

**APPLICATION AND PERIODIC FEES (2025/2026) AND OTHER FEES
INSTRUMENT 2025**

Powers exercised

- A. The Financial Conduct Authority (“the FCA”) makes this instrument in the exercise of the powers and related provisions in or under the following:
- (1) the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (“the Act”):
 - (a) section 137SA (Rules to recover expenses relating to the Money and Pensions Service);
 - (b) section 137SB (Rules to recover debt advice expenses incurred by the devolved authorities);
 - (c) section 137T (General supplementary powers);
 - (d) section 139A (Power of the FCA to give guidance);
 - (e) section 166(9) (Reports by skilled persons);
 - (f) section 166A(9) (Appointment of skilled person to collect and update information);
 - (g) section 213 (The compensation scheme);
 - (h) section 234 (Industry funding);
 - (i) section 333T (Funding of action against illegal money lending); and
 - (j) paragraph 23 (Fees) of Part 3 (Penalties and Fees) of Schedule 1ZA (The Financial Conduct Authority);
 - (2) regulation 118 (Costs of supervision) of the Payment Services Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/752);
 - (3) regulation 59 (Costs of supervision) of the Electronic Money Regulations 2011 (SI 2011/99);
 - (4) paragraph 12K (Power to charge fees) of Part 1A (Continuation of authorisation for limited purposes: Electronic Money Regulation 2011) of Schedule 3 (Transitional Provisions) and paragraph 35 (Power to charge fees) of Part 3 (Continuation of authorisation for limited purposes: Payment Services Regulations 2017) of Schedule 3 to the Electronic Money, Payment Services and Payment Systems (Amendment and Transitional Provisions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018 (SI 2018/1201);
 - (5) article 25 (Application of provisions of the Act to the FCA in respect of its supervision of consumer buy-to-let mortgage firms) of the Mortgage Credit Directive Order 2015 (SI 2015/910);
 - (6) regulation 21 (Fees and penalties) of the Small and Medium Sized Business (Credit Information) Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/1945);
 - (7) regulation 18 (Fees and penalties) of the Small and Medium Sized Business (Finance Platforms) Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/1946);

- (8) regulation 27 (FCA: penalties, fees and exemption from liability in damages) of the Data Reporting Services Regulations 2024 (SI 2024/107);
 - (9) paragraph 25 (FCA: penalties, fees and exemption from liability in damages) of Part 4 (Application of the Act for the purposes of the Regulations) of Schedule 1 (Administration and enforcement of Parts 3, 4, and 5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Markets in Financial Instruments) Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/701);
 - (10) regulation 6 (Qualifying provisions: fees) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Qualifying Provisions) Order 2013 (SI 2013/419);
 - (11) regulations 206 (Meaning of “qualifying functions” in this Part) and 208 (Fees: Financial Conduct Authority) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/632);
 - (12) regulation 63 (Power to charge fees) of the EEA Passport Rights (Amendment, etc., and Transitional Provisions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018 (SI 2018/1149);
 - (13) regulation 26 (FCA: penalties, fees and exemption from liability in damages) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Benchmarks) Regulations 2018 (SI 2018/135);
 - (14) regulation 46 (Modifications of primary and secondary legislation) of, and paragraph 5 of Part 1 of the Schedule (Modifications to Primary and Secondary Legislation) to the Regulated Covered Bond Regulations 2008 (SI 2008/346);
 - (15) paragraph 6 (Rules relating to fees) of Schedule 1 (Application of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 to transferred functions) of the Financial Services Act 2012 (Mutual Societies) Order 2013 (SI 2013/496);
 - (16) regulation 102 (Costs of supervision) of the Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/692); and
 - (17) regulation 9 (Functions of the Authority) of the Recognised Auction Platforms Regulations 2011 (SI 2011/2699).
- B. The rule-making powers listed above are specified for the purpose of section 138G(2) (Rule-making instruments) of the Act.
 - C. As required by section 137SA(5) of the Act, the Secretary of State has consented to rules made under that section.
 - D. As required by section 137SB(5) of the Act, the Treasury has consented to rules made under that section.
 - E. As required by section 333T(5) of the Act, the Treasury has consented to rules made under that section.

