



Driving Climate Actions

GCC Program Fee Schedule

V3.3 - 2026

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INTRODUCTION

This document outlines the updated fee schedule applicable under the Global Carbon Council (GCC) Program, effective from **1st March 2026**, for all projects irrespective of whether they are taken up under GCC 1.0 or GCC 2.0 Program Standard (Except wherein the “Type of fee” specifies to which Program Standard the fee applies).

The updated fee structure is designed to:

- Aligning with GCC’s mission and objectives of covering the administrative cost for operating the GCC Program and ensuring the deliverables adhere to the highest quality standards.
- Ensure the long-term sustainability of the organization and its services, and
- Promote transparency for all stakeholders.

This document provides detailed information on applicable fees. Stakeholders are advised to refer to the most recent version of the GCC [Program Process](#) for correct understanding and applicability of the GCC requirements to ensure accuracy and compliance.

All annual and one-time fees are flat rates and will not be prorated for requests submitted partially throughout the year.

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1. ACCOUNT OPENING

TYPE OF FEE	AMOUNT (in USD)	STAGE OF PAYMENT
GCC Projects Portal Account Opening Fee	Nil	<p>All stakeholders can register and log in to the GCC Projects Portal (GCC 1.0 or 2.0), including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Project Owners (Focal Point 1 as per signed Letter of Authorization provided to GCC); (b) Validation and Verification Bodies (VVBs); (c) Other stakeholders <p>Stakeholders are required to refer to the GCC Program process¹ for more information on Account Opening on the Projects Portal.</p> <p>GCC 2.0 Projects Portal² shall be used for new submissions from 1 Feb 2025 and by those projects that have already been migrated to GCC 2.0. No new accounts shall be opened on GCC 1.0³ projects portal.</p>
Transaction Registry Account Opening Fees (for all account holders, including Project Owners- Focal Point 2, Buyers, Retailers, Traders, Corporates & others)	1,000	<p>Payable prior to account activation on the Transaction Registry⁴, which is serviced by S&P Global.</p> <p>The Transaction Registry facilitates the management of Approved Carbon Credits (ACCs) and ARECs, with or without labels, generated from the registered GCC projects. Opening account⁵ on Transaction registry³ will provide an opportunity for account holders to access both public⁶ as well as internal⁷ online interface of S&P Global Environmental Registry (login with ID and password required). An active registry account, depending on the category, facilitates the following activities.</p> <p>An active registry account, depending on the category, facilitates the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Request for serialization and transaction of credits (ACCs) and ARECs requested for issuance in the project's portal; (b) Repository and banking of the issued ACCs or ARECs; (c) Portfolio management via the Registry dashboard; and (d) All transactions (issuance, transfer, retirement & cancellations)

¹ Program Process: https://www.globalcarboncouncil.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/GCC-2.0-Program-Processes_V5.1.pdf

² GCC 2.0 Projects Portal: <https://gcc2.globalcarboncouncil.com/>

³ GCC 1.0 Projects Portal³ shall be used by existing projects which are yet to migrate to new GCC 2.0 Projects Portal. After 31 Jan 2026, GCC 1.0 shall be discontinued, so all projects shall migrate to GCC 2.0 Portal by sending requests to GCC Operations Team.

⁴ Transaction Registry: <https://www.spglobal.com/commodityinsights/en/ci/products/environmental-registry.html>

⁵ Transaction Registry- Account Opening: <https://mer.markit.com/br-reg/public/customer-registration.jsp>

⁶ Transaction Registry- Public View: <https://products.markit.com/br-reg/public/public-view/#/account>

⁷ Transaction Registry- Internal View: <https://products.ihsmarkit.com/home/login.jsp?rTo=REGISTRY>

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		<p><i>Refer to the GCC Program Process for more information on Registry Transactions and account opening process on the Transaction Registry.</i></p> <p>There are four board categories of accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) <i>Project Owner Account – Focal Point 2</i>(b) <i>Buyer/ Trader Account</i>(c) <i>Others</i> <p>All accounts opened on the transaction registry are subject to due diligence and Know-your- counterparty (KYC) checks.</p>
Transaction Registry Annual account maintenance fees	500	Payable annually in advance of the expiry of the account’s annual validity (invoice raised 30 days in advance of the anniversary date of renewal).
Registry Account reactivation fee	1,000	Reactivation for all account types that get closed or deactivated due to non-payment of annual account maintenance fees.

