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Verra manages a number of global standards frameworks designed to drive finance towards activities that mitigate climate change and promote sustainable development, including the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) Program and its Jurisdictional and Nested REDD+ framework (JNR), the Verra California Offset Project Registry (OPR), the Climate, Community & Biodiversity (CCB) Standards and the Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard (SD VISta). Verra is also developing new standards frameworks, including LandScale, which will promote and measure sustainability outcomes across landscapes. Finally, Verra is one of the implementing partners of the Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (ICAT), which helps countries assess the impacts of their climate actions and supports greater transparency, effectiveness, trust and ambition in climate policies worldwide.

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1 INTRODUCTION

This document sets out the fees that apply under the VCS Program, as may be updated on a periodic basis. It also sets out further information in respect of such fees.

This document will be updated from time-to-time and readers shall ensure that they are using the most current version of the document.

2 FEE SCHEDULE

Fee	Rate
Account opening fee	USD 500 for each account opened with the Verra Registry[1]
Registration fee	For each project registration request: • Where registration is requested without submission of verification report, or registration is requested with submission of verification report and verification period is at least one year: (Estimated annual volume of emission reductions[2]) x (USD 0.10); capped at USD 10,000 • Where registration is requested with submission of verification report and verification period is less than one year: (Verification period quantity) x (USD 0.10); capped at USD 10,000 The registration fee is credited toward future VCU issuance levies[3].

[1] Note that a single account on the Verra Registry may be used to manage multiple projects, and to manage projects that are participating in more than one Verra program (e.g., VCS and CCB). It is not necessary to open separate accounts for each Verra program.
[2] Estimated annual volume of emission reductions shall be calculated as the average estimated annual emission reductions for the first ten years of the project lifetime, or the first crediting period, whichever is shorter.
[3] For example, a project with estimated annual emission reductions of 47,000 tonnes of CO_2e per year (as specified in the validation report) would incur a fee of USD 4,700 at registration, and no VCU issuance levy would be due on the first 40,000 VCUs issued: ($0.05 x 10,000) + ($0.14 x 30,000) = $4,700.

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<tr><td>VCU issuance levy</td><td>For cumulative VCU issuances from a project occurring within a calendar year[4]:
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<tr><th># of VCUs issued</th><th>USD / VCU</th></tr>
<tr><td>1 – 10,000</td><td>USD 0.05</td></tr>
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<tr><td>VCU issuance levy, conversion of GHG credits from approved GHG programs</td><td>USD 0.05 per VCU</td></tr>
<tr><td>Retroactive label fee</td><td>USD 1,500 flat fee for each retroactive label event[5]</td></tr>
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[4] The calendar year is defined as 1 January – 31 December. The sliding scale for the VCU levy shall be applied as cumulative issuances within the calendar year cross each volume threshold. The cumulative issuance volume for each project shall restart on 1 January of each year.
For example, where 4.7 million VCUs were issued from a project within one calendar year, the total VCU issuance levy for the VCUs issued during that calendar year would be: ($0.05 x 10,000) + ($0.14 x 0.99m) + ($0.12 x 1m) + ($0.105 x 2m) + ($0.085 x 0.7m) = $528,600. Note that there is no limit on the number of issuance events which may occur within the calendar year, meaning that the 4.7 million cumulative issuance may have been reached over any number of issuance events.
[5] A retroactive label event refers to a retroactive application of a VCU label to previously issued VCUs. Note that the retroactive label fee is charged in addition to any label fees charged by the additional certification standard.

Methodology approval process administration fees	For new methodologies and substantive methodology revisions[6]: • USD 2,000 methodology concept note application fee (non-refundable); plus • USD 13,000 processing fee where Verra accepts the methodology element into the approval process For modules, tools and minor methodology revisions: • USD 1,500 methodology concept note application fee (non-refundable); plus • USD 6,000 processing fee where Verra accepts the methodology element into the approval process
Methodology compensation rebate	For cumulative VCU issuances from each project applying the applicable methodology within a calendar year[7] (see Section 1 for payment terms):

# of VCUs issued	USD / VCU
1-1,000,000	USD 0.02
1,000,001-2,000,000	USD 0.018
2,000,001-4,000,000	USD 0.016
4,000,001-6,000,000	USD 0.012
6,000,001-8,000,000	USD 0.008
8,000,001-10,000,000	USD 0.004
>10,000,000	USD 0.002

[6] See the VCS Program document Methodology Approval Process for information on what constitutes a substantive or minor methodology revision.

[7] For example, where the total volume of VCUs issued by projects using the applicable methodology totals 5.2 million VCUs, with one project issuing 4.7 million VCUs within the calendar year and a different project issuing 500,000 VCUs within the calendar year, the total methodology compensation rebate would be: [($0.02 x 1m) + ($0.018 x 1m) + ($0.016 x 2m) + ($0.012 x 0.7m)] + [($0.02 x 0.5m)] = [$78,400] +[$10,000] = $88,400.

Expert application fee	AFOLU experts: USD 375 per project category (for the purpose of assessment, the following two combinations are each considered as one category: IFM+REDD and ALM+ACoGS) Standardized methods experts: USD 375
Validation/verification body annual fee	USD 2,500 per year
Gap analysis fee	Determined on a case-by-case basis; contact Verra

3 PAYMENT TERMS FOR METHODOLOGY COMPENSATION REBATE

Verra sends to the methodology developer, on a quarterly basis, a report detailing the methodology compensation accrued since the beginning of the calendar year. Upon receipt of such report, the methodology developer may submit an invoice to Verra to receive payment of the compensation rebate. Methodology developers shall, at a minimum, submit an invoice to Verra for the last report of the calendar year to receive payment accrued for the year.

APPENDIX 1: DOCUMENT HISTORY

Version	Date	Comment
v4.0	19 Sep 2019	Initial version released under VCS Version 4.
V4.1	9 April 2020	Main updates (all effective on issuance date): 1) Added the account opening fee (Section 2). 2) Extended the VCU levy sliding scale to account for smaller issuances and updated VCU levy rates (Section 2).

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