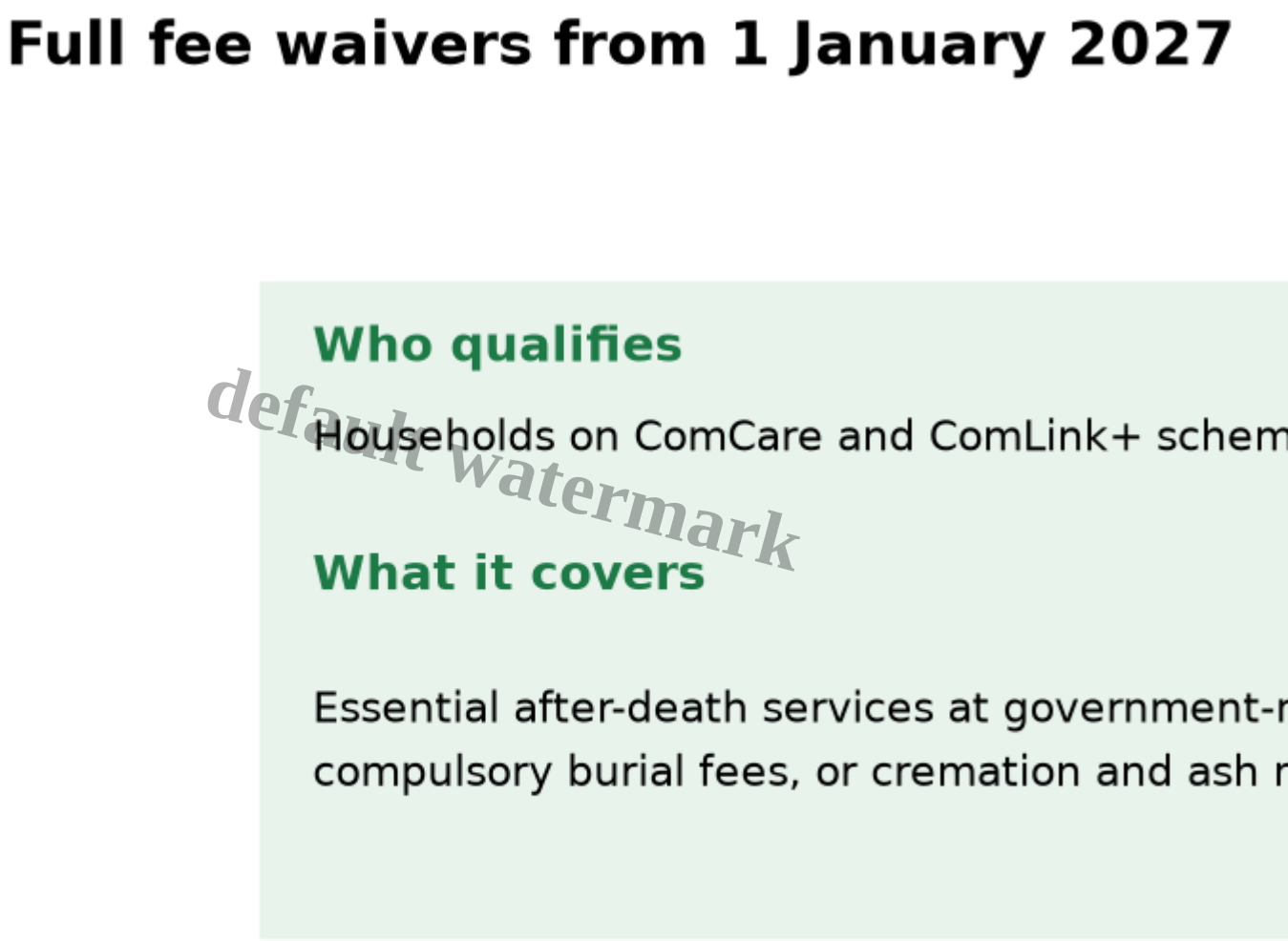
Burial fees for citizens and PRs have not changed since 2000. Graphic: LBRD, from NEA figures

Cremation and niche fees have not changed since 1997, and burial fees for citizens and PRs have stayed put since 2000. Over that time, NEA puts the rise in its own costs at more than S$1,690 a person for compulsory burial, more than S$320 for cremation and more than S$580 for a standard niche. Even at the new rates, the Government still carries up to 90 per cent of the cost of key services such as cremation and compulsory burial for citizens and PRs.

For most families, NEAâ??s charges are a relatively small part of the total bill for a funeral.

Full waivers for ComCare and ComLink+ households

From the same date, households on the ComCare and ComLink+ schemes qualify for full fee waivers for essential after-death services at government-managed facilities. The waiver covers compulsory burial fees, or cremation and ash management fees, whichever applies to the family.



Graphic: LBRD, from NEA Annex C, frequently asked questions, November 2026

ComCare and ComLink+ households get full waivers for essential after-death services from 1 January 2027. Graphic: LBRD, from NEA figures

Other families who need help with funeral expenses can still turn to pro bono bereavement support from the public, people and private sectors.

New facilities behind the change

Mandai North Crematorium and the Garden of Serenity, Singaporeâ??s second inland ash scattering facility, opened on 15 August 2025. Mandai Crematorium, which together with Mandai North handles more than 90 per cent of the countryâ??s cremations, is being upgraded, and existing Mandai Columbarium blocks are getting new lifts for seniors and visitors with mobility needs.

Mount Vernon Funeral Parlour Complex, the first funeral parlour complex built by the Government, is due to open in 2027 with 12 wake halls, embalming and body washing services, six commercial units and a food and beverage outlet open to the public.

Annual deaths in Singapore are projected to climb from 26,500 in 2025 to 40,000 by 2040, which is why NEA is adding capacity now. Families planning ahead can read NEAâ??s guide to burial, cremation and ash management.

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