

4.9.1 Flood and Coastal Risk Management

The proposed permit categories and baseline charges for flood and coastal risk management can be found in the tables of charges in the schedule to the charging scheme. Charges relating to permitting applications are in Part 1.1 of the application charges table; annual compliance charges are found in Part 2.1 of the subsistence charges table.

There will be significant increases to application and subsistence charges. The current charge scheme introduced an interim flat rate application and subsistence charge that only covered costs for the simplest applications. The new charge scheme will better reflect the true costs of determining permits and monitoring compliance, and reduce reliance on taxpayer funding.

Our proposals include a basic pre-application service as part of handling applications for flood risk activity permits. Therefore routine applications will not incur any pre-application charges. However if the pre-application work requires an enhanced service this will be charged on a time and materials basis.

We also propose a four category model for compliance. Broadly speaking, the level of regulatory effort reflects the risk associated with the application, with more assessment/monitoring taking place for higher risk applications.