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2. PROJECT REGISTRATION FEE

TYPE OF FEE	AMOUNT (in USD)	STAGE OF PAYMENT
A. One-time Project Registration Fee, per project	3,000	<p>(a) A one-time fee of USD 3,000 is payable to GCC at the time of initial project submission as provided in the GCC Program Process.</p> <p>(b) For projects submitted to the GCC program (under GCC 1.0) on or before 15 February 2022 and for which a project registration fee of USD 1,000 was paid, if such project is resubmitted to repeat the Global Stakeholder Consultation (GSC) as may be required by the GCC Program Process, an additional fee of USD 2,000 shall be billed to the Project Owner to complete the new applicable fee of USD 3,000.</p>
B. Project Re-GSC fees (GCC 1.0)	1,000	<p>This fee shall be paid at the time of Re-GSC and is applicable under either of the two situations:</p> <p>(a) If the request for registration of a project is not submitted within the ‘allowed period.’⁸.It shall undergo Re-GSC for which a fee is payable at the time of Re-GSC.</p> <p>(b) If material changes to the project occurred in a manner that altered the design or project information, it shall undergo GSC again.</p>
C. Project Migration⁹ from GCC 1.0 Project Portal to GCC 2.0 Project Portal	Nil	There is no fee applicable to migrating the project from the GCC 1.0 portal to the GCC 2.0 portal. If migrated, the project shall mandatorily follow GCC 2.0 Rules and Requirements.
D. Project Resubmission¹⁰ fees (GCC 2.0)	1,000	<p>This fee shall be paid at the time of resubmission and is applicable under either of the two situations:</p> <p>(a) If the request for registration of a project is not submitted within the ‘allowed period’¹¹ it shall undergo resubmission for which a fee is payable at the time of resubmission, in accordance with the GCC Program Process.</p>

⁸ For projects submitted under GCC 1.0, the allowed period to submit request for registration is 1 year from the GSC start date

⁹ Migration of projects from GCC 1.0 Project Portal to GCC 2.0 Project portal is treated as “migration” and not “re-submission”.

¹⁰ Project Re-submission in GCC 2.0 (is similar to Re-GSC of GCC 1.0 process) and allows additional time.

¹¹ For existing projects migrating to GCC 2.0 Project Portal from GCC 1.0 Project Portal, the ‘allowed period’ is 1 year and 6 months, from the date of migration of the project to GCC 2.0 Project Portal. For new projects submitted to GCC 2.0 Project portal directly and not transitioned from GCC 1.0 Project Portal, the ‘allowed period’ is 1 Year and 6 months from the “submission date” which coincides with the approval (at allocation of unique submission number) of project documents for start of GSC.

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		(b) If material changes to the project occurred in a manner that altered the design or project information, it shall be re-submitted again.
E. Request for Post-registration Change -Prior approval track	1,000	For submitting Request for a Post-registration Change, in line with the provisions of the GCC Program Process fee is payable at the time of requesting such a change to the GCC Program.
F. Request for renewal of crediting period	2,000	For submitting Request for renewal of crediting period in line with the provisions of the GCC Program Process fees is payable at the time of requesting such renewal to the GCC Program.
G. Request for withdrawal of a project after end date of GSC	3,000	To be paid in advance for withdrawal requests to be processed by GCC.
H. Request for withdrawal of a registered project (No ACC's have been Issued)	10,000	To be paid in advance for withdrawal requests to be processed by GCC.

