
# Carbon Asset Solutions

## Fee Schedule – Carbon Program

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This fee schedule outlines the costs associated with participation in the CAS-SCM framework. Fees are designed to ensure transparency, cover operational and registry services, and maintain the integrity of the system. Each section below explains the purpose of the fees and how they support stakeholders in the CAS-SCM ecosystem.

### CAS-SCM Project Owner Fees:

Project owners and developers are the foundations of the CAS-SCM system. These fees ensure that projects undergo rigorous review, are properly registered, and maintain active accounts. They also cover administrative costs associated with onboarding, compliance checks, and ongoing account management. By contributing to these fees, project owners help sustain a credible and scalable framework that supports long-term climate impact.

| Type | Paid By | Fee (USD) | Payment paid |
|---|---|---|---|
| **CAS-SCM Initial Application Review** | Project Owner/Developer | $1,000 | Once Approved |
| **Project Registration Review** | Project Owner/Developer | $2,000 | Pre-Review |
| **Account Opening Fee** | Project Owner/Developer | $800 | Post Project review |
| **Annual account maintenance Fee** | Project Owner/Developer | $450 | Annual (second year onwards) |
| **Account Re-activation fee (suspended due to non-payment or other reason)** | Project Owner/Developer | $500 | Pre Re-activation |

**CAS-SCM Initial Application Review:** Covers the administrative and technical review of a project's initial application to ensure eligibility, completeness, and alignment with CAS-SCM standards before registration can proceed.
**Project Registration Review:** A detailed assessment of the project design and documentation, confirming compliance with CAS-SCM methodology, ISO comparability, and regulatory requirements prior to project commencing/listing.
**Account Opening Fee:** Establishes a project owner's account within the CAS digital Portal and Registry, enabling secure access to DMRV and credit issuance, transfers, and retirement functions. Includes blockchain wallet setup and tokenization capability.
**Annual account maintenance Fee:** Supports ongoing account services, including registry upkeep, blockchain security, and system updates. Ensures continued access to CAS-SCM infrastructure after the first year.
**Account Re-activation fee (suspended due to non-payment or other reason:** Charged when an account has been suspended (e.g., for non-payment or compliance issues) and requires reactivation. Covers administrative checks, reinstatement of registry access, and blockchain re-linking.

## CAS Registry Fees:

The CAS Registry is the backbone of credit issuance, transfer, and retirement. It is built on a blockchain-enabled infrastructure, ensuring that every transaction is transparent, immutable, and auditable. Credits within CAS-SCM are tokenized, meaning each unit of carbon reduction is represented as a secure digital token. This design eliminates double counting, enhances market confidence, and allows for seamless integration with smart contracts.
Fees vary depending on whether credits are issued ex-post (FCRU) or ex-ante (VCRU), reflecting the different risk and assurance levels. Account fees distinguish between project owners, buyers, and custodial buyers, ensuring fair access while covering operational costs. Transaction-based fees (issuance, activation, transfer) support the blockchain and smart contract infrastructure that guarantees secure and efficient credit movement. Retirement is free, reinforcing CAS-SCM's commitment to genuine climate impact and permanent abatement.

| Type | Paid By | Fee (USD) | Payment paid |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Account Fee (credit holder)** | Project Owner | Free | N/A |
| **Account Fee (Buyer)** | Buyer | $300 | Upon Account request |
| **Account Fee (Custodial buyer - trader or retail aggregator)** | Custodial buyer | $200 | Upon Account request |
| ***Ex-Post issuance fee (FCRU) - Per 1,000 Co2e** | Project Owner | $0.20 | Pre credit listing |
| **Ex-Ante issuance fee (VCRU) - Per 1,000 Co2e** | Project Owner | $0.37 | Pre credit listing |
| **VCRU activation fee - per credit** | Buyer | $0.02 | During transaction |
| **Transfer Fee (Smart Contract) - Per credit** | Credit Owner | $0.05 | Pre-transfer |
| **Retirement** | N/A | Free | N/A |
| **Annual Account Maintenance** | Account holder (excluding Project owner) | $150 | Annual |

* FCRUs are not applicable for ICVCM-labelled credits

**Transfer:** The movement of credits between accounts, executed via blockchain smart contracts. This ensures credits are securely reassigned, with full traceability and no risk of duplication.
**Retirement:** The permanent removal of credits from circulation, recorded immutably on the blockchain. Retirement signifies that the climate benefit has been claimed and cannot be resold or reused.