

GSTC Recognition Fee Schedule

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1. Fees for Recognition

Fee type	Charged for	Amount (USD)
New application to gain GSTC-Recognition	\$8,000	Payment required with submitted application
Two applications submitted at the same time from one organization for two sets of similar standards*	\$9,800	The two sets of standards <i>must be</i> very similar to apply this fee; if not, two separate \$8,000 fees will apply
Formal Recognition of the GSTC Standard being applied as policy	\$4,500	Applies to the national, provincial, or municipal level when GSTC Standard is used "verbatim"
Resubmission of an application	\$1,750 minimum plus additional fees as needed at a daily rate of \$850	Applies when there were five or more conditions set by the Recognition Decision Making Committee before the initial application can proceed
Consultation with a GSTC Technical Assessor prior to submission of an application	\$500 for a conference call of up to 3 hours	Provides support in how to complete the application and provides a non-binding assessment of the likelihood of success of the application
Presentation of compliance to GSTC Standard following revisions to a previously-Recognized set of standards	\$1,750 minimum plus additional fees as needed at a daily rate of \$850	Time required by GSTC to determine compliance based on the clarity of the evidence provided and the size and complexity of the revisions
Presentation of compliance to GSTC Standard following revisions to the GSTC Standard	\$350 minimum plus additional fees as needed at a daily rate of \$850	Typically, every five years. Requires use of GSTC's reporting form. Additional charges are applied to cases in which reporting is not clearly stated, and/or is not provided in GSTC's reporting form.
Annual maintenance fees	GSTC Membership fee includes cost annual maintenance of Recognition	Normal GSTC membership fees apply according to the relevant membership category

Refund policy: Applications withdrawn prior to completion may be eligible for a partial refund based on the costs not yet incurred by GSTC and minus a handling fee of \$250

* Two sets of similar standards must be under the same scope. GSTC Hotel Standard, Tour Operator Standard, GSTC Destination Standard, GSTC MICE Standard, and GSTC Attraction Standard will not be under the same scope. (e.g. two sets of similar standards for GSTC-I for Hotels will be under the same scope.)

For more inquiries, please contact recognition@gstc.org