



# **Buckinghamshire County Council**

## **Trading Standards**

### **Scale of Fees and Charges from 1st April 2011**

From 1st April 2011 the following scale of fees and charges approved by the Buckinghamshire County Council will apply.

#### **Weights and Measures Fees**

Schedule 1 sets out the fees to be paid in respect of the testing of any item of weighing or measuring equipment to which Section 11 of the weights and Measures Act 1985 applies, with a view to its being passed as fit for use for trade and where necessary stamped. The appropriate fee shall be payable whether the equipment passes or fails.

Note: Where staff are called out to test equipment away from the office and that equipment is not submitted for test within a reasonable time of the officers arrival or is submitted after a delay a charge may be levied in accordance with the hourly rate laid out in Schedule 5.

Schedule 3 details the fees payable in respect of samples of fertilisers and feeding stuffs or any other substance

Schedule 4 establishes the level of fee payable for other work.

Where additional costs are incurred in testing the equipment, whether because of its inaccessibility, the need to use specialised equipment or some other reason, an extra charge will be levied to meet the need to use specialised equipment or some other reason, an extra charge will be levied to meet the individual circumstances

#### **VAT**

Where Value Added Tax is chargeable on supply of the service provided, this is indicated as being additional to the charge stated,

Cheques should be made payable to "**Buckinghamshire County Council.**"

Fees in respect of Petroleum Licensing P.O.A.

## Schedule 1

### Weights and Measures Verification Fees

#### Fees for the purpose of Section 11(4) of the 1985 Act

A. Linear Measures (with or without division or sub-divisions), each measure:-

Exceeding 3m .....	£28.00
Not exceeding 3m submitted in numbers not exceeding 5, each measure.....	£9.00
Not exceeding 3m submitted in numbers exceeding 5, each measure.....	£5.00
Not exceeding 3m submitted in numbers exceeding 50, each measure.....	£3.00

## Schedule 1 Continued

**B. Capacity Measures - without divisions or sub-divisions:-**

[1]

Not exceeding 1 litre submitted in numbers not exceeding 5, each measure ..... £6.25

Not exceeding 1 litre submitted in numbers exceeding 5, each measure ..... £3.00

Not exceeding 1 litre submitted in numbers exceeding 50, each measure ..... £2.00

Not exceeding 1 litre submitted in numbers exceeding 200, each measure ..... £1.75

Exceeding 1 litre but not exceeding 5 litres ..... £12.00

Exceeding 5 litres for the first 5 litres of the capacity..... £11.50

For each additional 5 litres thereof..... £6.25

With Divisions or sub-divisions each measure

[2]

Not exceeding 1 litre

With five graduations or less..... £11.00

For each additional graduation..... £2.75

Exceeding 1 litre but not exceeding 5 litres each graduation..... £5.00

Exceeding 5 litres each graduation..... £9.25

## Schedule 1 Continued

[3] Verification of glass capacity serving measures submitted in bulk on terms of agreed formal contract. On Application

[4] Verification of plastic capacity serving measures without divisions or sub-divisions submitted in bulk:-

Submissions in one calendar month:

More than 1,000..... each measure.....

More than 10,000..... each measure..... On Application

More than 20,000..... each measure.....

Submitter to provide carriage and deliver batches no larger than 10,000 - by prior appointment.

C. Cubic ballast measures, each measure:-

[1] Brim measures, whether or not certificated..... £52.50

[2] Measures, other than brim measures..... £160.00

D. Measuring Instruments for measuring liquid fuel or lubricants, or mixtures thereof, each instrument:-

[1] Instruments as in 2 to 4 below, fitted with Credit/Debit card acceptors require additional testing on site.

