



Gold Standard[®]

Climate Security & Sustainable Development

GOLD STANDARD FEE SCHEDULE

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INTRODUCTION

The following Fee Schedule went into effect on [05 December 2024] for all Gold Standard for the Global Goals projects. All fees quoted are in US dollars (USD). Gold Standard will do a planned review of its fees every two years to ensure alignment with its mission, sustainability of the organisation and services provided, and simplicity and transparency for stakeholders. Gold Standard reserves the right to add or amend fees at any time at its sole discretion.

Gold Standard reserves the right to suspend any Registry account due to non-payment of fees for more than 60 days. All suspended Registry accounts must pay a Registry reactivation fee to terminate a suspension.

Please contact help@goldstandard.org with questions.

PROJECT REVIEWS AND CREDIT ISSUANCES

This table captures fees relevant for projects seeking Gold Standard certification, including those wishing to issue carbon credits.

TYPE	FEE	TERMS
CORE (relevant for most projects)		
Registry account ¹	\$1000	Annual, per organisation
Preliminary review (listing)	\$1000 (40% discount for microscale + regular VPAs)	Per project or PoA & 1 st VPA ² , at submission
Design review (registration)	\$2500 (40% discount for microscale + regular VPAs)	Per project or PoA & 1 st VPA ³ , at submission ⁴
Performance review	\$2000 (40% discount for microscale + regular VPAs)	Per project or VPA, at submission ⁴
Issuance	Two options ⁵ : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CASH: \$0.25/credit – OR – SOP: \$0.15/credit plus 2% of issuance⁶ For projects in LDCs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CASH: \$0.20/credit – OR – SOP: \$0.10/credit plus 2% of issuance 	Per credit (VER) at issuance request
OTHER (if requested)		
Design Certification Renewal Fee	\$2000	Per project, at request to renew crediting period (5 year cycle)
Design change review	\$1000	Per project, at design change request
Deviation reconsideration request	\$1000	For overturned decisions, discounted from next applicable fee
CER to VER conversion fee	\$0.15/credit	Per credit at conversion request

¹Registry fees are pro rata. Gold Standard reserves the right to suspend any Registry account due to non-payment of fees for more than 60 days. All suspended Registry accounts must pay a Registry reactivation fee of \$1500 to terminate a suspension.

^{2,3} Programme of Activities (PoA): Any real case Voluntary Project Activity (VPA) and 1st VPA (as per PoA hierarchy) are charged the same fee as a normal project with subsequent regular VPAs discounted by 40%. For Microscale PoAs, the 40% discounted fee also applies. (

⁴ For products such as Averted disability-adjusted life year (ADALYs), Water Benefit Certificates (WBCs), Gender responsive certification, an additional fee of \$500 per product type for Design Review and \$500 for Performance Review. Applicable to all scales, per project.

⁵ Projects may change from Cash to Share of Proceeds (SOP) model at any issuance request.

⁶ SOP model is not available for projects based in Zimbabwe.

OTHER LABELS AND IMPACT CERTIFICATION

TYPE	FEE	TERMS
Article 6 label (including CORSIA)	\$0.05/credit	Per credit (VER) at issuance request
Renewable Energy labels (REs)	\$0.10/credit	Per unit (REL) at issuance request
Labelling of CERs	\$0.10/credit	Per credit at issuances request
Impact statements without unit issuance (e.g., Scope 3 interventions)	Same as normal project review fees; \$3000 for impact statement issuance	At impact statement request

CREDIT TRANSFERS, RETIREMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS

TYPE	FEE	TERMS
Transfer fee	\$0.02/credit	Payable by account holder initiating the transaction, invoiced quarterly
Retirement fee	\$0.02/credit	Payable by account holder initiating the retirement, invoiced quarterly
Cancellation fee	\$0.02/credit	Payable by account holder initiating the cancellation, at request

METHODOLOGY REVIEWS AND REVISIONS

TYPE	FEE	TERMS
New methodology review ^{1,2}	\$30,000 – 40,000 depending on complexity	Per methodology, at the time of draft methodology submission
Methodology revisions	\$15,000 – 25,000 depending on complexity	Per methodology, at the time of draft methodology submission

¹The methodology developer is exempt from the certification fee (including preliminary review, design review, and first performance review) for the first activity that applies the approved methodology.

² Universities and host countries may be offered a discounted review fee. Please contact the Secretariat for more information.

VALIDATION AND VERIFICATION BODY (VVB) APPROVALS

TYPE	FEE	TERMS
VVB application review	\$8000	Per organisation, at request for approval
Annual VVB management	\$2500	Per organisation, annually
VVB re-approval	\$5000	Per organisation, at request for re-approval
VVB training	\$2000	Per training, as requested by entity

Revision History

VERSION	DATE	DESCRIPTION
v.3.1	28 July 2025	Additional footnote(6) on SOP for Zimbabwe
v.3.0	5 December 2024	Updated Fee Schedule upon launch of Assurance Platform
v.2.0	7 July 2023	Fee Schedule updated Schedule with clarifications
v.1.0	14 August 2017	Into effect for all Gold Standard for the global Goals projects