Commencement

- F. This instrument comes into force on the making of the instrument except as provided below:
- (1) Annex B and parts 1 and 4 of Annex C come into force on 1 April 2025; and
 - (2) part 2 of Annex C comes into force on 1 April 2026.

Amendments to the Periodic Fees (2024/2025) and Other Fees Instrument 2024 (FCA 2024/8)

- G. The coversheet, part 2 of Annex A and part 3 of Annex B of the Periodic Fees (2024/2025) and Other Fees Instrument 2024 (FCA 2024/8) are amended in accordance with Annex A to this instrument.

Amendments to the Handbook

- H. The Glossary of definitions is amended in accordance with Annex B to this instrument.
- I. The Fees manual (FEES) is amended in accordance with Annex C to this instrument.

Citation

- J. This instrument may be cited as the Application and Periodic Fees (2025/2026) and Other Fees Instrument 2025.

By order of the Board
27 March 2025

Annex A

Amendments to the Periodic Fees (2024/2025) and Other Fees Instrument 2024 (FCA 2024/8)

In this Annex, underlining indicates new text and striking through indicates deleted text.

The Periodic Fees (2024/2025) and Other Fees Instrument 2024 (FCA 2024/8) is amended as shown below.

Coversheet:

Commencement	
G.	This instrument comes into force on 1 April 2024 except as provided below:
(1)	Part 2 of Annex A (Glossary of definitions) comes into force on 1 April 2025 <u>2026</u> ;
	...
(3)	Part 3 of Annex B (Fees manual) comes into force on 1 April 2025 <u>2026</u> .

Part 2 of Annex A:

Part 2: Comes into force on 1 April 2025 <u>2026</u>
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Part 3 of Annex B:

Part 3: Comes into force on 1 April 2025 <u>2026</u>
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Annex B**Amendments to the Glossary of definitions**

Insert the following new definitions in the appropriate alphabetical position. The text is not underlined.

- validation order* (in *FEES 3*) a written notice issued by the *FCA* permitting:
- (a) an agreement to be enforced under section 28A(3)(a) of the *Act*; and/or
 - (b) money paid or property transferred under the agreement to be retained under section 28A(3)(b) of the *Act*.
- VO-related third party* (in *FEES 3*) a third party as that term is used in section 27(1)(d) of the *Act*, as amended from time to time.

Annex C

Amendments to the Fees manual (FEES)

In this Annex, underlining indicates new text and striking through indicates deleted text, unless otherwise stated.

Part 1: Comes into force on 1 April 2025

3 Application, Notification and Vetting Fees

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3.2 Obligation to pay fees

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3.2.7 R Table of application, notification, vetting and other fees payable to the FCA

Part 1A: Application, notification and vetting fees		
(1) Fee payer	(2) Fee payable (£) by reference to the pricing category in <i>FEES</i> 3 Annex 1AR.	Due date
...		
(f) Persons making an application referred to in <i>FEES</i> 3 Annex 15R – Transaction fees: ... (v) an applicant for <i>FCA</i> permission for: i. an agreement to be enforced under section 28A(3)(a) of the Act; or ii. money paid or property transferred under the agreement to be retained under section 28A(3)(b) of the Act <u>a validation order.</u> ...	Pricing category applicable to the application or notification set out in <i>FEES</i> 3 Annex 15R.	As specified in <i>FEES</i> 3 Annex 15R
...		

