



Climate

Appendix C: Green-e® Climate Certification Fee Schedule

Green-e Climate assesses an annual fee for certification. The payment for certification is comprised of an annual base fee plus a volumetric fee as described below. This structure ensures that the certification fees are sensitive to market size. The intent of this structure is to be equitable and fair for both new entrants and veteran sellers with small, medium, and high volumes of GHG emission reduction sales. There is also an additional fee for sellers using multiple Endorsed Programs for certification and for the Green-e Climate Protocol for Renewable Energy.

Fees are due and payable on January 1st of the year for which certification is sought, or alternatively at the time of application for certification.

Base Fee

The annual base fee for Green-e Climate certification is \$6,000 per year.

Tiered Volumetric Rate based on Sales Volume

Volumetric fees will begin in the second year of certification. Volumetric fees are assessed every December to each seller in addition to the base fee and are based on a projection of Seller's aggregate metric ton volume of Green-e Climate sales in the prior calendar year. For example, volumetric fees for 2009 certification are based on unaudited 2008 sales volume. A true up of volumetric fees will occur after verification is complete, and will be credited against/added towards the following year's certification fees. Volumetric fees are based on the following tiered structure:

Volumetric Fees:

Verified Sales		Volumetric Fee
Min Metric Ton	Max Metric Ton	
0	24,999	\$0
25,000	49,999	\$3,000
50,000	74,999	\$6,000
75,000	149,999	\$9,000
150,000	249,999	\$12,000
250,000	499,999	\$15,000
500,000	749,999	\$18,000
750,000	999,999	\$21,000
1,000,000	1,499,999	\$24,000
1,500,000	1,999,999	\$27,000
2,000,000	2,999,999	\$30,000

For sales over 2,999,999 tons, a \$3,000 charge will be added for each additional 1,000,000 metric tons.

Protocol for Renewable Energy

If the Seller uses the Green-e Climate Protocol for Renewable Energy as an Endorsed Program, there is a single annual \$3000 certification fee in addition to Base and Volumetric fees.

Endorsed Program Fee

For a Seller using one Endorsed Program for verification (as long as that Endorsed Program is not the Protocol for Renewable Energy), there is no additional Endorsed Program fee. The fee for each additional Endorsed Program certification is \$2,000 per year. For example, for a seller using the Protocol for Renewable Energy and an additional Endorsed Program, the total fee would be \$9000 in addition to any volumetric fees. However, for a seller using VCS and the Gold Standard, the fee would be \$8000 in addition to any volumetric fees.

Third-party Distributors and Web Hosts

Sellers will be assessed additional fees for the use of Third-party Distributors and Web Hosts. For the registration of each Third-party Distributor, Sellers will be assessed a fee of \$250 per calendar year of certification. For utilization of Third-party Distributors for the distribution of offset cards only, Sellers are assessed a fee of \$250 per calendar year of certification for each unique combination of Third-party Distributor operation type and offset card. For Web Hosts, Sellers will be assessed a fee of \$50 for each of the first three Web Hosts registered, and an additional \$25 for each Web Host thereafter. Similarly, these fees will be assessed for each calendar year of certification.

Under certain circumstances, Green-e Climate will allow Sellers to register Third-party Distributors for limited-time sales, such as events. The fee for this registration will be \$150.

All sales by Third-party Distributors and through Web Hosts will be deemed by the Center for Resource Solutions to be the sales of the Seller on whose behalf the Certified Products have been sold or marketed, and Seller's volumetric fees will be assessed to include those sales.

Prorating of First Year's Certification Fee

For application materials for which the Green-e Climate Certification and Logo Use Agreement is dated on or after September 1 of a given year, applicants will be invoiced for 75% of the annual base fee for their initial certification fee. For all certifications beginning prior to September 1, applicants will be invoiced the full annual base fee.