

EXPRESS APPLICATION REVIEW FEES

Permit Programs the Legislation specifically identifies for availability of Express Review. *Express meetings are by appointment.*
The fees for express review of these permit applications are as follows:

Chart 1: State Stormwater, 401 & Buffer Permitting, Erosion/Sedimentation & Coastal Management

Permit Type	Express Application Fees	Standard Fees	Express Notes	Express Process Time	Application Processing Location				
State Stormwater ¹	New Permit	\$4,000 ² High Density	New High Density permits (only) will expire 8 years later after issuance. [15A NCAC 02H.1040(4)(b)] A project with outstanding violations may not be accepted.	~30 calendar days	Region				
		\$2,000 Low Density							
		\$2,000 Offsite							
		\$1,000 General Permit							
		\$500 Redevelopment Exclusions							
		\$500 Exemption							
	Major Modification	\$4,000 ² High Density				\$505	A project with outstanding violations may not be accepted.	~30 calendar days	Region
		\$2,000 Low Density							
		\$2,000 Offsite							
		\$1,000 General Permit							
		\$500 Redevelopment Exclusions							
		\$500 Exemption							
	Minor Modification	\$1,500 High Density	A project with outstanding violations may not be accepted.	~30 calendar days	Region				
		\$1,000 Low Density							
		\$750 Offsite							
		\$750 General Permit							
		\$500 Redevelopment Exclusions							
		\$500 Exemption							
	Rescission Request	\$500 Any Permit Type							
Learn more about the State Stormwater Program and fees.									
Stream Origination Certification including Intermittent vs. Perennial Determinations	\$200 for 1-2 calls/property	No fee (60 days)				*Stream origin (intermittent vs. perennial stream) calls of more than 20/property would follow a similar schedule	~ 9 working days	Region	
	\$500 for 3-6 calls/property								
	\$1000 for 7-9 calls/property								
	\$1200 for 10-12 calls/property*								
	\$1500 for 13-16 calls/property*								
	\$2000 for 17-20 calls/property*								
Water Quality Certifications, Including Isolated Wetland Permits & Riparian Buffer Variance (Var.)	\$1000 Minor \$2000 Major	\$240 Minor	Minor project: < 1 acre of wetlands/ < 150 linear feet of stream impact Major project: impacts higher than above thresholds	~ 30 calendar days	Region				
	\$1000 Isolated Wetland General Permit	\$570 Major							
	\$2000 Riparian Buffer Approval								
	\$1000 Coastal General Major Variance \$500 Minor Variance	No fee	Tar-Pamlico & Neuse Basin, only for now		Region				
Learn more about the 401 & Buffer Permitting Branch and fees.									

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Erosion and Sedimentation Control	\$250 per acre up to 8 acres at a maximum fee of \$2000; plus \$65 per acre (unlimited)	\$65 per acre disturbed		~ 3 working days	Region
Learn more about the Erosion / Sedimentation Control Program and fees.					
CAMA (Major only)	\$2000	\$400	Limited up to 4 boat slips (including existing and proposed); no NEW dredging projects, No maintenance dredging unless previously permitted	~ 30 calendar days	Region
Learn more about the Coastal Management Program and fees.					

Note: The legislation allows additional fees, not to exceed 50% of the original express review permit application fee, to be charged for subsequent reviews due to the insufficiency of the permit applications.

Multiple Express Permit Fees:

When an applicant requests express review of more than one type of permit application associated with a single project, **and the applications are submitted to DEQ at the same time**, the maximum fee paid may not exceed the following amounts:

Chart 2 – Permit Fee Caps as stated in the Legislation, applicable to the programs listed in Chart 1

	Situation A	Situation B	Situation C
If applications submitted include →	All of the five types of applications listed above in Chart 1	The first four of the applications listed above in Chart 1 (all but a CAMA permit application)	<u>Any other</u> combination of the applications listed above
Then, the total application fee³ is →	\$5500	\$4500	\$4000

¹ For transfers, name changes, and renewals, see [the State Stormwater Permit Standard Process Application Fee schedule](#). Please note that expired permits cannot be modified until renewed and returned to an active status. The following projects are not eligible for the express process:

- i. High density projects that propose or modify more than five (5) stormwater control measures (SCMs). Up to three (3) additional SCMs, for a total of eight (8), may be allowed if approved by the stormwater supervisor and/or discussions during the scoping meeting determine the modifications to be minor in nature.
- ii. Projects that impact another permit, overlap another permit, or cause another permit to become out of compliance. The only exception is when the necessary resolution to the adjacent or impacted permit is also submitted to the express stormwater permitting program and accepted at the same time.
- iii. Alternative designs. The express program is designed for those projects that meet all established rules, policy and guidance. Projects that propose alternatives to these established requirements require additional review time that cannot be met under the timelines established for the express stormwater permitting program.
- iv. Projects with compliance issues where the issues will not be resolved by the proposed permitting action.

² Please refer to the [Express Permitting Program](#) and the Express coordinators regarding the option to bundle express fees when more than one type of express permit application is submitted at the same time (*please refer to chart 2 above*).

³ If application is made for an Erosion & Sedimentation Control (E&SC) permit, under one of the situations provided above, the applicant must pay a fee equal to \$65 per acre of land disturbed plus the fee indicated in the table.

*Example: If an applicant requests express review of applications submitted for state storm water permit (high density project) and an E&SC permit (8 acres disturbed) the fee for this project is \$4000 for the express fee and \$520 (\$65 per acre x 8 acres). The Department prefers these Land Quality Acreage fees be paid separately. **All checks should be made out to NC DEQ.***