

The Government of Greenland's Executive Order on fees for the authorisation and reimbursement of costs for case processing in connection with preliminary studies and exploitation of hydropower for energy production

Pursuant to section 12(2) of Greenland Parliament Act No. 5 of 27 November 2018 on the Exploitation of Hydropower for Energy Production, it is hereby established:

Obligation to pay

Section 1. Those with an obligation to pay under this Executive Order are:

- 1) Rights holders under the Greenland Parliament Act on the Exploitation of Hydropower for Energy Production.
- 2) Applicants for authorisation to carry out feasibility studies on hydropower for energy production.
- 3) Applicants for authorisation to exploit hydropower for energy production.

Statement of costs

Section 2. Costs for case processing, including supervision, are calculated based on the number of hours recorded as having been spent on each task.

Subsection 2. The hourly rate shall be determined based on the average cost of the staff's wages involved in the processing of the case, plus a proportion of the other administrative costs associated with the processing of the case for the financial year in question.

Subsection 3. Costs may include studies, consultancy services, including assistance from other authorities, business travel, meals and accommodation, interpretation and translation services, which may be charged to the case processing of individual tasks.

Fee for authorisation to carry out a feasibility study

Section 3. A fee of DKK 10,000 shall be paid for an application for authorisation for a feasibility study of hydropower for energy production pursuant to section 4 of the Greenland Parliament Act on the Exploitation of Hydropower for Energy Production.

Subsection 2. The application will be rejected if it is not accompanied by proof of payment of the fee.

Subsection 3. If it is decided not to process the application, the fee will be refunded to the applicant.

Section 4. A fee of DKK 25,000 is payable for granting authorisation for a feasibility study under section 4 of the Greenland Parliament Act on the Exploitation of Hydropower for Energy Production.

Subsection 2. A fee of DKK 25,000 is payable for granting an extension of the authorisation period under section 4(2) of the Greenland Parliament Act on the Exploitation of Hydropower for Energy Production.

Subsection 3. In exceptional cases, the fee referred to in subsection 1 may be reduced to DKK 5,000 if the Government of Greenland considers that the feasibility study is short and of limited scope.

Subsection 4. An authorisation granted is not valid until the fee has been paid.

Fee for the authorisation of exploitation

Section 5. A fee of DKK 50,000 is payable for an application for authorisation to exploit hydropower for the production of energy under section 5 of the Greenland Parliament Act on the Exploitation of Hydropower for Energy Production.

Subsection 2. The application will be rejected if it is not accompanied by proof of payment of the fee.

Section 6. A fee of DKK 100,000 is payable for granting authorisation for exploitation under section 5 of the Greenland Parliament Act on the Exploitation of Hydropower for Energy Production.

Subsection 2. An authorisation granted is not valid until the fee has been paid.

Fee adjustment

Section 7. The fees in sections 3-6 are adjusted annually on 1 January based on the latest published consumer price index for Greenland (January 2020).

Information on the scope of case processing

Section 8. Once a year, the Government of Greenland informs those with an obligation to pay about the expected scope of the case processing in the following year as a result of the planned hydropower activities.

Subsection 2. If, during the year, there are significant changes to the information provided pursuant to subsection 1, or if the volume of processing significantly exceeds that which would typically result from the planned hydropower activities, the persons with an obligation to pay shall be informed thereof as soon as possible.

Charging for costs

Section 9. The Government of Greenland may issue periodic provisional charges for the costs of processing cases.

Subsection 2. At the end of a financial year, the Government of Greenland prepares a final statement of the amounts to be paid for that year. This amount shall be adjusted by provisional amounts paid and by amounts paid as fees under sections 3 to 6.

Payment deadline

Section 10. Payment of any amount due under this Executive Order shall be made within 30 days of the demand for payment being sent. However, authorisation application fees shall be paid as outlined in sections 3-6.

Subsection 2. If the amount due is not paid on time, interest will be charged in accordance with the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act, etc.

Section 11. The Executive Order enters into force on 17 June 2022.

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