

PV Climate - Costs & Fees

This document outlines the core costs and fees associated with registering and maintaining a PV Climate (carbon) project with the Plan Vivo. Plan Vivo is a registered charity, and all fees are designed to cover administrative and review costs only. Please note these are the fees associated with the Plan Vivo certification process and do not include the external costs to the VVBs and Independent Experts.

Macroscale & Microscale Projects

Projects that generate less than or equal to 10,000 PVCs per year can opt to be considered microscale projects. These smaller types of projects can choose to be audited through the internal validation and verification process, meaning they can be audited by Independent Experts rather than Validation & Verification Bodies (VVBs). The objective of this change is to minimise the financial pressure of the auditing process on the smallest of projects.

1. Registration Costs & Fees

1.1 Projects Issuing Plan Vivo Certificates (PVCs)

Projects that will issue PVCs must pay the following registration and related fees:

Process	What it Involves	Cost (USD)
Project Idea Note (PIN) review	Desk review by Plan Vivo	\$1,000 (for all projects)
Project Design Document (PDD) review	Desk review + Technical Review Panel peer review	\$1,500 (macroscale) / \$3,000 (microscale)
Additional Technical Specification review	Desk review + peer review	\$500 for all projects
PDD/Tech Spec Updates	Desk review	Variable
Validation & Verification coordination	Plan Vivo desk review & registration finalisation	\$1,000 (macroscale) / \$2,000 (microscale)
Late Annual Report fee	For reports > 12 months late	\$100

Process	What it Involves	Cost (USD)
Issuance fees	Per PVC issued (annually)	≤50,000 PVC p.a. = \$0.40/PVC >50,000 PVC p.a. = \$0.35/PVC
Conversion fees	Converting PVC unit types	Free
Methodology Concept Note review	Review of concept notes	\$350
Methodology assessment	Review of methodologies (not including VVB assessment)	Variable
Auditors	VVB & Independent Expert registration	\$500 (VVB) / \$100 (Independent Expert)
Reseller fees	Costs associated with setting up and ongoing access to an account on the PV Climate registry	\$800 (one-off) + \$800 annual fee

Note: All costs are subject to VAT (20% for UK organisations). International organisations are typically exempt.

1.2 Non-Issuing PV Climate Projects

Service	Cost (USD)
PIN review	\$1,500
PDD review	\$6,000
PDD update	Variable
Validation & Verification	\$2,000
Annual certification fee	\$0.10 per carbon benefit reported