

Charges for the EU Emissions Trading Scheme (EU ETS)

Stationary Installations

Applying for a new permit

You pay this when you apply for a **new** permit and monitoring plan. It also covers the cost of opening an account in the Union Registry.

Annual emissions *	Charge
Less than 50 kilotonnes (kt) per year	£1,372
At least 50kt and no more than 500kt	£2,560
More than 500kt per year	£6,113

* Natural Resources Wales will estimate your likely annual emissions unless you can provide a verified, annual emissions figure.

Permit variation

This charge applies when we need to carry out a technical assessment of your application to vary your permit.

Permit variation charge	£440
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Not all permit variations incur a charge. If we think that the variation is only an administrative change, you will not need to pay a charge.

If you aren't sure whether you need to pay a variation charge email GHGHelp@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

Permit transfer

The transfer charge is the same whether you are transferring all or part of your permit.

Permit transfer charge	£440
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This is payable by either the transferor or the transferee (but not both)

Permit surrender or revocation

The charge is the same if you apply to surrender your permit or we serve a notice on you that we are revoking your permit. If the latter, we will send you an invoice.

Permit surrender or revocation charge	£686
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Apply for allowances from the New Entrants Reserve (NER)

NER application charge	£1,147
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Apply to increase your emissions target

If you are an excluded operator and you apply to increase your emissions target after an increase in capacity, you are required to pay a charge and this covers the cost of your permit variation.

Emissions target increase charge	£1,147
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If the information you send in with your application is incorrect or incomplete, you may have to pay a further charge if we need to make another amendment to your target.

Subsistence charge (stationary installations)

This is an annual charge and covers the costs of:

- maintaining your permit
- maintaining your use of the Union Registry
- processing notifications
- dealing with administrative or minor variations to monitoring plans
- compliance inspections
- providing a help desk
- compliance audit activities if you are an excluded installation

Annual emissions	Annual charge
Less than 50 kilotonnes (kt) per year	£2,611
At least 50kt and no more than 500kt	£3,400
More than 500kt per year	£4,178
Non-emitter*	£1,004

*applies to a limited number of installations that don't emit greenhouse gases from that part of the regulated activity carried out at the installation. It doesn't apply to those that report zero emissions due to burning or use of biomass source streams.

If you join EU ETS part way through a year, you will be charged a portion of the subsistence charge according to the number of days left in the year. The calculation will start from the date your permit is granted or transferred.

If you surrender your permit, or it's revoked, and this happens part way through a year, we will refund a portion of the annual subsistence charge you have paid. The calculation will be based on the number of days left in the year.

Aviation operators

Application charges

Emissions plan	£768
Benchmarking plan	£850

Charge to vary an aviation emissions plan

This charge applies when we need to carry out a technical assessment of your application to vary your emissions plan. It also usually applies if we have served you a variation notice.

Emissions plan variation charge	£440
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Not all emissions plan variations incur a charge. If we think that the variation is only an administrative change, you will not need to pay a charge.

If you aren't sure whether you need to pay a variation charge email GHGHelp@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

Charge for application to the Special Reserve

You need to pay a charge when you submit an application for free allowances from the Special Reserve. This also covers the cost of your application for your benchmarking plan.

Application to the Special Reserve charge	£1,147
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Subsistence charges (aviation operators)

This is an annual charge and covers costs relating to:

- maintaining you as an aircraft operator in the EU ETS
- processing notifications
- maintaining your use of the Union Registry
- dealing with administrative or minor variations to plans
- compliance auditing
- providing a help desk and resolving issues

The subsistence charge is made up of two parts. It has a fixed charge element called a base charge. You pay this if you are carrying out aviation activities for any part of the compliance year. This charge is as follows:

Estimated annual emissions	Base charge
Less than 50 kilotonnes (kt) per year	£1,966
At least 50kt and no more than 500kt	£2,550
More than 500kt per year	£3,133

You also need to pay a variable charge that depends upon the length of time you have had an emissions plan in place during a compliance year.

If you qualify as a UK aircraft operator part way through a compliance year, you will be charged a pro-rata fee based on the number of days remaining in the year. The charge will start from the date on your emissions plan, not from the date you applied for the plan.

Within any one calendar year, if your emissions plan is suspended and then restarted again mid year, the variable part of your charge will not be adjusted.

The variable charges are as follows:

Estimated annual emissions	Variable charge
Less than 50 kilotonnes (kt) per year	£645
At least 50kt and no more than 500kt	£850
More than 500kt per year	£1,044

[All operators \(stationary and aviation\)](#)

Determining emissions charge

In some circumstances, for example if you don't submit your annual emissions report, Natural Resources Wales will charge £125 per hour to estimate your reportable annual emissions. We will send you an invoice for any costs incurred.

Union Registry charges

The cost of opening a new Operator Holding account (OHA) or Aircraft Operator Holding account (AOHA) is included in the application charge for a new permit or emissions plan.

Open a person holding account or trading account	£195
Annual subsistence charge for a person holding account or trading account	£389 per annum
Open a Verifier account	£195

You need to pay the full year's subsistence charge even if you have only held an account for part of a year.

Change or nominate Authorised Representatives

Operators with an Operator Holding Account (OHA) or Aircraft Operator Holding Account (AOHA) don't need to pay to change an Authorised Representative (AR) or Additional Authorised Representative (AAR).

If you are another account holder either a person holding or a trading account you don't pay for the first 2 ARs required at account application, but any additional or replacement ARs and AARs will incur a charge of £55.

External trading platforms

External trading platforms can be connected to the Union Registry to facilitate the trading of allowances and Kyoto units between several third parties.

The Environment Agency charges £125 per hour to assess applications for external trading platform accounts. The cost of work carried out by third parties like IT consultants will be passed on to the owners of those external trading platforms.