



## Schedule of Fees for the Blue Angel Environmental Label from 1 January 2025

### § 1 Awarding of the Environmental Label

RAL gGmbH is the authorized body by the German Environment Agency (UBA) to award the Blue Angel Ecolabel.

### § 2 Applying for the label

When submitting an application for certification and the awarding of the right to use the Blue Angel ecolabel for eligible products (goods and services), the client (applicant) shall pay €600 plus VAT to RAL gGmbH for each application on request. Any relevant provisions in the Basic Award Criteria must also be observed.

### § 3 Annual fee

An annual fee is to be paid to RAL gGmbH to acquire the right to use the Blue Angel ecolabel.

### § 4 Amount of the Annual Fee

The amount of the annual fee depends on the expected total annual turnover for the products (goods and services) per Basic Award Criteria according to the following table:

<b>Annual turnover in € million</b>	<b>Annual fee in € (plus VAT)</b>	<b>Fee category</b>
up to 0.25	350	1
over 0.25 to 1.0	750	2
over 1.0 to 2.5	1,500	3
over 2.5 to 5.0	2,750	4
over 5.0 to 10.0	4,400	5
over 10.0 to 15.0	5,500	6
over 15.0 to 20.0	7,000	7
over 20.0 to 25.0	9,000	8
over 25.0 to 40.0	10,500	9
over 40.0	13,500	10

If no annual turnover is generated, the applicant shall pay at least the annual fee in category 1. In the case of products that are distributed free of charge, the manufacturing costs are used to determine the relevant fee.

Specific provisions on selected Basic Award Criteria can only be defined by the German Environment Agency, but may not be higher than the fees stated above.



#### **§ 5 Extension to the scope of an existing certification and the right of use**

If the licence holder applies for the extension of the scope of the certification and the right to use the environmental label for certified products which are to be marketed under a different trade name and/or by a different distributor, an extension fee of €300 plus VAT must be paid to RAL by the licence holder for the conclusion of each extension.

Specific provisions, such as graduated fees for selected Basic Award Criteria, can only be defined by the German Environment Agency, but may not be higher than the fees stated above. Any relevant provisions in the Basic Award Criteria must also be observed.

#### **§ 6 Modification of certified products**

If minor modifications are made to the certified product that necessitate a re-assessment of the requirements, a processing fee of €300 plus VAT shall be paid to RAL by the applicant for each change request.

The same applies to amendments to the contract or the issuing of second contracts (e.g. if the product name is changed).

#### **§ 7 Issuing of documents/certificates**

Documents/certificates can be provided in German and/or English. The processing fee is €25 plus VAT for each copy. The processing fee must be paid to RAL by the applicant.

#### **§ 8 Monitoring of product requirements and maintenance of certification and/or the right of use**

To maintain the certification requirements and for monitoring during the contract term, the Basic Award Criteria may require further evidence regarding the fulfilment of individual criteria for the product or service (e.g. periodic inspections), which is to be provided to RAL gGmbH by the licence holder and assessed by RAL gGmbH. For these assessments, the licence holder shall pay up to €600 plus VAT per contract and effort (maximum once a year) to RAL gGmbH on request.

Specific provisions on selected Basic Award Criteria can only be defined by the German Environment Agency. Any relevant provisions in the Basic Award Criteria must also be observed.



## § 9 Setting of fees

- (1) The licence holder is obligated to inform RAL gGmbH of the expected annual turnover for the products and services certified with the Blue Angel ecolabel in the following year by 30 November of each calendar year and to pay the resulting fee on request.
- (2) RAL gGmbH can request evidence of the aforementioned total turnover.
- (3) If the licence holder refuses to provide the information specified in § 9 (1), RAL gGmbH bindingly sets the amount of the annual fee in agreement with the German Environment Agency.
- (4) If the use of the label begins within a calendar year, the annual fee shall be fixed on the basis of twelfths of the fee categories given in § 4. The month in which the contract on the use of the environmental label is signed is decisive.
- (5) If the use of the label is ended before the end of the calendar year, any excess fees already paid will not be refunded.