<p>(zp) A <i>person</i> in respect of which the <i>FCA</i> has given notice of its intention to itself appoint <u>the <i>FCA</i>'s appointment of a skilled person</u> to provide it with a report pursuant to section 166(3)(b) of the <i>Act</i> (including as applied by section 312P of the <i>Act</i>) and <i>SUP</i> 5.2 or, as the case may be, <i>CTPS</i> 13.2.</p>	<p>Any amount invoiced to the <i>FCA</i> by a <i>skilled person</i> in relation to any work carried out by that <i>skilled person</i> in connection with its appointment by the <i>FCA</i> pursuant to section 166(3)(b) of the <i>Act</i>.</p>	<p>Within 30 <i>days</i> of the date of the invoice.</p>
<p>(zq) A <i>person</i> in respect of which the <i>FCA</i> has given notice of its intention to itself appoint <u>the <i>FCA</i>'s appointment of a skilled person</u> to collect or update information pursuant to section 166A(2)(b) of the <i>Act</i> (including as applied by section 312P of the <i>Act</i>).</p>	<p>Any amount invoiced to the <i>FCA</i> by a <i>skilled person</i> in relation to any work carried out by that <i>skilled person</i> in connection with its appointment by the <i>FCA</i> pursuant to section 166A(2)(b) of the <i>Act</i>.</p>	<p>Within 30 <i>days</i> of the date of the invoice.</p>
<p>...</p>	<p></p>	<p></p>

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3 Annex 8R Fees payable under the Payment Services Regulations, including for authorisation as an authorised payment institution, registration as a small payment institution, notification fees and fees for variation of authorisation and registration

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<p>Application type for authorisation, registration and notification under Part 2 of the Payment Services Regulations</p>	<p>Applicable pricing category in FEES 3 Annex 1AR or amount payable (£)</p>
<p>(1) <i>small payment institution</i></p>	<p>Category 2 <u>3</u></p>
<p>...</p>	<p></p>

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3 Annex FCA Transaction Fees
15R

	Application type	Pricing category in FEES 3 Annex 1AR <u>or</u> <u>amount of fee</u> (£)	Due date
1	Any applicant for a certificate under article <u>article</u> 54 of the <i>Regulated Activities Order</i>	<u>Category 4</u>	...
2	A transferor <u>transferor</u> in an <i>insurance business transfer scheme</i> :		
	(a) <i>Insurance business transfer scheme involving long-term insurance business</i>	<u>Category 7</u>	...
	(b) <i>Insurance business transfer scheme not involving long-term insurance business</i>	<u>Category 6</u>	
	...		
4	<i>Regulated Covered Bonds</i>		
	(a) An issuer applying for registration of a <i>regulated covered bond</i> :		
	(i) When the assets in the asset pool will consist primarily of UK residential mortgages	<u>Category 7</u>	...
	(ii) Any other application for registration	<u>Category 8</u>	
	(c) An issuer who proposes to make a material change to the contractual terms of a regulated covered bond under <i>RCB 3.5.4D</i>	<u>Category 5</u>	...
5	Validation Orders <u>Validation Orders</u>		

Any applicant for <i>FCA</i> permission for an agreement to be enforced under section 28A(3)(a) and/or money paid or property transferred under an agreement to be retained under an agreement to be retained under section 28A(3)(b) of the <i>Act</i> a <u>validation order</u> is charged according to the total value of the agreements specified in the application an application fee and a <u>validation order</u> project fee. Payment must be made on or before the application is made.		
<u>Value of agreements</u>		
Up to £500,000	3	On or before the date the application is made
Above £500,000 – £750,000	4	
Above £750,000 – £1,000,000	5	
Above £1,000,000 – £7,500,000	6	
Over £7,500,000	7	
<u>Validation order</u> application fee		
<u>Number of VO-related third parties</u>		
0 - 1 (ie, including applications without reference to any <i>VO-related third party</i> but where the applicant was unauthorised themselves)	£1,000	On or before the date the application is made
<u>2 - 3</u>	£2,500	
<u>4 - 10</u>	£5,000	
<u>11 or more</u>	£7,500	
<u>Validation order</u> project fee		

