

The Environmental Regulation (Scotland) Charging Scheme Amendment (No 3) 2025

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency in exercise of its powers under:

- section 41 of the Environment Act 1995, and
- regulations 11 and 18(4)(b) of, and Schedule 5 to, the Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011, and

with the approval of the Scottish Ministers, makes the following amendment to the Environmental Regulation (Scotland) Charging Scheme 2018.

1 Citation, extent and commencement

This charging scheme amendment shall:

- 1.1 be referred to as the Environmental Regulation (Scotland) Charging Scheme Amendment (No 3) 2025;
- 1.2 apply only to Scotland;
- 1.3 come into force on **1 June 2025**; and
- 1.4 remain in force until revoked.

2 Amendment to the Environmental Regulation (Scotland) Charging Scheme 2018

- 2.1 The Environmental Regulation (Scotland) Charging Scheme 2018 is amended in accordance with this paragraph.

2.1.1 In paragraph 9 (Interpretation of this part)

- (a) replace the definition of “Environmental Assessment Scheme” with

“Environmental Assessment Scheme” means the scheme with that title made by SEPA on **8 July 2025** (version 4).

- (b) replace the definition of “environmental score” with

“environmental score” means the score in relation to each environmental category attributable to the authorised activities –

- (a) calculated in accordance with the Environmental Assessment Scheme; and
- (b) published in the Table of Environmental Scores, except in the following cases where the score will be notified to the operator by SEPA –
- (i) where an authorisation is granted after the publication of the Table of Environmental Scores;
 - (ii) where a variation is granted which would affect the score by more than 50%;
 - (iii) where a score has been omitted from publication in the Table of Environmental Scores, in error;
 - (iv) where there is an error in the calculation of a score published in the Table of Environmental Scores;

- (c) replace the definition of “Table of Environmental Scores” with

“Table of Environmental Scores” means the table of environmental scores made by SEPA on **8 July 2025** (version 3) as amended or replaced from time to time.

If you would like this document in an accessible format, such as large print, audio recording or braille, please contact SEPA by emailing equalities@sepa.org.uk