How to process Eco-Guard Certificate from NESREA: Requirements and Costs.

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Description

Eco-Guard Certification is a crucial step for facilities in the *pre-construction and construction stages*, ensuring that their operations are environmentally friendly and comply with relevant standards and regulations.

Issued by the *National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA)*, this certification addresses environmental impacts related to construction activities, promoting sustainable practices and protecting ecosystems.

What is Eco-Guard Certification?

Eco-Guard Certification is issued to facilities to ensure their construction activities are environmentally sustainable.

This certification is particularly focused on mitigating impacts on air quality, water quality, soil stability, and waste management.

It covers various environmental concerns including:

- Surface and groundwater disturbances
- Soil excavation and erosion
- Spills of oil and lubricants from construction equipment
- Fugitive dust from soil disturbances and excavations
- Use of heavy machinery
- Increased vehicle movement and site access
- Displacement of local wildlife and vegetation
- Generation of solid and domestic waste

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Types of Environmental Impacts Covered by Eco-Guard Certification

Eco-Guard Certification looks at the environmental impacts of pre-construction and construction activities, ensuring compliance with environmental standards to mitigate:

- Water pollution due to siltation

- Soil erosion from excavation activities
- Air pollution from dust and machinery emissions
- Harm to local flora and fauna

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Application Process

To apply for Eco-Guard Certification, follow these steps:

1. **Complete Application Form:** Submit a completed application form with all necessary attachments to the nearest NESREA office.
2. **Required Documents:** The application must include:
   - Evidence of payment for the processing fee
   - Certificate of Incorporation
   - Tax Clearance for the last three years

- Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), where applicable

- Environmental Management Plan (EMP)

3. **Submission and Acknowledgment:** NESREA will acknowledge receipt of the application within 7 working days and may request additional information if necessary.

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Statutory Fees

The costs associated with obtaining Eco-Guard Certification include:

- **Processing Fee**: ₦40,000

- **Annual Certification Fee**: Variable, depending on the scope of the project

- **Annual Renewal Fee**: Variable

Professional Fees

Engaging professionals for the certification process may incur additional fees ranging from ₦350,000 to ₦500,000, depending on the complexity and requirements of the project.

Issuance of Certificate

Upon approval of the application, NESREA will notify the applicant, including the assessed Eco-Guard Fee. Once the fee is paid, the certificate will be issued along with any specific conditions.

Cost Summary

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Fee Type	Amount (₦)
Processing Fee	N 40,000
Annual Certification Fee	Variable
Annual Renewal Fee	Variable
Professional Fees	N 350,000 – N 500,000

Conclusion

Eco-Guard Certification from NESREA is essential for any facility involved in construction activities to ensure they adhere to environmental regulations and promote sustainable practices.

By obtaining this certification, facilities not only contribute to environmental protection but also enhance their reputation and operational efficiency.

For those looking to navigate the certification process, understanding the requirements and associated costs is crucial for a smooth and successful application.

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