

Membership Fees & Levies



At Valpak, we work hard to ensure that our compliance costs remain competitive. We also work closely with our reprocessor partners to create a strong platform for compliance throughout the year. Please contact us on **08450 682 572** if you would like us to calculate a cost forecast for you.

Membership Fees

Membership fees cover the cost of taking on your legal liability and includes the administration costs of checking and verifying your data, auditing, training workshops and purchasing the necessary evidence to offset your packaging obligation in accordance with environmental agency requirements.

Packaging Compliance Scheme members pay a flat membership fee based on the level of their obligation, which is invoiced quarterly across the year.

Please note that some other schemes will claim that they do not have a joining fee. However, they are likely to have a membership fee or annual administrative charge instead.

Annual Valpak Membership Fee Bandings

| Membership Fee | Bandings |
|----------------|----------------------|
| £400 | *SME |
| £500 | 0 - 400 tonnes |
| £750 | 401 - 1,000 tonnes |
| £1,000 | 1,001 - 2,000 tonnes |
| £1,500 | 2,001 - 4,000 tonnes |
| £2,500 | > 4,000 tonnes |

*SME refers to obligated producers, with a turnover below £5 million, who have chosen to submit via the 'small producer allocation method', where there is no requirement to provide detailed packaging data.

Members of Valpak's Packaging Compliance Scheme also enjoy a **15% discount** on our WEEE and Batteries Compliance Scheme membership fees.

Group Membership (Multi Submission)

If you have several companies in your group it can be more economic to register as a group and save having to pay multiple agency registration fees.

Valpak can accept individual data sets from group businesses, making it easier for groups to check data accuracy. It also enables us to produce invoice breakdowns, which can help businesses to recharge their individual business units if required.



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Annual Agency Registration Fee

All obligated companies are required to pay an annual registration fee, which is passed directly to the relevant agency. Members are registered with the Environment Agency (EA) in England & Wales, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) in Scotland, or the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA).

| | EA | SEPA | NIEA |
|---|------|------|------|
| SME | £345 | £345 | £564 |
| Other producers | £564 | £564 | £776 |
| Subsidiary costs | | | |
| First 4 subsidiaries | £180 | £180 | £180 |
| 5th to 20th subsidiaries | £90 | £90 | £90 |
| 21st and subsequent subsidiaries | £45 | £45 | £45 |
| No subsidiary charges apply to SME members | | | |
| Additional Agency fees | | | |
| Late registration fee | £110 | £110 | £110 |
| Re submission fee | £220 | £220 | £220 |

Material Levy

This represents the cost incurred by Valpak to obtain Packaging Waste Recovery Notes (PRNs) on your behalf. The cost to your company will depend on the tonnage and materials that make up your company's net obligation*.

The latest material levy forecasts for 2012, as of October, are as follows:

| Material | 2012 Budget | 2012 Target |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Paper | £2.00 | £1.50 |
| Glass | £12.50 | £10.00 |
| Aluminium | £15.00 | £10.00 |
| Steel | £9.00 | £5.00 |
| Plastic | £7.50 | £5.00 |
| Wood | £2.50 | £1.50 |
| General Recovery | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| General Recycling | £3.00 | £1.50 |

The higher set of levy rates shown above are the numbers we would advise you to use for budgeting purposes. The lower levy rates are our anticipated full year costs for 2012 which we would advise you to use when comparing us to other schemes.

If your company is able to obtain PRNs, it may be possible to use these to offset part, or all, of your total obligation. Your net obligation represents the remaining tonnage, for which you require Valpak to obtain evidence on your behalf. If you think this applies to your company, please call **08450 682 572 for more details before joining.*

