

Fees have been increased
from 2014-15 by 1.2%
[CPI figure September 2014]

Weights & Measures Act 1985 – Ss 11(4); 74(2); 49(4) and 76

Scale of Fees for 2015-2016

Effective from 01.04.15

General

1. The 2014/15 fees are based on a **chargeable rate of £78.07 per Officer hour**, designed to facilitate full cost recovery for metrological activity.
2. All fees in this document are **exclusive** of VAT.
3. For any work not covered by this guidance, or which varies significantly or is carried out in exceptional circumstances, an appropriate charge may be calculated using the hourly rate.
4. When a visit is made by a Trading Standards Officer to any premises for the purpose of carrying out any of the functions or activities listed below, each visit **may be subject to a minimum charge of £78.07 per Officer per visit regardless of the nature or amount of work requested or completed.**
5. Visits carried out partly or entirely outside of normal office hours **may incur a surcharge of 50% of the standard fee or of the standard hourly rate per Officer per hour.**
6. The guidance relates to the cost of testing single items. Authorities should not be inhibited from departing from the quoted fee in locally determined circumstances. Discounted fees may be appropriate, for example, in the following circumstances:
 - a. Where more than a single item is submitted on one occasion and particularly where large quantities are involved;
 - b. Where facilities, equipment or assistance are provided by the submitter by prior arrangement;
 - c. Where no officer travelling time is involved.

A. Measuring Instruments Directive

In order to reflect additional costs associated with examination, testing and documentation, and maintenance of MID notified body status, certain classes of instrument covered by MID should be subject to additional charges, as follows:

1. No extra charge for:
 - Automatics, being:
 - Automatic discontinuous totalisers;
 - Automatic rail weighbridges;
 - Automatic catchweighers;
 - Automatic gravimetric filling instruments;
 - Beltweighers;
 - Cold water meters
2. 10% surcharge for:
 - Measuring instruments for liquid fuel and lubricants; and
 - Measuring instruments for liquid fuel delivered from road tankers
3. 25% surcharge for:
 - Capacity serving measures; and
 - Material measures of length

Note: Fees increase for initial MID conformity assessment, but not subsequent reverification.

B. Special Weighing and Measuring Equipment

The charges for examining, testing, certifying, stamping, authorising or reporting on special weighing or measuring equipment may be individually calculated by a local authority based upon a figure of £78.07 per officer/hour at the place where the service is provided. Such types of equipment, specifically excluded from tables (C) to (I) below, include:

1. Automatic or totalising weighing machines
2. Equipment designed to weigh loads in motion
3. Bulk fuel measuring equipment tested following a Regulation 65 or 66 occurrence
4. Weighing or measuring equipment tested by means of statistical sampling
5. The establishment of calibration curves from templates
6. Templates graduated in millilitres
7. Testing or other services in pursuance of a Community obligation other than EC initial or partial verification

C. Weights

1. Weights exceeding 5kg or not exceeding 500 mg, 2CM	£	8.67
2. Other Weights	£	6.66

C1. Non-Trade Weights

1. Weights \leq 65mg	£	18.20
2. Weights \geq 65mg > 3.5kg	£	15.51
3. Weights \geq 3.5kg	£	18.20
4. Cleaning of any weight, an additional fee may be charged	£	78.07
5. Adjusting of any weight, an additional fee may be charged	£	78.07
6. Calibration Certificate	£	22.00

D. Measures

1. Linear measures not exceeding 3m, for each scale	£	9.72
2. Capacity measures, without divisions, not exceeding 1 litre	£	7.40
3. Cubic ballast measures (other than brim measures)	£	171.94
4. Liquid capacity measures for making up & checking average quantity packages	£	27.18
5. Templates:		
a. Per scale - first item	£	47.27
b. Second and subsequent items	£	18.38

E. Weighing Instruments

1. Non-EC		
• Not exceeding 1 tonne	£	61.71
• Exceeding 1 tonne to 10 tonne	£	100.00
• Exceeding 10 tonnes	£	208.82
2. EC (NAWI)		
• Not exceeding 1 tonne	£	102.72
• Exceeding 1 tonne to 10 tonne	£	159.01
• Exceeding 10 tonnes	£	348.06

Note: When testing instruments incorporating **remote display or printing facilities**, and where completion of the test requires a second person or a second series of tests by the same person, an additional fee may be based upon the basic fee given above plus a 50% surcharge.

Note: When supplying specialist equipment (including but not limited to **weighbridge test unit, van and test weights**, etc) an additional fee may be charged hourly, daily or per appointment, according to circumstance.

F. Measuring Instruments for Intoxicating Liquor

1. Not exceeding 150ml	£	16.93
2. Other	£	19.56

G. Measuring Instruments for Liquid Fuel and Lubricants

1. Container type (not subdivided)	£	70.96
2. Single/multi-outlets (nozzles)		
a. First nozzle tested, per site	£	115.76
b. Each additional nozzle tested	£	71.11
3. Testing of peripheral electronic equipment on a separate visit (per site)	£	78.08
4. Testing of credit card acceptor (per unit, regardless of no of slots/nozzles/pumps)	£	78.08

H. Road Tanker Fuel Measuring Equipment (Above 100 Litres)

1. Meter measuring systems		
a. Wet hose with two testing liquids	£	248.45
b. Wet hose with three testing liquids	£	289.85
c. Dry hose with two testing liquids	£	276.01
d. Dry hose with three testing liquids	£	317.59
e. Wet / dry hose with two testing liquids	£	386.49
f. Wet / dry hose with three testing liquids	£	414.06
2. Dipstick measuring systems		
a. Up to 7,600 litres (for calibration of each compartment & production of chart)	£	169.05
b. Over 7,600 litres, basic fee, plus additional charge per officer per hour of	£	78.07
c. Initial dipstick	£	19.56
d. Spare dipstick	£	19.56
e. Replacement dipstick (including examination of compartment)	£	42.96

I. Certificate of errors

For supplying a certificate containing results of errors found on testing (Certificate supplied upon request of the submitter; fee applies when no other fee is payable)	£	39.34
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