



Higg Facility Environmental Module (FEM) Verification Program

Fee Schedule for Verifier Bodies and Verifiers

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Summary

In order to become approved and conduct Higg FEM verifications, VBs pay fees under the following headers:

1. Verifier Body Application/Renewal Fees
2. Verifier Application/Renewal/Training Fees
3. Higg FEM Verification Access Fee
4. Worldly Platform Subscription Fees

Each of these fee specifications are outlined in the following sections.

Verifier Body Application/Renewal Fees (USD)

	Non-Member Price	Cascale Member Price
VB Application	\$3,000 (\$500 Non-refundable application fee + US\$2,500 program fee)	\$500
Annual Program Fee ⁽¹⁾	\$3,000	\$0

(1) If a VB becomes approved and pays the initial program fee after June 30th, the annual program fee for the following year shall be due June 30th. In subsequent years, the annual fee shall be due on March 31st each year.

Verifier Application/Renewal/Training Fees (USD)

Application & Renewals	Non-Member Price	Cascale Member Price
Verifier Application	\$250	\$200
Chemical Specialist Verifier Application	\$100	\$80
Verifier Training Fee	\$1,625	\$1,300
Annual Renewal	\$400	\$320
Verifier Status Reactivation (if expired without reason)	\$200	\$200
Training	Non-Member Price	Cascale Member Price
Higg FEM Verifier	\$1625	\$1,300

Higg FEM Chemical Specialist Verifier (Full Learning Plan)	\$2,188	\$1,750
Higg FEM Chemical Specialist Verifier – Add on (for General Verifier) ⁽¹⁾	\$563	\$450
Verifier Add-on (for Approved Trainers) ⁽¹⁾	\$183	\$150
Re-Exam – Higg FEM Verifier ⁽²⁾	\$400	\$320
Re-Exam – Higg FEM Chemical Specialist Verifier ⁽²⁾	\$200	\$160

(1) Please contact FEM@Sumerra.com for instructions for how to properly order an add-on within STEP.

(2) The cost of the initial exam is included in the training prices noted above. However, if a candidate fails the initial exam and re-applies after 6 months as per the requirements, they must pay the application fee as noted above, as well as a re-exam fee as noted in the table.

Higg FEM Verification Access Fee (USD)

	Member & Non-Member Price
Higg FEM Verification Access Fee ⁽¹⁾	\$350 per Verification

(1) VBs are required to collect the Higg FEM Verification Access Fee from the facility and pass on to Cascale for each completed verification.

(2) From Calendar Year 2026, VAF will increase to US\$350 from US\$300.

(3) Please review this page for latest details on fee exemptions:

<https://howtohigg.cascale.org/verification/fem-verification-program/>

(4) Cascale Member Manufacturer exemption list can be accessed here:

<https://link.sumerra.com/cascale-facility-check>

(5) VBs shall inform facilities of this Verification fee and include this fee as an itemized cost in the Verification agreement established with the facility.

Worldly Platform Subscription Fees

- VBs will be automatically activated on the Worldly platform upon account registration and approval. See here for [account registration instructions](#).
- VBs will be required to purchase a Worldly VB Subscription Plan that allows for Higg FEM Module shares which are required for Verification. Worldly offers the following three subscription plans for VBs:
 - **Unlimited Shares:** US\$13,000/year for unlimited Higg Index module shares received (includes Higg FEM, FSLM, and BRM).
 - **Note:** Affiliate Members of Cascale may receive a 50% discount on this subscription.
 - **26-100 Shares:** US\$6,000/year for up to 100 Higg Index module shares received (includes Higg FEM, FSLM, and BRM).

- **0-25 Shares:** US\$3,000/year for up to 25 Higg Index module shares received (includes Higg FEM, FSLM, and BRM).
- If a VB exceeds the number of shares in their subscription plan, they will be required to upgrade their subscription to be allocated more module shares.
- Email vbsubscriptions@worldly.io for additional subscription plan information or to upgrade your account.
- For all other inquiries and FAQs, visit Worldly's [Customer Support](#) page.
- Note: these fees are directly charged by Worldly to the VB. These fees are not payable to Cascale.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

[Requirements for Verifier Bodies and Verifiers](#)

DOCUMENT CHANGE LOG

Date	Section	Summary of Changes
2021-12-29 FEMSFS2021121.0	n/a	Original Document
2024-05-15 FEMFS2024051.1	Worldly Platform Subscription Plans	Added details on subscription plans for member and non-member VBs
	New Section - Higg FEM Verification Access Fee	Added details on the Higg FEM Verification Access Fee.
2025-10-31 FEMFS2025101.2	Verification Access Fee	Verification Access Fee increased to \$350, website link updated
2026-02-12	Summary and Worldly Subscription Plans	Added a Summary section Updated Worldly Subscription Plan information.