A percentage of the fee which would otherwise be payable, rounded where appropriate to the nearest 10 pence..... 150%

Where Credit/Debit card acceptors are tested on a separate occasion the actual time spent at hourly rate (Minimum charge 1/2 hour)..... £75.00 + VAT per hour

[2] Container types, unsubdivided..... £65.00

## Schedule 1 Continued

[3]	Multi-grade types (with a price-computing device and displays common to all grades):-	
	For testing solely on the occasion of an adjustment in the price-computing device.....	£92.50
	Otherwise.....	£165.00
[4]	Other Types(single, duo and multi-outlets):-	
	1 meter tested.....	£120.00 +VAT
	2 meters tested.....	£215.00 +VAT
	3 meters tested.....	£315.00 +VAT
	4 meters tested.....	£405.00 +VAT
	5 meters tested.....	£500.00 +VAT
	6 meters tested.....	£590.00 +VAT
	7 meters tested.....	£700.00 +VAT
	8 meters tested.....	£800.00 +VAT
	Each additional meter exceeding 8 tested on the same occasion.....	£95.00 +VAT
E.	<u>Measuring instruments for intoxicating liquor each instrument:-</u>	
[1]	Not exceeding 50ml submitted in numbers not exceeding 5, each instrument.....	£16.00
	Not exceeding 50ml submitted in numbers exceeding 5, each instrument.....	£8.50
	Not exceeding 50ml submitted in numbers exceeding 50, each instrument.....	£4.00
	Not exceeding 50ml submitted in numbers exceeding 200, each instrument.....	£2.00
[2]	Other.....	£18.50

## Schedule 1 Continued

### G. Weights:-

[1]	Troy weights exceeding 1500z troy, metric weights exceeding 5kg, submitted in numbers not exceeding 5, each weight.....	£8.00
	Troy weights exceeding 1500z troy, metric weights exceeding 5kg, submitted in numbers exceeding 5, each weight.....	£4.75
	Troy weights exceeding 1500z troy, metric weights exceeding 5kg, submitted in numbers exceeding 50, each weight.....	£2.25
[2]	Other weights submitted in numbers not exceeding 5, each weight.....	£5.75
	Other weights submitted in numbers exceeding 5, each weight.....	£3.25
	Other weights submitted in numbers exceeding 50, each weight.....	£2.00

Note: G[1] and G[2] above. Discounts only apply to weights of the same denomination submitted on the same occasion.

### H. Weighing Instruments:-

[1]	Instruments calibrated to weigh in both ounce troy and metric units:-	
	The percentage of the fee which would be payable if the instruments were calibrated to weigh only in the imperial system or only in the metric system, or where those fees differ the percentage of the higher, rounded, where appropriate, to the nearest ten pence.	150%

## Schedule 1 Continued

[2]	<p>Instruments as in [1] and [3], but incorporating electronic price computing with associated display or printing facilities:-</p> <p>A percentage of the fee which would otherwise be payable, rounded, where appropriate, to the nearest ten pence</p>	150%
[3]	<p>Instruments calibrated to weigh only in metric or ounce troy units:-</p> <p>Automatic weighing machines, including machines for totalising a succession of predetermined loads, each machine or (where the machine has two or more weighing units which each complete the weighing of the load independently) each weighing unit:-</p> <p>Capacity as marked on the machine:-</p>	
	Not exceeding 15kg or 500 ounce troy.....	£145.00
	Exceeding 15kg but not exceeding 100kg, exceeding 500 ounce troy but not exceeding 3000 ounce troy.....	£170.00
	Exceeding 100kg but not exceeding 1 tonne.....	£280.00
	Exceeding 1 tonne but not exceeding 10 tonne.....	£335.00
	Exceeding 10 tonne.....	£450.00
(a)	Totalising machines (other than automatic machines described above), each machine.....	£325.00
(b)		

