

Petroleum (Consolidation) Regulations 2014 (PCRs).

Cheshire West and Chester Council are the Petroleum Enforcing Authority (PEA) for the Council area and have a responsibility to ensure that anyone dispensing petrol or storing it in significant amounts does so with a high level of regard for public safety and protection of the environment. In particular, businesses operating filling stations are required to comply with the Dangerous Substances and Explosives Atmospheres Regulations 2002 (DSEAR).

Petrol Filling Stations

Petroleum Storage Certificates (PSCs) are specific to the premises where petrol is stored and dispensed. PSCs do not have an expiry date and remain in force until certain (notifiable) changes to the storage arrangements take place or until the site stops operating for more than 12 months.

There is a fee payable by the person or business carrying out the dispensing activity at the site (referred to as the 'keeper'). The keeper must pay an annual fee based on the maximum quantity of petrol stored at the site. The keeper can choose to pay for up to 10 years in advance.

Petroleum Storage Certificates – Fees from 01 April 2024

Petroleum Storage Certificates	Charge per annum (Maximum 10 years)
Not exceeding 2,500 litres	£48.00
2,501 to 50,000 litres	£65.00
50,001 litres and over	£137.00

Domestic and Non-Workplace Storage for private use

Provided that it is kept in a suitable place, up to 30 litres of petrol may be stored in suitable portable containers or a single demountable fuel tank.

A person keeping over 30 litres but less than 275 litres must notify the PEA in writing with the name of the occupier, address of the premises and confirmation that the petrol is stored in accordance with regulations.

A person keeping in excess of 275 litres will require a licence. The PEA may issue and renew these for up to 3 years. They are issued to the licensee personally and are not transferable.

Petroleum Licences – Fees from 01 April 2024

Licence to keep petrol	Charge per annum (Maximum 3 years)
Not exceeding 2,500 litres	£48.00
2,501 to 50,000 litres	£65.00
50,001 litres and over	£137.00

Storage and sale of explosives and fireworks

Any person planning to keep explosives such as fireworks, safety cartridges or vehicle airbag detonators is required by law to have a current storage licence.

Explosives and fireworks storage licence up to 250kg NEC (no separation distances)

Fees from 01 April 2024

Number of Years	New Licence	Renewal Licence
1	£119	£59
2	£154	£94
3	£190	£132
4	£226	£166
5	£260	£202

Explosives and fireworks storage licence above 250kg NEC (separation distances must be maintained)

Fees from 01 April 2024

Number of Years	New Licence	Renewal Licence
1	£202	£94
2	£266	£161
3	£333	£226
4	£409	£291
5	£463	£357

The above fees relate to storage and only allow sales during the permitted periods below:

- on the first day of the Chinese New Year and the three days immediately preceding it
- on the day of Diwali and the three days immediately preceding it
- during the period beginning on the 15 October and ending on the 10 November or
- during the period beginning on the 26 December and ending on the 31 December.

If you intend to supply fireworks outside the permitted periods you are also required to submit an application for all year round sales. This must be done every year. An additional fee of £500 per application will apply.

Variation / Transfer / Replacement of any licence – a fee of £40 will apply

Storage of quantities above 2000kg are dealt with by the Health and Safety Executive.