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FREQUENTLY ASKED  
QUESTIONS ABOUT THE  
GOLD STANDARD PROCESS

# Outline

- What are fees associated with Gold Standard and SustainCERT
- What is the cycle and how long does the process take?
- Where do I start?
- Where do I sell my carbon credits?



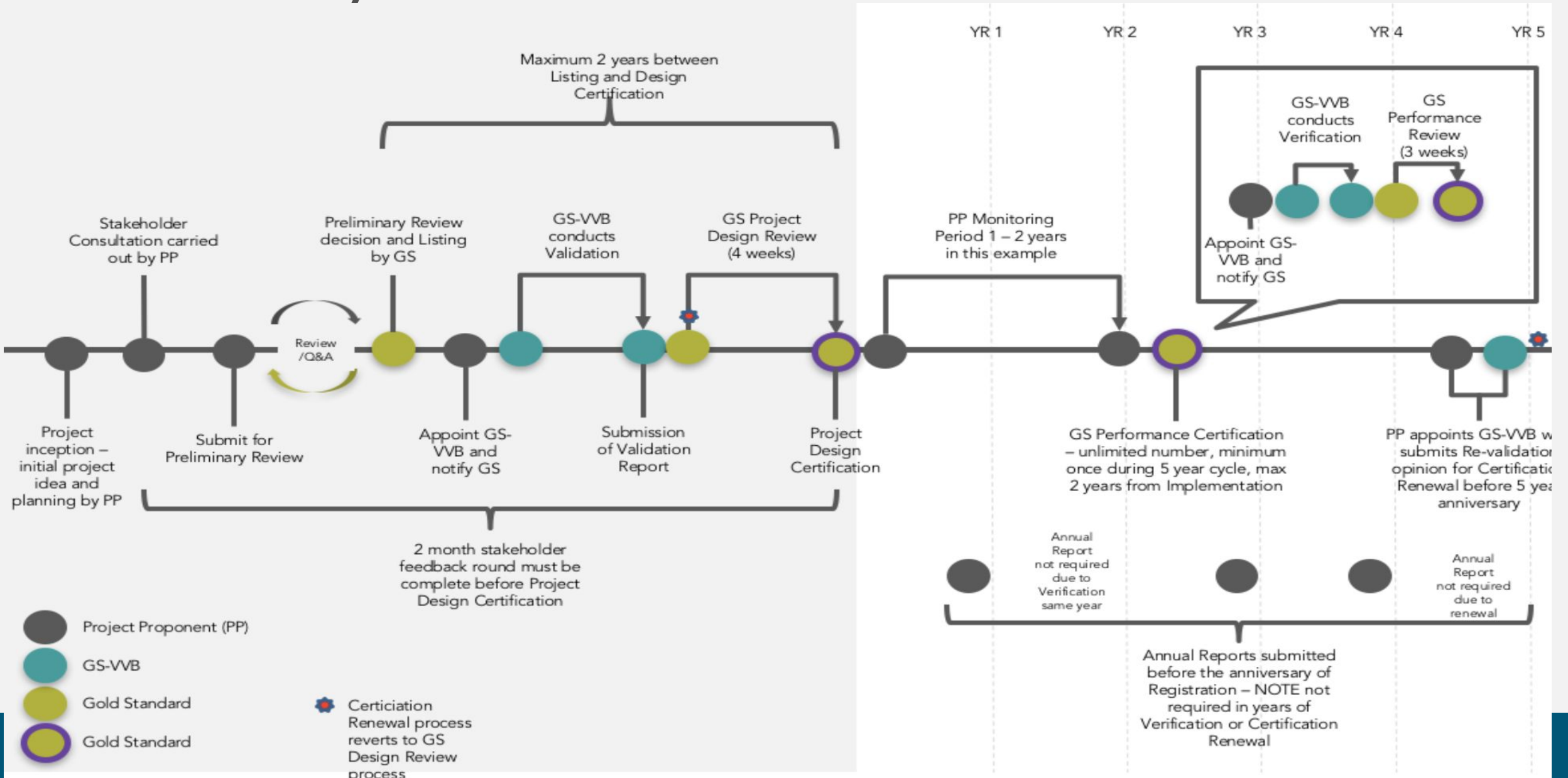
# What are fees associated with Gold Standard & SustainCERT?