## Schedule 1 Continued

(c)	All other weighing machines, each instrument or (if fitted with two or more indicating mechanisms) each weigh table or platform:-	
	Capacity as marked on the machine:-	
	Not exceeding 15kg or 500 ounce troy.....	£27.50
	Exceeding 15kg but not exceeding 100kg, exceeding 500 ounce troy but not exceeding 3000 ounce troy.....	£38.50
	Exceeding 100kg but not exceeding 1 tonne.....	£57.50
	Exceeding 1 tonne but not exceeding 10 tonne.....	£95.00
	Exceeding 1 tonne but not exceeding 10 tonne.....	£155.00
	Exceeding 10 tonne but not exceeding 30 tonne.....	£330.00
	Exceeding 30 tonne.....	£490.00
J.	<u>Measuring equipment for measuring liquid fuel in excess of 100 litres dispensed from road tankers:-</u>	
[1]	Meter measuring systems, each system:-	
	Basic Fee.....	£175.00
	Where more than one liquid is used in testing, for each additional liquid.....	£40.00
	Other tests (minimum charge 1/2 hour)	£37.00 per 1/2 hour

## Schedule 1 Continued

[2]	Dipstick measuring system:-	
	Replacement dipstick.....	On Application
	Spare dipstick (when tested on same occasion)..	
[3]	Replacement calibration chart.....	

## Schedule 2

### Weights and Measures Certification Fees

A.	<u>Fees for the purposes of Section 76 of the 1985 Act:-</u>	
[1]	For testing weighing or measuring equipment with a view to EEC initial or partial verification.....	150% of fee in Schedule 1 where applicable otherwise on application
[2]	For other services or facilities provided or for authorisations, certificates or other documents issued in pursuance of a community obligation.....	On Application
B.	<u>Fees for the purposes of Section 74(4) of the 1985 Act:-</u>	
[1]	Certificates to within Trade Tolerances	
	In addition to the fees scheduled below a charge will be made in respect of each certificate provided, each certificate.....	£48.00
	Equipment listed in Schedule 1.....	+ VAT
	Equipment not listed in Schedule 1 but analogous.....	Schedule 1 Fee + VAT
	Otherwise - per hour (15 minute increments).....	£72.50 As above
	Minimum charge.....	£36.00 + VAT
[2]	Certificated Mass Determinations up to and including Working Standard Accuracy per item...	£16.00 + VAT

## Schedule 2 Continued

[3]

### Miscellaneous Equipment

Other Weighing and Measuring Equipment  
Certified within stated tolerance limits  
(15 minute increments - minimum 1/2 hour).....

£75.15  
per hour  
+ Certificate  
+ VAT

Other Weighing and Measuring Equipment Error  
is determined and stated (15 minute increments -  
minimum 1/2 hour).....

£111.60  
  
per hour  
+ Certificate  
+ VAT

Where weighing or measuring equipment is submitted in such numbers that the time in testing is significantly reduced, fees calculated on an hourly basis may be chargeable.

### Schedule 3

**A. Fees for the purposes of Section 75(4) of the Agriculture Act 1970: samples of fertilisers and feeding stuffs taken at buyer's request.**

[1]	Sample taken from bulk or from bags totalling 1 tonne or less.....	£75.15 + VAT +Analyst's Fee (Including VAT)
[2]	Sample from bags totalling in excess of 1 tonne or if access is difficult.....	£150.30 + VAT +Analyst's Fee (Including VAT)

Note: This fee will be waived if the procurement of the sample furthers the enforcement aim of the Department.

**B. Fees for articles or samples submitted to the Public Analyst or a test centre at buyers request**

[1]	Where no special arrangements are made.....	£19.55 + VAT +Analyst's Fee (Including VAT)
[2]	Where special arrangements are made, the actual time spent at hourly rate.....	£75.15 per hour + VAT +Analyst's Fee (Including VAT)

## Schedule 4

### Other Work

**A. Hire of Equipment**

**Weights**

Rental per tonne per day  
(Interpolate as necessary)..... **£40.00 + VAT**

Minimum charge..... **£40.00 + VAT**

Surcharge for cleaning etc if returned dirty or damaged

Hirer responsible for collection and return

**B. Fees for any work not otherwise listed in Schedules 1 to 4  
and for which a charge is deemed to be payable..... **£75.00 per hour + VAT****

**C. Weighbridge Operators  
Competence Test Certificate..... **£57.50 + VAT****

Note: This charge does not apply to requests for tests of weighbridge operators  
using public weighing equipment.

**D. Petroleum Research Fee **£95.00 + VAT****