3. ISSUANCE FEE

ISSUANCE BASED ON PROJECT TYPE	Rates (USD) ¹² <i>Flat fees</i>	STAGE OF PAYMENT (Payment Options)
Project Type-A1	0.24/ ACC issued	Option 1: ACCs/ARECs are issued and ready to be transferred Payable upfront before the issuance of ACCs/ARECs. As per GCC Program Process, the ACC/AREC issuance and label fees are payable at the time when the request for issuance of ACC/AREC is approved by the Steering Committee. The GCC Program will issue ACC/ARECs and corresponding labels (E _L label, S _L label) on the Transaction Registry only upon receiving fees by GCC.
Project Types-A2 Sub Type 1,2,3,4	0.19/ ACC issued	
Project Types-A3	0.24/ ACC issued	
Project Type B (B1 & B2)	0.24/ ACC issued	

¹² This includes E_L label, S_L label fees

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Project Type C	0.24/ ACC issued	<p>Option 2: ACCs/ARECs will be issued and not available for transfers</p> <p>For exercising this option, Project Owners shall inform the GCC Operation Team about their selection of this option at the time of submission of each request for issuance of ACC/ARECs.</p> <p>Along with the submission of the request for Issuance of ACC/ARECs, the Project Owner shall deposit the administrative fees of 15,000 USD for exercising this option. One-third of these fees (5,000 USD) shall be adjusted by the GCC Operations Team against the total invoiced fee for issuance of ACC/ARECs and label fees.</p> <p>After payment of fees for the issuance and transfer of ACC/ARECs and labels, the associated ACC/ARECs would be available for transactions (transfer, retirement, or cancellation).</p>
Project Type D	0.29/ ACC issued	
A-REC (MWh)	0.18 / AREC issued	
<p>NOTE: In case of multiple Focal point 2, in a project as per the latest valid LOA, the invoice for issuance would be raised on the total gross¹³ ACC's/AREC's approved to be issued to the project as per billing data provided during submission of the PMR form for the applicable period under monitoring. Only on receipt of the issuance fee, ACCs/ARECs (less deductions) would be issued as per the split of credits specified in the final PMR and consistent with the Letter of Authorization (LoA).</p>		

4. TRANSACTION FEES

Applicable to all project types (A1, A2, A3, B,C,D including Sub types) ACCs & ARECs

TRANSACTION FEES	Rates (USD/ ACC or AREC)	STAGE OF PAYMENT
Transfer Fees	0.02	Payable by the seller before submission of the request to transfer the ACCs/ARECs ¹⁴ . Precondition to clear the actual/any pending issuance fees.
Retirement Fees	0.02	Payable by the account holder who wishes to retire ACCs/ARECs upon submission of a request for retirement.
Cancellation Fees	0.02	Payable by the account holder who wishes to cancel the ACCs/ARECs upon submission of the request for cancellation.

Applicable to all project types (A1, A2, A3, B, C & D including Sub types) ACCs & ARECs refer to GCC Program Process

Note: The GCC Program will allow transactions mentioned above only upon receiving payment.

¹³ Gross ACC's/AREC's includes any applicable deductions, such as buffer, CARA, Adaptation, country SOP, etc.

¹⁴ In case of multiple Focal point-02 in a project as per latest valid LOA, the transaction fee would be billed to the account holder who initiates the transfer from its account to the buyer account.

