

# **ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE**

## **TRADING STANDARDS FEES AND CHARGES**

**2011/12**

**Effective as from 1 April 2011**

## Trading Standards Verification and Request Test Fees

(Plus VAT at the prevailing rate)

Fees for the purposes of section 11 of the Weights and Measures Act 1985 or for Regulation 11 of the Non-automatic Weighing Instruments Regulations 2000 or any other statute or instrument replacing the aforesaid or instrument made thereunder.

	<b>2011/12 Charge £</b>
<b>(a) Special Weighing and Measuring Equipment</b>	
Charges for examining, adjusting, testing, certifying, stamping, authorising or reporting on special weighing or measuring equipment specifically excluded from tables (b) to (g) below at the rate per officer/hour of:	74.00
<p>Examples of equipment specifically excluded are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Automatic or totalising weighing machines</li> <li>Equipment designed to weigh loads in motion</li> <li>Bulk fuel measuring equipment including those with meter measuring systems and those with dipstick measuring systems.</li> <li>Weighing or measuring equipment tested by means of statistical sampling</li> <li>The establishment of calibration curves from templets</li> <li>Templet graduated in millilitres</li> <li>Testing or other services in pursuance of a Community obligation other than EC initial or partial verification</li> </ul>	
<b>(b) Weights</b>	
(i) Weights exceeding 5kg or not exceeding 500 mg or 2CM.	8.00
<b>(c) Measures</b>	
(i) Linear measures not exceeding 3m for each scale	9.00
(ii) Capacity measures without divisions not exceeding 1 litre	7.00
(iii) Cubic ballast measures (other than brim measures)	158.00
(iv) Liquid capacity measures for making up and checking average quantity packages.	28.00
<b>(d) Weighing Instruments</b>	
(i) Non EC Not exceeding 1 tonne	56.00

Exceeding 1 tonne to 10 tonne	91.00
Exceeding 10 tonne	191.00
(ii) EC (NAWI)	
Not exceeding 1 tonne	95.00
Exceeding 1 tonne to 10 tonne	152.00
Exceeding 10 tonne	319.00
Where, by virtue of the capacity, location or any other reason it is necessary for the Trading Standards Service to hire weights or other equipment in order to test weighing instrument then those hire cost shall be added to the fees listed above.	
<b>(e) Measuring Instruments for Intoxicating Liquor</b>	
(i) Not exceeding 150ml	15.00
(ii) Other	19.00
<b>(f) Measuring Instruments for Liquid Fuel and Lubricants</b>	
Container type (unsubdivided)	65.00
Single multi-outlets (nozzles):	
First nozzle tested per site	106.00
Each additional nozzle	64.00
<b>(g) Additional Devices/Peripheral Equipment</b>	
The fees specified above are for the testing of the equipment or instrument specified. Where the equipment or instrument has additional devices or peripheral equipment, which also require testing, such as remote readouts, scanning devices, credit card acceptors, etc. then an additional charge at the rate of £67.00 per hour shall be made	
<b>(h) Bulk Submissions of Items Included in Tables (b) – (e) above</b>	
Where 2 or more of the same type are submitted on one occasion	Total Fees Reduced by 20%

(i) Variation of charges

The Head of Trading Standards may, by prior agreement with the submitter of the equipment, vary the fees listed in this schedule in the following circumstances:

Where the Trading Standards Service faces competition from other Approved bodies for their verification service and the Trading Standards Manager judges that it is in the commercial interests of the service.

**Or**

Where the submitter of the equipment provides additional assistance over and above that which they are legally obliged to provide, eg. labour, accommodation or equipment.

**(j) Section 74 of the Weights and Measures Act 1985**

Where the fee to be charged is under Section 74 of the Weights and Measures Act 1985, then the fee shall be charged at the rate of £67.00 per officer per hour and shall include travelling time and any time taken to prepare any required report.

**(k) Additional Charges**

Where it is agreed that the verification shall take place outside the following times or on a Bank Holiday then the overall fee, after any other additions or discounts are taken into account, shall be increased by 20%.

Times Monday to Friday 8 a.m to 6 p.m

NOTE: Charges for the verification of equipment reflect the recommendations of the Local Authorities Co-ordinating Body on Regulatory Services (LACORS).