



North Sea Transition Authority

NSTA fee rates

With effect from 1 April 2024, the rates of the fees that the NSTA charges for use of its services will be:

Service	Rate from 1 April 2024 (£)
Carbon dioxide storage proposal approval (carbon storage permit)	£610 per staff day
Field development & production programme approval	£610 per staff day
Field development plan approval	£610 per staff day
Consent to a complex pipeline deposit proposal	£610 per staff day
Complex pipeline works authorisation	£610 per staff day
Complex production and flaring and venting consents	£610 per staff day
Amend a carbon dioxide storage permit	£610 per staff day
Review and amend a carbon dioxide storage monitoring plan	£610 per staff day
Amend a carbon dioxide storage work programme	£610 per staff day
Approving methodology for the measurement of petroleum	£1,330
Consent to drill a primary well	£930
Consent to drill a sidetrack well	£840
Consent to fit or refit equipment in a well	£370
Consent to get petroleum from a licensed area	£1,200
Variation of a consent to get petroleum from a licensed area	£1,200
Drill stem test	£280
Extended well test	£930
Consent to flare or vent petroleum from a well	£940
Variation of a consent to flare or vent petroleum from a well	£940
Consent to flare or vent natural gas from a relevant oil processing facility or a relevant gas processing facility	£350
Pipeline works authorisation	£3,330
Category 1 pipeline works authorisation variation	£3,330
Category 2 pipeline works authorisation variation	£2,030
Variation of holder, user, owner or Operator of a pipeline under a pipeline works authorisation	£2,030
Consent to a pipeline deposit proposal	£1,730
Category 2 pipeline works authorisation options variation	£2,030
Pipeline works authorisation and deposit consents granted following cessation of production from a petroleum field	£2,030
Consent to a well suspension	£780
Consent to put back into use a suspended well	£350
Consent to abandon a well permanently	£1,080
Consent to change of licensee	£1,450
Consent to change of a beneficiary of rights under a licence	£1,450
Appointment of an operator under a petroleum licence	£1,270
Consent to extension of a petroleum licence	£5,660
Amendment of a work programme	£5,660
Consent to onshore retention or development area proposals	£1,250
Determination of oil fields	£5,340
Offshore metering examination	£3,080
Onshore metering examination	£3,740
Meter flow calibration	£2,030
Change of licensee of a carbon dioxide appraisal and storage licence	£1,400
Change of the beneficiary of rights granted by a carbon dioxide appraisal and storage licence	£1,400
Appointment of an exploration operator under a carbon dioxide appraisal and storage licence	£1,210
Appointment of a storage operator under a carbon dioxide appraisal and storage licence appointment of storage operator in a carbon dioxide appraisal and storage licence	£1,210



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Extension of the initial or appraisal term of a carbon dioxide appraisal and storage licence	£5,670
Measurement of carbon dioxide injection flow rate	£3,740
Application for exploration licence	£2,460
Application for methane drainage licence	£200
Application for onshore production licence	£6,570
Application for offshore production licence	£10,030
Application for gas storage licence	£9,860
Application for carbon dioxide appraisal and storage licence	£19,710

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.