

# CLARIFICATION TO VERRA PROGRAM RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

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This document provides a clarification applicable to the program document referenced in the table below. Such clarifications are effective on the effective date listed in the table. Project proponents and validation/verification bodies (VVBs) must apply and interpret the Verra Program documents consistent with the clarification set out in this document.

The clarification will be incorporated into the next issued version of the program document.

| Clarification   | Description   | Document and Section Reference                              | Effective Date        |
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| Clarification 1 | Clarification that VCS project fees apply to Jurisdictional Nested REDD+ (JNR) Framework programs | <i>Verra Program Fee Schedule, 1.0, Section 1 and 2.2.4</i> | Effective immediately |

## I. Clarification 1: Clarification that VCS fees apply to JNR

**Clarification:** *Verra Program Fee Schedule, v1.0, Section 1 and Section 2.2.4*

### 1 INTRODUCTION

This document sets out the fees that apply under the Climate, Community & Biodiversity Standards (CCBS) Program, Plastic Waste Reduction Program (Plastic Program), the Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard (SD VISta) Program, and the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) Program.

Fees associated with the VCS Program also apply to the VCS Jurisdictional and Nested REDD+ (JNR) Framework, unless otherwise noted.

This document also sets out further information in respect of such fees. It is updated periodically, and readers shall ensure that they are using the most recent version of the document. Note that the fee schedule is subject to annual inflation adjustments at the discretion of Verra.

Payments made in relation to this fee schedule may be subject to review by Verra. All annual fees listed are flat fees and will not be prorated for requests made part-way through a year.

Jurisdictional proponents should contact Verra directly if payment plans or alternative arrangements are needed.



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## 2.2.4 VCS Projects

| Fee  | Rate  |
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| Pipeline listing fee   | USD 1500 for each pipeline listing request  |
| Registration review fee  | USD 3750 for each project registration request  |
| Project activity data allocation (PADA) fee for projects using VMD0055 <sup>1, 2</sup> | <p>USD 10 000 per request plus USD 0.25 per hectare included in a submitted KML amounting to a maximum total cost<sup>2,3</sup> of USD 150 000 per project, payable at the time of the request.</p> <p>Changes to project areas already allocated incur a USD 500 fee per request plus USD 0.25 per previously unallocated hectare (with a maximum 20% change in total area).</p> <p>Jurisdictional scale data is available on request. Contact <a href="mailto:registry@verra.org">registry@verra.org</a> for fee details.</p> |
| Verification review fee  | <p>USD 5000 for each verification review request, comprising the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USD 2500 verification review request fee<sup>3,4</sup></li> <li>• USD 2500 prepayment fee which is credited against future issuances<sup>4,5</sup></li> </ul>  |
| Requantification review fee  | USD 10 000 per request  |

<sup>1</sup> The project activity data allocation fee applies only to projects using VCS Module VMD0055 *Estimation of Emission Reductions from Avoiding Unplanned Deforestation*; for context, please refer to the most recent version of that document.

<sup>2</sup> The PADA fee does not apply to the VCS Jurisdictional and Nested REDD+ (JNR) Framework.

<sup>3,2</sup> Total cost includes the per-request fee and per-hectare fee.

<sup>4,3</sup> The fee is payable for each verification review request, including a new request made following a denied request.

<sup>5,4</sup> The project does not have to pay the prepayment fee again if they submit a new verification review request following a denied request. This fee is credited against future issuance fees, so the project pays no fees for the first USD 2500-worth of VCUs issued.

### Background:

The VCS Jurisdictional and Nested REDD+ (JNR) Framework exists alongside and is an integrated part of the VCS Program. The key elements of the VCS Program – such as regular auditing and VCS Program fees – apply equally to JNR programs and nested projects. This Clarification was required to add specific clarity in the *Verra Program Fee Schedule* about the existing relationship between these programs.