	<p><u>The validation order project fee covers the FCA’s regulatory work in assessing the application and any fees and disbursements invoiced to the FCA by any person in respect of services performed to assist the FCA in performing the regulatory work.</u></p> <p><u>The validation order project fee is determined in line with FEES 3 Annex 9(9)R-(11)R, but FEES 3 Annex 9(9)R(a) applies with the modification that the reference to number of hours or part hours relates to the FCA’s regulatory work in assessing the validation order application.</u></p> <p><u>Before starting the validation order assessment, the FCA will provide a non-binding estimate of the validation order project fee to the applicant. If an application is withdrawn before conclusion of the matter, the applicant is only liable for the validation order project fee incurred up to the point of withdrawal.</u></p>	<p><u>Within 30 days of the date of any invoices issued by the FCA</u></p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>Applications other than where the applicant is a <i>credit union</i>,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in respect of controlled functions under the Senior Managers and Certification Regime (SMCR); or • by <i>principal firms</i> in respect of <i>controlled functions</i> for <i>appointed representatives</i> (CF(AR)), using the <i>Long Form A</i>, <p>provided the application [i.e none of the above] does not form part of an application for <i>authorisation</i>, variation of permission or registration of an <i>appointed representative</i>.</p>	<p><u>Category 1</u></p>	<p>...</p>

Insert the following new annex, FEES 3 Annex 15AG, after FEES 3 Annex 15R (FCA Transaction Fees). The text is all new and is not underlined.

**3 Annex Guidance on FCA transaction fees
15AG**

Application type	Guidance
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5	<i>Validation orders</i>	<p>For the avoidance of doubt, <i>FEES</i> 3 Annex 9(8)R does not apply to <i>validation order</i> fees, neither to the total fees payable nor to the <i>validation order</i> project fee.</p> <p>The obligation to pay the <i>validation order</i> project fee is ongoing and the <i>FCA</i> may issue interim invoices. Accordingly, there is no limitation on the number of times that the <i>FCA</i> may invoice an applicant for one <i>validation order</i> application.</p>
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Amend the following as shown.

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4 Periodic fees

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4.2 Obligation to pay periodic fees

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Extension of ~~Time~~ time

4.2.10 R A *person* ~~need not~~ does not need to pay a periodic fee on the date ~~on which~~ it is due under the relevant provision in *FEES* 4.2.1R, if:

- (1) that date falls during a period ~~during which circumstances of the sort in which the type of circumstances~~ set out in *GEN* 1.3.2R (~~Emergencies~~ Emergency) ~~exist~~ exists, and that *person* has reasonable grounds to believe that those circumstances impair its ability to pay the fee, in which case ~~he~~ the person must pay it on or before the fifth *business day* after the end of that period; or
- (2) unless *FEES* 4.3.6R(3), *FEES* 4.3.6R(4) or *FEES* 4.3.6R(4A) (Time and method for payment) applies, that date would otherwise fall on or before the 30th *day* after the date on which the *FCA* (in its own capacity or in its capacity as collection agent for the *PRA*) has sent written notification to that *person* of the fee payable on that date, in which case ~~he~~ the person must pay on or before the 30th *day* after the date on which the *FCA* sends the notification.

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**4 Annex FCA activity groups, tariff bases and valuation dates
1AR**

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Part 3

This table indicates the tariff base for each fee-block set out in Part 1.

The tariff base in this Part is the means by which the *FCA* measures the amount of business conducted by a *firm* for the purposes of calculating the annual periodic fees payable to the *FCA* by that *firm*.

Activity group	Tariff base
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A.22	<p>Number of <i>appointed representatives</i> appointed by the <i>firm</i>. Note: <i>appointed representatives</i> include <i>introducer appointed representatives</i>.</p> <p><u>MODIFIED NUMBER OF APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES</u></p> <p><u>Total number of <i>appointed representatives</i> appointed by the <i>firm</i> (including <i>introducer appointed representatives</i>), where:</u></p> <p>(1) <u>the number of <i>appointed representatives</i> (other than <i>introducer appointed representatives</i>) is multiplied by 1.0; and</u></p> <p>(2) <u>the number of <i>introducer appointed representatives</i> is multiplied by 0.3.</u></p>
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Part 5

This table indicates the valuation date for each fee-block. A *firm* can calculate its tariff data in respect of fees payable to the *FCA* by applying the tariff bases set out in Part 3 with reference to the valuation dates shown in this table.

