

# [Guidance: Environmental permitting charges guidance](#)

*Updated:* Section 6.4 First year of operation charge: Minor update to clarify what the Environment Agency does for the additional first year charge.

You should also read the:

- [charging scheme](#) which explains the legal basis for the Environment Agency's charges
- [tables of charges](#) which list the application charges and subsistence charges for different activities – with an explanation of how to use the tables to work out your charges

The application charges for different activities are in part 2 of the [tables of charges](#).

The subsistence charges are in part 3 of the [tables of charges](#).

[Contact the Environment Agency](#) if you are not sure which activity description from the tables applies to your operations.

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## [Statutory guidance: Abstraction Licences Charging Scheme](#)

Regional charges (standard unit charges and environmental improvement unit charges) for abstraction licences from April 2018.

Related detailed guidance:

- [abstract or impound water](#)
- [apply for a water abstraction or impoundment licence](#)
- [managing your water abstraction or impoundment licence](#)

When you open the calculator you must click 'enable content' to allow it to work.

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## **Statutory guidance: Waste (Miscellaneous) Charging Scheme**

This charging scheme covers:

- Waste electrical and electronic equipment
- Waste batteries and accumulators
- Waste carriers, brokers and dealers
- International waste shipments
- Transfrontier shipment of radioactive waste and spent fuel

See the [Environmental Permitting Charging Scheme](#) and the [Environmental permitting charges guidance](#) for waste permit charges.

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## **Statutory guidance: European Union Emissions Trading Charging Scheme**

This detailed legal document is the Environment Agency's charging scheme for the EU ETS. It covers charges for installation and aircraft operators, registry users and for applications in respect of the Kyoto Protocol project activities (Joint Implementation and Clean Development Mechanism).

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## **Statutory guidance: Environmental Permitting Charging Scheme**

*Updated:* This page has been updated by the Environment Agency as a result of the strategic review of charges. The review was consulted on between November 2017 and January 2018. The changes commence from April 2018.

This document covers charges for activities that require a permit or registered exemption from the Environment Agency under Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016.

The charging scheme covers these activities:

- flood risk activities
- installations
- waste operations
- mining waste operations
- mobile plant
- land spreading
- water discharge activities
- groundwater activities
- radioactive substances activities
- exempt waste operations

See the [Environmental permitting charges guidance](#) for more information about these charges.

## Help

For billing queries contact the address on the back of your invoice.

For queries regarding the interpretation of charges email [enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk).