



# North Sea Transition Authority

## NSTA fee rates

With effect from 1 April 2026, the rates of the fees that the NSTA charges for use of its services will be:

Application for consent to	Rate from 1 April 2026
Carbon dioxide storage proposal (carbon storage permit)	£710 per staff day
Development and production programme (Field Development Plan)	£710 per staff day
Development plan (submitted under gas storage licence)	£710 per staff day
Complex <sup>1</sup> pipeline deposit proposal	£710 per staff day
Complex <sup>1</sup> pipeline works authorisation	£710 per staff day
Complex <sup>2</sup> production and flaring and venting consents (including for relevant oil processing facilities or relevant gas processing facilities)	£710 per staff day
Amend a carbon dioxide storage permit	£710 per staff day
Review and amend a carbon dioxide storage monitoring plan	£710 per staff day
Change in control of a petroleum or carbon storage licensee	£710 per staff day
Review of an amount of financial security maintained by an operator of a carbon dioxide storage site	£710 per staff day
Approving methodology for the measurement of petroleum (PON6 approval)	£1,440
Get petroleum from a licensed area (Production consent)	£1,440
Variation of a consent to get petroleum from a licensed area (Production consent variation)	£1,440
Flare or vent petroleum from a well	£1,080
Variation of a consent to flare or vent petroleum from a well	£1,080
Flare or vent natural gas from a relevant oil processing facility or a relevant gas processing facility	£360
Variation of a consent to flare or vent natural gas from a relevant oil processing facility or a relevant gas processing facility	£360
Pipeline Works Authorisation	£4,010
Category 1 Pipeline Works Authorisation variation	£4,010
Category 2 Pipeline Works Authorisation variation	£2,430
Variation of holder, user, owner or Operator of a pipeline under a Pipeline Works Authorisation	£2,430
Pipeline deposit proposal	£2,080
Pipeline Works Authorisation and deposit consents granted following cessation of production from a petroleum field	£2,430
Drill a primary well (other than a carbon dioxide storage well)	£1,210
Drill a sidetrack well (other than a carbon dioxide storage well)	£1,010
Fit or refit equipment in a well for the purpose of enabling hydrocarbon production or injection	£500
Well suspension (other than carbon dioxide storage well suspension)	£1,050
Abandon a well permanently (other than a carbon dioxide storage well)	£1,050
Drill stem test (other than a carbon dioxide storage well)	£400
Extended well test (other than a carbon dioxide storage well)	£1,110
Change of licensee of a petroleum licence	£1,580
Change of a beneficiary of rights granted by a petroleum licence	£1,580
Appointment of an operator under a petroleum licence	£1,360
Amendment of the initial, second or final term of a petroleum licence	£5,840
Amendment of the final phase of the initial term of a petroleum licence	£5,840
Amendment of the initial, second, final term or final phase of the initial term of a petroleum licence requiring additional information	£5,840 x 2

<sup>1</sup> "Complex" here means those applications the NSTA estimates will require more than four days for an officer to determine.

<sup>2</sup> "Complex" here means those applications the NSTA estimates will require more than two days for an officer to determine.



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Amendment of a petroleum work programme	£5,840
Retention or development area proposals submitted pursuant to petroleum exploration and development licence (PEDL)	£1,960
Determination of oil fields	£5,670
Metering examination under a seaward area production licence	£3,330
Metering examination under a petroleum exploration and development licence	£4,020
Meter flow calibration for measurement of petroleum	£2,170
Approval of well or installation operator under the Offshore Safety Directive Regulations	£490 plus fees charged by the competent authority <sup>3</sup>
Drill a primary carbon dioxide storage well, including wells for appraisal, development and injection of carbon dioxide, monitoring, and brine production	£1,210
Drill a sidetrack carbon dioxide storage well branching off from the principal carbon dioxide storage well to a target location different from that of the principal well	£1,010
Fit or refit equipment in a carbon dioxide storage well for the purpose of enabling carbon dioxide appraisal, development and injection or remove such equipment	£500
Carbon dioxide storage well suspension	£1,050
Abandon a carbon dioxide storage well permanently	£1,050
Re-enter a carbon dioxide storage well to carry out remediation or other works in connection with carbon dioxide storage	£1,050
Standard carbon dioxide storage well injection test	£400
Extended carbon dioxide storage well injection test	£1,110
Change of licensee of a carbon dioxide appraisal and storage licence	£1,580
Change of the beneficiary of rights granted by a carbon dioxide appraisal and storage licence	£1,580
Appointment of an exploration operator under a carbon dioxide appraisal and storage licence	£1,360
Appointment of a storage operator under a carbon dioxide appraisal and storage licence	£1,360
Amendment of the initial or appraisal term of a carbon dioxide appraisal and storage licence	£5,840
Amendment of a carbon dioxide storage work programme	£3,280
Measurement of carbon dioxide injection flow rate	£4,020
Store gas pursuant to a gas storage licence, including injection of gas and recovery of stored gas	£1,440
Application for landward petroleum exploration licence	£2,460
Application for seaward petroleum exploration licence	£3,630
Application for methane drainage licence	£3,630
Application for onshore production licence	£6,570
Application for offshore production licence	£10,030
Application for gas storage licence	£10,890
Application for carbon dioxide appraisal and storage licence	£21,770

These fee rates reflect the costs of the services NSTA provides, in line with the principles in HM Treasury's 'Managing Public Money' document. The NSTA is committing to restricting its costs as far as possible, is not permitted to make any profit from its fees and is required to refund any financial surplus at the end of the year to levy payers.

<sup>3</sup> "Competent authority" refers to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and the Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment and Decommissioning (OPRED)