Activity group	Valuation date
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A.22	<p>Number <u>Modified number</u> of <i>appointed representatives</i> included in the <i>Financial Services Register</i> on the first day of a <i>fee year</i>.</p>
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4 Annex 2AR FCA Fee rates for the period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Part 1

This table shows the tariff rates applicable to each of the fee blocks set out in Part 1 of FEES 4 Annex 1AR.

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Activity group	Fee payable	
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A.22	Band Width (No. <u>Modified no. of appointed representatives</u>)	Fee (£/ <u>appointed representative modified no. of appointed representatives</u>)
	>0	289.00 for appointed representatives other than introducer appointed representatives
	>0	87.00 for <i>introducer appointed representatives</i>
	[tbc]	[tbc]
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Part 2: Comes into force on 1 April 2026

5 Financial Ombudsman Service Funding

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5.4 Information requirement

5.4.1 R ...

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- (e) ~~The firm may make the 2025 notification by no later than 2 May 2025. This provision overrides FEES 5.4.1R(1A)(b) for the 2025 notification only.~~

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Part 3: Comes into force on the making of this instrument

- 5.4.4 G (1) From 1 April ~~2025~~ 2026, a new definition of *relevant business* is introduced. This new definition applies in relation to business done with all types of *eligible complainant* described in *DISP* 2.7.3R. *Firms* must use this new definition for any *relevant business* conducted from 1 April ~~2025~~ 2026 onwards.
- (2) Where the pre-April ~~2025~~ 2026 *Glossary* definition of *relevant business* applies (ie, to *relevant business* of a *firm* up until 31 March ~~2025~~ 2026):

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Part 4: Comes into force on 1 April 2025**5.7 Payment**

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- 5.7.4 R A *firm* liable to pay fees or levies under *FEES* 5.7.1R must do so using one of the methods set out in *FEES* 2.1.12R (unless *FEES* 2.1.13R applies) ~~save that no additional amount or discount is applicable.~~

Extension of time

- 5.7.5 R A *firm* ~~need not~~ does not need to pay the *general levy* on the date ~~on which~~ it is due under the relevant provision in *FEES* 5.7.1R, if that date falls during a period ~~during which circumstances of the sort in which the type of circumstances~~ set out in *GEN* 1.3.2R (Emergency) ~~exist~~ exists, and that *firm* has reasonable grounds to believe that those circumstances impair its ability to pay the ~~fee~~ levy, in which case it must be paid on or before the fifth *business day* after the end of that period.

5.8 Joining the Financial Ombudsman Service

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- 5.8.2 R (1) ~~This rule deals with the calculation of~~ When a *firm* obtains permission, or is authorised under the *Payment Services Regulations* or the *Electronic Money Regulations* or has its permission or payment services activities extended ('permission event'), this rule governs the calculation of the *firm's general levy* for:

- (a) ~~a firm's general levy in the 12 months ending on the 31 March in which it obtains permission, or was authorised under the *Payment Services Regulations* or the *Electronic Money Regulations* or had its permission and/or payment services activities extended (relevant permissions) and the following 12 months ending on the 31 March; and the fee year in which the permission event takes place ('year 1');~~
and
- (b) ~~the tariff base for the industry blocks that relate to each of the relevant permissions the following fee year ('year 2').~~
- (2) ~~Unless this rule says otherwise, the tariff base is calculated using the projected valuation for its first year of the business to which the tariff relates. Notwithstanding paragraphs (3)-(6), if the tariff base is calculated using data from a point in time or period beginning on or after the date of the permission event to which that tariff base relates, the firm must use that data.~~
- (3) ~~The rest of this rule only applies to a firm that becomes authorised, or extends its permission and/or payment services activities. The tariff base for year 1 is calculated using the projected valuation for the firm's first year of the business to which the tariff base relates.~~
- (a) ~~If the tariff base is calculated using data from a period that begins on or after the date that the firm obtains the relevant permission to which that tariff base relates, the firm must use that data.~~
- (b) ~~If a firm satisfies the following conditions it must calculate its tariff base under (c) for the FCA financial year following the FCA financial year it obtained a relevant permission:~~
- (i) ~~the firm receives a relevant permission between 1 April and 31 December inclusive; and~~
- (ii) ~~the firm's tariff base for that relevant permission is, but for this rule, calculated by reference to the firm's financial year ended in the calendar year ending on the 31 December before the start of the FCA financial year or the twelve months ending 31 December before the start of the FCA financial year.~~
- (c) ~~If a firm satisfies the conditions in (b) it must calculate its tariff base as follows:~~
- (i) ~~it must use actual data in relation to the business to which the tariff relates rather than projected valuations;~~

