



Research Rates 2026/27

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Ainmean-Àite na h-Alba (ÀAA) is the national advisory partnership for Gaelic place-names in Scotland. Our main remit is to provide correct and consistent forms of Gaelic place-names for use on signage and other published materials. ÀAA is primarily funded by Bòrd na Gàidhlig for a large portion of its core capacity, and although this does not mean ÀAA's services are free of charge, it does allow the partnership to provide their services at a greatly reduced rate.

We have two types of basic services, research and proofing. Requests that fall under the 'research' category are place-names that require specialist research, and/or alternative versions of place-names, such as genitive forms of place-names in school or street names, for example. Requests that fall under the 'proofing' category are place-names previously researched, but need checking for errors, typos etc.

*All researched place-names for signage should be proofed by ÀAA at the sign making stage as it is at this point that errors tend to creep in. There is no additional charge for this service.

Below are the details of our research and proofing rates.

Meall Rates (requests of up to 24 names)

- £40 per place-name researched
- £20 per place-name proofed

Càrn Rates (requests of 25 or more names researched and/or proofed incurs a 10% discount)

- £36 per place-name researched
- £18 per place-name proofed

Beinn Rates (requests of 50 or more names researched and/or proofed incurs a 15% discount)

- £34 per place-name researched
- £17 per place-name proofed

Sgùrr Rates (100 plus names researched and/or proofed)

If you require upwards of 100 names researched and/or proofed within one year, please get in touch to discuss a work package.

*Please note, for discounts to apply, an agreed number of names must form one requests. Any names over and above the agreement will not be included in the discount package.

Project Rates

Research projects incur a daily rate, rather than a rate per place-name. These rates, as above, are at a discounted rate and include outreach work such as community research, community research training, community talks and working with schools as well as copywriting.

Daily rate: £450

Half day or evening = £250

*Bespoke events will incur an additional preparation fee, to be discuss with the client.

*Any on site work out with a 20-mile radius of our local areas may incur additional charges for travel, accommodation and sundries, where appropriate. Staff are currently based in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Stranraer. Workshops, such as schools' projects, may incur additional charges for materials.

Payment

- Research and proofing.
 - Generally, research and proofing work will be invoiced.
 - You can also purchase research vouchers, or proofing vouchers, through our website by debit or credit card, which may be an easier option for smaller jobs.
- Projects
 - Projects will be invoiced.
 - For larger projects, particularly those that incur expenses, payments can be made in stages.

Please note: If your organisation requires a purchase order to be raised and included on our invoices, this must be provided before the work can be completed. Failure to provide a purchase order will result in any requested work being held back until such time as a purchase order has been provided.