GS Non Land Use and Forestry (LUF) Project Fee (For renewable energy, waste, etc projects)				Scenario 1	Scenario 2
GS Credit Fees				10,000	50,000
#	Certification step	<a href="#">GS VER Fees</a>	Comments	GS fees modeled by tons	
1	Annual Registration Fee	\$1,000	Annual fee	\$1,000	\$1,000
2	GS Preliminary Review Fee	\$900	One-time fee	\$900	\$900
3	GS Design Review Fee (Design Certification)	0.15	One-time fee 0.15 (cents in USD) per credit minus Preliminary Review Fee	\$600	6,600
4	GS Performance Review fee	\$1,000	One-time fee	\$1,000	\$1,000
5	GS Subsequent issuance cash fee	0.3	One-time fee every 2-5 years: \$0.30 (cents in USD) per credit minus Performance Review fee paid	\$2,000	\$14,000
You choose #5 or #6 for issuance fee			<b>GS CASH FEE TOTAL OR CHOOSE SHARE OF PROCEEDS BELOW</b>	<b>\$4,600</b>	<b>\$22,600</b>
6	Subsequent year issuance (SoP fees)	0.1	One-time fee every 2-5 years: \$0.10 per credit (cents in USD) + 2% of credits issued minus Performance Review fee paid	\$0	\$4,000
			Plus credits	200	1,000
Project Developers need to verify the fees against their methodology type.			<b>OR GS SOP TOTAL COST (Plus Credits)</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>

				Scenario 1	Scenario 2
GS Land Use & Forestry (LUF) Credit Fees				10,000	50,000
#	Certification step	<a href="#">GS VER Fees</a>	Comments	GS fees	
1	Annual Registration Fee	\$1,000	Annual fee	\$1,000	\$1,000
2	GS Preliminary Review Fee	\$3,500	One-time fee	\$3,500	\$3,500
3	GS Design Review fee	\$1,500	One-time fee	\$1,500	\$1,500
3	GS Design Certification Review issuance fee	0.3	\$0.30 per credit (One-time fee)	\$3,000	\$15,000
4	GS Performance Review fee	\$1,500	One time fee (for every Performance Review)	\$1,500	\$1,500
5	GS Subsequent issuance cash fee	0.3	\$0.30 per credit	\$3,000	\$15,000
<b>GS CASH FEE TOTAL</b>				<b>\$13,500</b>	<b>\$37,500</b>

# How long does the process take? What is the cycle?

It can take 7-14 months to get to Project Design Certification.  
This is not a guarantee but an estimate removing outliers.





# Where Do I Start my Carbon Credit Journey?\*

- Step 1. Pick an approved Gold Standard Methodology that matches your emission reductions activity from this list: <https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/427-cdm-list-of-eligible-cdm-methodology/> .
  - Step 2. Consolidate your idea into a basic [Project Idea Note \(PIN\)](#). SustainCERT staff can review it generally in 2 business days
  - Step 3. Review the [Gold Standard Principles and Requirements](#)
  - Step 4. Become comfortable with the [Project Certification Lifecycle](#): (Scroll down on page)
  - Step 5. Understand [How does one submit documents for Preliminary Review?](#)
  - Step 6. Begin preparing your [Project Design Document](#) and [Stakeholder Consultation Report](#)
- \*There are many ways to start a carbon credit journey but this summarizes key points. SustainCERT does not offer investment or project specific advice. SustainCERT advisory relates to Gold Standard rules and guidelines only.



# Where do I sell my carbon credits?

- Check out credit pricing in the [Gold Standard Marketplace](#)
- Contact a carbon broker
- Find a Carbon trade exchange
- Sell your credits bilaterally directly to a carbon buyer
- Find an investor who will value future credits

