



# Safe Electric Charging Statement

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Safe Electric is a statutory scheme for the regulation of Registered Electrical Contractors with respect to safety. The scheme is operated by a Safety Supervisory Body (SSB) in accordance with legislation. The currently designated Electrical Safety Supervisory Body is Safe Energy Ireland Ltd.

1.2 This document sets out a Charging Statement which sets out the principles and methods used by Safe Energy Ireland to determine charges related to the regulation of registered electrical contractors with respect to safety. The document ensures transparency, fairness, and compliance with relevant legislation.

1.3 An electronic version of this document can be obtained by visiting the Safe Electric website.

1.4 Further information on the Safe Electric scheme and the information contained within this document can be obtained on the scheme website.

## 2.0 REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Safe Electric is a statutory scheme for the regulation of Registered Electrical Contractors with respect to safety. The scheme is operated by a Safety Supervisory Body (SSB) in accordance with legislation. The currently designated Electrical Safety Supervisory Body is Safe Energy Ireland Ltd.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the SSB designation agreement (The Agreement).

2.1. This Charging Statement will be approved by the Commission for Regulation of Utilities before it takes effect. Subsequent modifications to the charging methodology will be submitted to the Commission if such modifications are deemed to better achieve the relevant Charging Statement objectives.

2.2 Safe Energy Ireland Ltd. shall review its Charging Statement at least once in each calendar year and, subject to its license, make modifications to the Charging Statement for the purpose of ensuring that it better achieves the relevant charging methodology objectives.

2.3 Where modifications are proposed by Safe Energy Ireland Ltd. to this charging methodology these will be submitted to the Commission for approval. The Commission may amend any proposed changes to the methodology before the changes would otherwise take effect.

2.4 In this Charging Statement, unless the context requires otherwise, capitalised words and expressions have the meaning ascribed to them in the Electrical Criteria Document available on our website at:

<https://safeelectric.ie/faq>

2.5 This Charging Statement applies from 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

2.6 As a minimum the charging methodology has to comply with the agreement which underpins the current safety supervisory body designation.

2.7 In addition to this minimum set of relevant objectives Safe Energy Ireland has its own objectives for the charging methodology. These are that the membership and certificate charges should:

- a) Be simple to understand and implement; and
- b) Be proportional, where appropriate, to the activity and size of the member organisation.

### 3.0 OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARGING STATEMENT

The objectives of this charging methodology are:

- To ensure cost recovery for the services provided by the Safe Electric scheme
- To promote transparency and understanding of the charges among stakeholders.
- To encourage efficient and safe practices among registered electrical contractors.

## 4.0 SCOPE OF CHARGES

The charges covered in this methodology include:

- Certificates
- Inspections
- Membership Fees
- Application Fees

## 5.0 COST CATEGORIES

The key driver of the fees set out in this document is cost reflectivity. The costs presented in the table below contains the following parameters:

- The categories of operational costs incurred in 2023
- The allocation of each of these cost categories in percentage terms across the fee categories set out in Section 4
- The actual 2023 outturn costs per cost category
- The actual 2023 outturn costs per cost category allocated to each fee category set out in Section 4

Electrical	2023 Costs	Certificates	Membership	Applications	Inspections
Costs - Postage and printing	92,864	89.0%	8.0%	2.0%	1.0%
Costs - Financial charges	44,794	54.0%	42.0%	1.0%	3.0%
Costs - Insurance	42,148	54.0%	42.0%	1.0%	3.0%
Costs - Data & Hardware	157,835	54.0%	42.0%	1.0%	3.0%
Costs - Other IT and digitalisation	-	90.0%	0.0%	4.0%	6.0%
Costs - Salaries; Back office	402,295	54.0%	42.0%	1.0%	3.0%
Costs - Salaries; Administration & Support	246,526	54.0%	42.0%	1.0%	3.0%
Costs - Salaries; Field	1,329,261	54.0%	42.0%	1.0%	3.0%
Costs - Expenses; full-time employed	213,831	54.0%	42.0%	1.0%	3.0%
Costs - Expenses; contracted staff	51,140	54.0%	42.0%	1.0%	3.0%
Costs - Certificate purchases	70,408	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Costs - Professional Qualifications	15,306	54.0%	42.0%	1.0%	3.0%
Costs - QA, Internal Audit, External Certification	28,000	54.0%	42.0%	1.0%	3.0%
Costs - Multi Meters Change to Field Equipme	-	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Costs - Content Management	16,549	40.0%	40.0%	10.0%	10.0%
Costs - Premises	77,728	54.0%	42.0%	1.0%	3.0%
Costs - Professional fees	40,000	54.0%	42.0%	1.0%	3.0%
Costs - Expenses; office & admin	60,275	54.0%	42.0%	1.0%	3.0%
Costs - Expenses; part-time employed	23,559	54.0%	42.0%	1.0%	3.0%
Costs - Director fees	14,000	54.0%	42.0%	1.0%	3.0%
Costs - Engagement with members	20,636	40.0%	40.0%	10.0%	10.0%
Costs - Exit costs	-	54.0%	42.0%	1.0%	3.0%
Costs- External Training	11,269	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Costs - ICT Annual Costs	355,088	54.0%	42.0%	1.0%	3.0%
Costs - IT Depreciation	4,487	54.0%	42.0%	1.0%	3.0%
Costs - Depreciation	-	54.0%	42.0%	1.0%	3.0%

## 6.0 STATEMENT FOR CALCULATING CHARGES

Charges are calculated based on the following principles:

- **Cost Reflectivity:** Charges reflect the actual costs incurred in providing the service.
- **Equity:** Charges are applied fairly across all contractors.
- **Simplicity:** The charging structure is straightforward and easy to understand.