- (ii) ~~the tariff is calculated by reference to the period beginning on the date it acquired the relevant permission relating to the tariff and ending on the 31 December before the start of the *FCA* financial year; and~~
 - (iii) ~~the figures are annualised by increasing them by the same proportion as the period of 12 *months* bears to the period starting from when the *firm* received any relevant permissions to 31 December.~~
 - (d) ~~Where a *firm* is required to use the method in (c) it must notify the *FCA* of its intention to do so by the date specified in *FEES* 5.4 (Information requirement).~~
 - (e) ~~Where a *firm* is required to use actual data under this *rule*, *FEES* 4 Annex 1AR Part 5 is modified in relation to the calculation of that *firm's* valuation date in its second financial year.~~
- (4) There are 2 methods of calculating the tariff base for year 2. These are:
- (a) annualised actual data ('method 1'); or
 - (b) the projected valuation for the first year of business to which the tariff relates ('method 2').
- (5) The appropriate method for year 2 will depend on the date of the permission event. A *firm* must use method 1 if the permission event took place between 1 April and 31 December of year 1 inclusive, and method 2 in all other cases.
- (6) A *firm* using method 1 must:
- (a) use actual data in relation to the business to which the tariff relates rather than projected valuations;
 - (b) calculate the tariff by reference to the period beginning on the date of the permission event and ending on the 31 December before the start of year 2;
 - (c) annualise the figures by increasing them by the same proportion as the period of 12 *months* bears to the period from the permission event to 31 December; and
 - (d) notify the *FCA* of its use of method 1 by the date specified in *FEES* 5.4 (Information requirement).

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5 Annex 1R Annual General Levy Payable in Relation to the Compulsory Jurisdiction for 2024/25

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Compulsory jurisdiction - general levy

Industry block	Tariff base	General levy payable by firm
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11. <i>fee-paying payment service providers (but excluding firms in any other industry block except industry block 18) (including firms in industry block 18 but excluding firms in any other industry block)</i>	For <i>authorised payment institutions, registered account information service providers, electronic money issuers</i> (except for <i>small electronic money institutions</i>), the Post Office Limited, the Bank of England, government departments and local authorities, <i>TA EMI firms, TA PI firms</i> and <i>TA RAISP firms</i> , relevant income as described in <i>FEES 4 Annex 11R Part 3 that relates to the firm's relevant business</i>	£0.002 per £1,000 of relevant income subject to a minimum levy of £75

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6 Financial Services Compensation Scheme Funding

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6.7 Payment of levies

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Method of payment

6.7.5 R A participant firm liable to pay its share of the levy under *FEES 6.7.-1R, 6.7.1R and 6.7.3R* must do so using one of the methods set out in *FEES 2.1.12R* (unless *FEES 2.1.13R* applies) ~~save that no additional amount or discount is applicable.~~

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Extension of time

- 6.7.9 R *A participant firm or person* (as the case may be) ~~need not~~ does not need to pay a share of any levy on the date ~~on which~~ it is due under the relevant provisions in this chapter, if that date falls during a period ~~during~~ in which the type of circumstances ~~of the sort~~ set out in *GEN 1.3.2R* (Emergency) ~~exist exists~~, and that *participant firm or person* has reasonable grounds to believe that those circumstances impair its ability to pay its due share of the levy, in which case it must be paid on or before the fifth *business day* after the end of that period.

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App 3 Fees payable by persons registered under the Money Laundering Regulations that are not cryptoasset businesses

App 3.1 Fees for persons registered under the Money Laundering Regulations that are not cryptoasset businesses

Application and periodic fees

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3.1.2

(1)	Registration fee:
	Category \pm <u>2</u>
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