

Summary of NAME Licensing

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Currently¹ NAME is only available under a research use contract. This can be obtained from the Met Office through contact with Matthew Hort (matthew.hort@metoffice.gov.uk) of the Atmospheric Dispersion Group.

Commercial companies, universities and government bodies are welcome to use NAME but currently it can only be under the terms of this research license. The research licence allows for the use of NAME for research grants (e.g., in the UK this would be grants from NERC, EPSERC, etc), PhD students, for the purposes of model evaluation and development. Publication of results is expected.

Given that there is a reasonable learning curve with sophisticated models such as NAME, we suggest that even those envisaging an eventual commercial use (please discuss this at the first opportunity if this is the case) of the model would be advised to start with a research license.

NAME is free under the research use license. However, due to the complexity of the model, new users are required to purchase a training and support package. As of Dec 2009 this costs approximately £4700² and includes a 3 day training course at the Met Office (for up to 2 attendees – A second attendee incurs an additional charge of £450 for security vetting) and 3 days of Met Office staff time in post training support.

In cases where suitable benefit for the Met Office can be realised from the research use of NAME then additional support, etc may be available at no further financial charge.

¹ The Met Office are in the process of determining terms and requirements for the commercial licensing of NAME. This includes an evaluation of if commercial availability of NAME is viable and therefore such an eventuality can not be guaranteed.

² Pricing may be subject to change. Final pricing will be determined in discussion with each customer.