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5. ADDITIONAL LABEL FEES

CERTIFICATION LABEL FEES	Rates (USD/ACC/ ARECs)	STAGE OF PAYMENT
SDG+ Bronze SDG+ Silver SDG+ Gold SDG+ Platinum SDG+ Diamond	0.02	Applicable label fees shall be payable in addition to issuance fees and payable upfront before the issuance of ACCs.
Regular Environmental No-Harm Label (E _L label)	-	
Regular Social No-Harm Label (S _L label)	-	
Environmental No-Net-Harm label (GCC 1.0) (E+ Label)	-	
Social No-Net-Harm label (GCC 1.0) (S+ Label)	-	
Enhanced Environmental No-Harm Label (E _{BL} label)	0.01	
Enhanced Social No-Harm Label (S _{BL} label)	0.01	
Adaptation Label for ICVCM (AD+ label)	-	
Regular Nature-Based Removal Label (NR label)	0.02	
Enhanced Nature-Based Removal Label (NR+ Label)	0.04	
Technology-Based Reduction/ Removal Label (TR+ Label)	-	
OTHER MARKET ELIGIBILITY LABELS	Rates (USD/ACC)	
CORSIA Label (C+ label - pilot phase)	0.04	Applicable label fees shall be payable in addition to issuance fees and payable upfront before the issuance of ACCs.
CORSIA Label (C+ label - first phase)	0.05	
Article 6.2 Label (CA+ Label)	0.04	
ICVCM Label (CCP Label)	-	
Status Change upon verification of Corresponding Adjustment	Rates (USD/ACC)	STAGE OF PAYMENT
Corresponding Adjustment Verified	0.02	Payable at the time of submission of request for a change in status of corresponding adjustment, if applicable.
Project Owners shall request an invoice by email to accounts@globalcarboncouncil.com		

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6. Validation and Verification Body (VBB) Fees

VERIFER FEES	AMOUNT (USD)	STAGE OF PAYMENT
VVB application and approval/re-approval fee for each 3-year cycle (ISO Track)	7,000	Payable at the time of initial submission and re-submission and valid for 3 years.
VVB application and approval/re-approval fee - for each 3-year cycle (UNFCCC: CDM / Article 6.4 Track)	5,000	
VVB application and approval/re-approval fee - for each cycle (MOU Track)	1,000	
VVB application approval fees for CCS projects (All Tracks)	10,000 + External CCS Expert fee (on actuals)	
VVB Annual Maintenance Fees (All Tracks)	2,500	Payable annually in advance
VVB certificate expiry fees (if not applied within 3-year cycle)	5,000	Payable upon application for reinstatement by a validation/verification body that has been suspended or inactivated.
VVB Training fees (online)	On chargeable basis	Per session per VVB
Certified VVB Training (online for batch size of 20-25 participants)	On chargeable basis	Per participant certified in a batch of (20-25 participants)
VVB Office Assessment (4 Man-days for each auditor including travel - typically two auditors applicable) for each approval/reapproval and any spot check or site audit visit as applicable)	550 per person-day + other expenses	Person-day cost payable prior to office assessment. Other expenses related to travel, lodging, and boarding are payable after the office assessment

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7. Methodology Fees

ACCs Issued	AMOUNT (USD)	PAYMENT TERMS
Methodology Concept note submission	2,000	For new methodologies (Review fee due upon initial submission of the concept note).
New methodology Submission	15,000	Due upon submission of proposed methodology.
Revision of GCC/CDM methodology	7,500	Due upon submission of proposed revised methodology.
Request for deviation from approved GCC/CDM methodology	2,000	Due upon submission of request for deviation.
Request for clarification on approved GCC/CDM methodology /tool	1,500	Due upon submission of request for clarification.

8. Royalty Fees¹⁵ for Methodology Developer

ACCs ¹⁶ Issued	AMOUNT (USD)	PAYMENT TERMS
1 – 1,000,000	0.02/ACC	The request for payment of Royalty fee shall be made by methodology developer to GCC upon issuance of ACCs (using that methodology) after each calendar year. The payment shall be made subject to the realization of the issuance fee.
1,000,001 – 6,000,000	0.015/ACC	
6,000,001 – 10,000,000	0.01/ACC	
10,000,001 – 100,000,000	0.001/ACC	

9. Grievance and Appeals Fees

Associated Fees are covered in “GCC 2.0 GCC Grievance and Appeal Procedure” available at the GCC website.

¹⁵ Royalty fees are applicable up to issuance of 100 million ACCs or up to 5 years from the date of approval of the methodology whichever is earlier.

¹⁶ Not applicable for the issuance of AREC



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