The principles above are subsumed into a pricing structure by taking the current prices in combination with the 2025 projected volumes and revenue and contrasting this against the recovery entitlement in the Contract Revenue Stream set out in the SSB Designation Agreement. The impact of the 2025 projected volumes on the 2025 prices is set out in the table below:

Category	Item	2024 Price ex VAT	*2025 Forecast Volumes	2025 Forecasted Revenue	2025 Nominal CRS	Required uplift	2025 proposed Price ex VAT
Certificate 1	Electrical Installations <50 kVACert 1 INTERIM (Temporary)	41.40	1655	68,517.00	76,108	1.11	45.95
	Electrical Installations <50 kVA Book of 1	20.70	350	7,245.00	8,048	1.11	22.98
	Electrical Installations <50 kVA Book of 5	103.49	593	61,369.57	68,168	1.11	114.87
	Electrical Installations <50 kVA Book of 10	170.91	543	92,804.13	103,053	1.11	189.71
Certificate 2	Electrical Installations <50 kVA Book of 25	399.00	292	116,508.00	129,383	1.11	442.89
	Electrical Installations >50 kVACert 2 INTERIM (Temporary)	97.19	341	33,141.79	36,545	1.10	106.91
Certificate 3	Electrical Installations >50 kVACert 2 INTERIM (Temporary)	37.03	411	15,219.33	16,905	1.11	41.10
	Electrical Alterations (including additions & extensions) Book of 10	49.28	2588	127,536.64	143,724	1.13	55.69
TRS	Electrical Alterations (including additions & extensions) Book of 50	246.40	2321	571,894.40	645,165	1.13	278.43
	Test Record Sheets Book of 25	9.52	2144	20,410.88	21,892	1.07	10.19
NSAI	Test Record Sheets Book of 50	19.04	3247	61,822.88	66,357	1.07	20.37
	Test Record Sheets Continuation Book of 25	9.52	1403	13,356.56	14,322	1.07	10.19
Electronic Certificates - Cert 1	Periodic Reports Book of 10	44.34	2235	99,099.90	106,992	1.08	47.89
Electronic Certificates - Cert 2	Electrical Installations <50 kVA	20.70	31551	653,105.70	702,718	1.08	22.36
	Electrical Installations >50 kVA	97.19	812	78,918.28	84,575	1.07	103.99
Registrations - Renewals	Annual Renewal (0-10)	396.48	3277	1,299,264.96	1,426,753	1.10	436.13
	Annual Renewal (10-50)	624.96	307	191,862.72	203,276	1.06	662.46
	Annual Renewal (>50)	934.08	57	53,242.56	62,195	1.17	1092.87
Registrations - New	New Application Fee	84.00	314	26,376.00	28,446	1.08	90.72
Inspections	Follow Up Inspections	201.60	256	51,609.60	145,556	1.15	231.84
	Change of Contractor	280.00	268	75,040.00			322.00
Seals	Clicklock seals	19.00	350	6,650.00		1.10	20.90
Stickers	Large sticker	2.00	400	800.00		1.10	2.20
	Small sticker	1.00	470	470.00		1.10	1.10

Note: \*The projected 2025 volumes for Electrical Products & Services is based on the 2023 volume outturn and supported by historic volume trends.

## 7.0 DETAILED CHARGE DESCRIPTIONS

The section below sets out the key cost drivers associated with the fees and charges set out in Section 4.

### 7.1 Certificates

- Description: Charges related to the sale of completion certificates.
- Calculation Method: Based on the administrative and processing costs involved.

### 7.2 Inspections

- Description: Charges for safety inspections conducted by the supervisory body.
- Calculation Method: Includes costs for staff time, travel, and reporting.

### 7.3 Membership Fees

- Description: Annual fees for registered electrical contractors.
- Calculation Method: Covers operational costs and benefits provided to members.

## 7.4 Application Fees

- Description: Fees for processing new applications.
- Calculation Method: Based on administrative costs incurred during processing.

## 8.0 CONSULTATION AND FEEDBACK

Safe Electric seeks to engage with stakeholders through regular consultations. Feedback on the charging methodology is welcomed and can be submitted to [info@safeelectric.ie](mailto:info@safeelectric.ie).

## 9.0 REVIEW AND UPDATES

This Charging Statement will be reviewed annually as required to ensure its effectiveness and compliance with regulatory changes.

## 10 CONTACT INFORMATION

For any inquiries or feedback regarding this statement, please contact [info@safeelectric.ie](mailto:info@safeelectric.ie)

## 11 2025 PRODUCT CHANGES

This section outlines changes to certificate and other products for 2025 which will be of note to Registered Electrical Contractors.

- Agricultural Certificates - Deprecated
  - Beginning in January 2025, Agricultural Certificates will be deprecated and will not be offered for sale either on paper or electronically. A Cert 1, Cert 2 or Cert 3 only should be issued for all TAMS grant applications as appropriate and all other use cases for Agricultural certs.
- Reconnection Certificate – New
  - Upon launch, a new certificate type will be available on the Electronic Certification System for reconnections. This certificate will be a variant of Cert 1 or Cert 2 in situations where test only would previously have been used on existing certificates or where no DSO involvement is required.