



## Public Authorities

### Administrative Fee Information and FAQs - 2023

CDP requests an administrative fee (plus any applicable taxes) from public authorities responding to the 2023 Public Authorities Questionnaire. Disclosing through CDP offers benefits including access to actionable insights, a standardized way to share data with stakeholders and investors, and opportunities to stay one step ahead of future environmental regulation.

In order to support CDP's disclosure system and mission as a not-for-profit organization, public authorities responding to CDP are asked to pay the **foundation fee**. Details of the foundation fee are available below. Public authorities not in a position to pay this should contact the Public Authorities team about the essential fee option ([publicauthorities@cdp.net](mailto:publicauthorities@cdp.net)).

Please note that fees are payable once annually regardless of how many questionnaire themes the responding organization chooses to disclose to, i.e. climate change, forests, water security, public authorities.

#### ***Foundation level fee***

This option covers the full cost of operating the CDP disclosure system for your public authority and contributes to the ongoing maintenance and development of the platform and materials.

#### Benefits:

1. Report through CDP platform
2. Use CDP suite of tools (reporting frameworks and guidance)
3. Communications opportunities resulting from disclosing through CDP
4. Pre-paid entry / priority registration to one regional CDP event, where applicable

# Costs

**2023 Fees** (exclusive of any applicable local taxes).

Company headquarters	Essential fee	Foundation fee	Enhanced fee
UK	n/a	£2,200	£5,400
Western Europe	n/a	€2,675	€6,480
Japan	¥ 106,000	¥ 295,000	¥ 702,000
China	CN¥7,800	CN¥19,400	CN¥48,900
Brazil	R\$6.060,00	R\$9.085,00	R\$13.010,00
Latin America (excluding Brazil)	US\$1,055	US\$1,650	US\$2,300
India	₹86,400	₹2,16,000	₹5,40,000
North America	n/a	US\$2,950	US\$6,950
Southeast Asia, South Korea, Australia or New Zealand	n/a	US\$2,950	US\$6,950
Hong Kong or Taiwan (China)	n/a	US\$2,950	US\$6,950
Other countries	US\$ 1,055	US\$2,950	US\$6,950

You can find answers to some common questions about the admin fee below. Please contact your [local CDP office](#) if you have any further queries.

## Frequently asked questions

### Why did CDP introduce a fee?

The admin fee was introduced in 2016. As a not-for-profit organization we have relied on funding from a range of sources including philanthropic and government grants, sponsorship and fees for services. To deliver our services at the necessary global scale, we require a small contribution to our costs from those participating in our systems.

### What are the benefits to responding companies?

Disclosure provides a framework that helps companies build their understanding of environmental risks and identify possible gaps in organizational processes and strategies to tackle these. Disclosers benefit from actionable insight, the ability to benchmark against peers and a trusted score that can be communicated to investors, stakeholders and customers alike.

Find out more about the [benefits of disclosure through CDP](#).

### What action is being driven by CDP responses?

In 2023, 746 signatories with over US\$136 trillion in assets are requesting information from over 18,500 companies while 280+ major purchasing companies requested environmental data from over 47,000 of their suppliers.

There is significant demand for the data CDP collects and this is growing. Stakeholders across capital markets, governments, corporates, non-profits, academics etc. use this data to make key decisions. By contributing their own data, companies gain access to the entire pool of powerful environmental data.

### What is the payment procedure?

When submitting responses through CDP's online response system, companies can pay by credit card or generate an invoice to pay via their CDP dashboard (under the "Payments" block). Here you will have the option to choose the relevant admin fee.

Note, only the Main User for your company can raise an admin fee invoice. For more detailed instructions, please see our guidance document, [how to process the admin fee](#).

### **Why are fees changing in 2023?**

The world has changed considerably since we first pioneered environmental disclosure over twenty years ago and CDP is extremely proud of the progress we've made together. Taking action requires investment from companies, even when they face challenging economic conditions. While we face rising operational costs too, we remain committed to providing you with actionable insights and a trusted score that you can communicate to investors, stakeholders and customers.

We review our pricing annually and have not increased disclosure prices globally since 2016. In light of sustained inflationary pressures, we will be increasing the admin fee for participating in the disclosure process by approximately 8% from 2023.

### **Will the fee remain the same in future years?**

CDP prices are reviewed annually in line with the disclosure cycle.

### **Are there any companies exempt from paying the admin fee?**

Belarus, Russia, and Ukraine are currently exempt from paying the admin fee.