



Variation in IS Rating Fee Model | Our approach to long-term sustainability

Our members have been clear and consistent in expressing their vision for a positive future, where all infrastructure enables social, cultural, environmental and economic benefits. They have told us that the repeatability and comparability enabled by the IS Rating Scheme continues to be of strategic importance to them.

In a recent strategic business review, the Infrastructure Sustainability Council (the ISC) identified that we have an enduring plan with relevant goals and objectives. The review also identified that action is needed to secure long-term financial stability, continue to invest in our strategic asset, the IS Rating Scheme and fund high-priority initiatives that our members value.

Market Requirements	Market Challenges
Assurance with good governance	Inflationary pressure and program delays
Well-supported rating partnerships	Supply chain shortages and market capability constraints
Continuous improvement in outcomes	Increased demand for ESG & assured performance data
Well-maintained tools driving best practice	Legislated targets, mandatory disclosures
Greater efficiency and cost-effectiveness	Sustainability skill scarcity
Easy access to assured performance data	Shifting benchmarks

Supporting impact and valued outcomes

We have considered the market requirements, business challenges and member feedback. To continue to be a sustainable long-term partner, we are committed to:

- Maintaining a strong service culture to support partners engage and deliver demonstrable outcomes using the IS Rating Scheme
- Progressing high-priority initiatives like:
 - Net-Zero
 - Resilience
 - Inclusivity
 - Aligned ESG reporting
- Into the future, investing in the IS Rating Scheme to:
 - Introduce process efficiencies
 - Advance and improve benchmarks
 - Improve access to asset and sector-wide data
 - Develop a Scheme-wide digital platform

Why is the model changing?

Since the inception of the IS Rating Scheme, demand for sustainability performance assurance of infrastructure assets has grown significantly. To encourage this positive uptake, the ISC has supported the sector by investing in broadening of the Scheme and expanding our learning portfolio, while limiting substantive increases to our IS Rating fees.

For our long-term financial sustainability to deliver on our purpose, it is now time for us to adjust our IS Rating fee model. These variations underpin good governance, well-supported rating partnerships, future process efficiencies and reporting capabilities, as well as the continued investment in our standards to drive best practice.

What is changing?

To more accurately reflect the costs of IS Design and As-Built Rating certification, there is a price increase plus annual support fees will come into effect for all new rating agreements executed after 30 June 2023. The full table of rating fees is published on our website.

Current model and fee structure (to 30 June 2023)	New model and fee structure (from 1 July 2023)
IS Rating Registration <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Registration of asset for certification• Access to all IS Rating Scheme IP• Kick-off activities<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Establish rating parameters- Materiality assessment- Base case approach	IS Rating Registration <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Registration of asset for certification• Access to all IS Rating Scheme IP• Kick-off activities:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Establish rating parameters- Materiality assessment- Base case approach
Lump Sum Technical Support <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monthly status and support meeting• Up to 2 Technical Clarifications or Credit Interpretations Requests	Annual Technical Support <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monthly status and support meeting• Up to 2 Technical Clarifications or Credit Interpretations Requests per annum
Assurance & Certification <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Independent verification of performance evidence• Certification of sustainability performance	Assurance & Certification <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Independent verification of performance evidence• Certification of sustainability performance

Like to know more?

Engaging and working with our members underpins all that we do. There are several ways for you to learn more about these changes and what they mean for you:

Request a meeting
info@iscouncil.org

**Review FAQs and
IS Rating fee schedule**
www.iscouncil.org/IS_Ratings

Attend a briefing session
www.iscouncil.org/events

We are committed to working with you on driving global best practice in infrastructure by accurately quantifying and consistently comparing sustainability performance.