

Official pricing framework BioCarbon Water Standard (2026)

1. Fee structure overview

Service	Fee basis
Account opening	Fixed fee
Annual account maintenance	Fixed annual fee
Project listing	Fixed fee per Project
Water Credits issuance	Volume-based fee
CAB fees	Fixed and review-based fees

No fee applies to the retirement of Water Credits.

2. Scope and applicability

This Fee Framework defines the official fees applicable to Projects and activities participating in the BioCarbon Water Standard (BWS).

The fees set out herein apply to account opening and maintenance, Project listing, issuance of Water Credits, CAB-related fees, and related Program and registry services, as specified in this document.

This Fee Framework does not replace, modify, or supersede any contractual provisions agreed between BioCarbon and Project holders, conformity assessment bodies, registry users, or other stakeholders.

3. Fixed fees

Concept	Fee (USD)
Account opening	300
Annual account maintenance	300
Project listing	750

The Account Opening Fee does not apply where the applicant already holds an active account in the Global CarbonTrace registry that is eligible for use under the BioCarbon Water Standard.

The Annual Account Maintenance Fee applies per registry account and not separately for each BioCarbon program accessed through the same account.

4. Project listing fee

A one-time Project Listing Fee of USD 750 applies to each Project submitted for listing under the BioCarbon Water Standard.

The fee covers the Program and registry services associated with the initial eligibility and completeness assessment, processing of the listing request, application of the relevant Program requirements, Standard, methodology, and applicable tools, and establishment of the Project record in the Global CarbonTrace registry.



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Payment of the Project Listing Fee does not constitute registration, conformity determination, approval for issuance, or any assurance that Water Credits will subsequently be issued.

The Project Listing Fee becomes payable upon submission of the Project for listing and prior to commencement of BioCarbon's review. Once BioCarbon's review has commenced, the fee is non-refundable.

5. Water Credits issuance fee

An issuance fee of USD 0.60 per Water Credit applies to each Water Credit authorized for issuance under the BioCarbon Water Standard.

The issuance fee covers the Program and registry services associated with BioCarbon's conformity and issuance procedures and the issuance, serialization, recording, and management of Water Credits in the Global CarbonTrace registry.

The applicable issuance fee shall be calculated on the basis of the total number of Water Credits authorized for issuance in the corresponding Water Credits Issuance Statement for the applicable monitoring period.

Where a Project generates eligible Water Credits in successive monitoring periods, the issuance fee shall apply separately to the Water Credits authorized for issuance for each respective monitoring period.

The Issuance Fee shall be paid within thirty (30) calendar days following the date on which the corresponding Water Credits are issued in the Global Carbon Trace registry. The payment obligation arises upon issuance of the Water Credits and shall apply irrespective of their subsequent transfer, retirement, commercialization, or any other use.

6. Retirement of Water Credits

No BioCarbon fee applies to the retirement of Water Credits.

Water Credits may be retired in accordance with the applicable BWS and Global CarbonTrace registry requirements without an additional fee charged by BioCarbon.

7. Fees applicable to related projects or initiatives across BioCarbon Programs

Where a Project under the BioCarbon Water Standard is related to a project or initiative under another BioCarbon Program, including where the respective projects or initiatives operate within a multi-program area or form part of a stacking or bundling arrangement permitted under the applicable BioCarbon Program requirements, each project or initiative shall remain independently subject to the fees applicable under its respective BioCarbon Program.

The existence of shared geographic areas, activities, interventions, participants, data, monitoring systems, infrastructure, financing sources, audit activities or



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arrangements, or other shared elements shall not consolidate, waive, reduce, offset, or otherwise modify the fees applicable to each project or initiative.

Accordingly, the Project Listing Fee and Water Credit Issuance Fee established under this Fee Framework shall apply in full to the BWS Project and to the Water Credits authorized for issuance under the BWS, irrespective of whether the Project is related to another project or initiative under a different BioCarbon Program or contributes to a stacking or bundling arrangement. Fees applicable to the related project or initiative under another BioCarbon Program shall be determined independently in accordance with the applicable fee framework of that Program.

Where a single registry account is eligible for use under more than one BioCarbon Program, account opening and annual account maintenance fees shall be governed by the specific provisions of the applicable fee frameworks and shall not be duplicated solely as a result of the relationship between the projects or initiatives.

Any BioCarbon Program-level review fees shall apply independently to the audit documentation and conformity determination process of each project or initiative in accordance with the applicable fee framework. A coordinated audit, shared audit mission, or use of common evidence across related projects or initiatives shall not merge the respective Program-level review processes or affect the independent application of any fees that may arise under those processes.

8. Fees applicable to Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs)

Concept	Fee (USD)
Annual CAB fee	1,200 (payable in January of each year)
Account opening	300 (upon account approval)
Annual account maintenance	300 (payable in January of each year)
Additional Program-level review of an Audit Report	1,300 per additional review

Additional Program-level Review Fee

BioCarbon's initial Program-level review of an Audit Report does not give rise to an Additional Program-level Review Fee.

Where, following the initial review, BioCarbon determines that an Audit Report contains material deficiencies, unresolved findings, incomplete information, insufficient evidence, inconsistencies, or other matters that prevent completion of the conformity determination, BioCarbon may return the Audit Report to the CAB for correction or clarification.

A fee of USD 1,300 shall apply to each additional Program-level review conducted by BioCarbon following the initial review.

A maximum of three Program-level reviews may be conducted for the same Audit Report: the initial review and up to two additional reviews. Accordingly, no more than two Additional Program-level Review Fees may apply to the same Audit Report.

Where the Audit Report does not satisfactorily address the identified matters following the third review, BioCarbon may close the review process without issuing a Conformity



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Statement. Any subsequent submission shall be subject to the applicable Program procedures and fees. Material or recurrent deficiencies identified through the Program-level review process may also be considered by BioCarbon in the assessment of CAB performance and may give rise to the measures established under the applicable CAB oversight requirements.

The Additional Program-level Review Fee is payable by the CAB. It shall not be separately passed through, recharged, or invoiced to the Project holder as a BioCarbon fee or as a fee required by BioCarbon.

CABs remain independently responsible for establishing their professional fees and contractual arrangements with Project holders. Nothing in this Fee Framework determines or restricts the professional fees that a CAB may charge for its independent auditing services.

The Program-level review conducted by BioCarbon is limited to procedural, administrative, and Program-compliance matters. It does not constitute an independent audit, re-performance of the CAB's audit procedures, or substitution of BioCarbon's judgment for the professional conclusions of the CAB.

9. Transitional provision

This Fee Framework enters into force on the date of its official publication by BioCarbon.

Projects listed under the BioCarbon Water Standard before the effective date of this Fee Framework shall not be subject to the Project Listing Fee established herein.

The Water Credit Issuance Fee established in this Fee Framework shall apply to all Water Credits authorized for issuance on or after its effective date, including Water Credits associated with Projects listed before that date.

10. General notes

All fees are expressed in United States Dollars (USD).

Fees apply upon occurrence of the corresponding fee-triggering event specified in this Fee Framework.

Fees are subject to update in accordance with applicable Program procedures.

Unless otherwise expressly provided in this Fee Framework, fees are non-refundable once the corresponding review, processing, or service has commenced.

In the event of late or outstanding payment, BioCarbon may suspend the review, processing, or provision of subsequent services related to the account or the project, as applicable, until payment has been received, without prejudice to any other measures applicable under the Program requirements.

All fees stated in this Fee Framework are exclusive of applicable taxes, duties, bank charges, and other governmental charges, unless expressly stated otherwise.



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