Fees Manual

Chapter 5

Financial Ombudsman Service Funding

		5.1 App	blication and Purpose	
5.1.1	R	Application <i>Rules</i> and <i>guidance</i> made by the which is subject to the <i>Compu</i>	he FCA in this chapter apply to every firm Isory Jurisdiction.	
5.1.1-A	G	some of the guidance may do	CA in this chapter applies to VJ participants, The application of rules made by the FOS Ltd EES 5.5B and described in FEES 5.1.2 AG.	
5.1.1A	R	A reference to firm in this chapter includes a reference to a fee-paying payment service provider, fee-paying electronic money issuer, a CBTL firm, a designated finance platform and a designated credit reference agency.		
5.1.1B	R	 FEES 5.1.1A R does not apply to FEES 5.5B or FEES 5 Annex 2R or Annex 3R unless otherwise stated in rules made by the FOS Ltd. 		
5.1.1C	R	This chapter applies to a <i>TP firm</i> . This <i>rule</i> demonstrates the contrary intention under GEN 2.2.26R.		
5.1.2	G	The rules set out in the table under \blacksquare FEES 5.1.2 AG are made by the FOS Ltd. All other \blacksquare FEES 5 rules are made by the FCA.		
5.1.2A	G	Table of ■ FEES 5 rules made b	y the FOS Ltd	
		FEES 5 rules made by the FOS	Ltd Description	
		FEES 5.5B	Rules relating to case fees	
		FEES 5 Annex 2R	Annual Levy Payable in Relation to the Voluntary Jurisdiction	
		FEES 5 Annex 3R	Case Fees Payable	
5.1.3	G	[deleted]		
5.1.3A	G	[deleted]		

5.1.4	R	Exemption A firm which is exempt under ■ DISP 1.1.12 R is also exempt from ■ FEES 5.1, ■ 5.2, ■ 5.3, ■ 5.4 and ■ 5.6.
5.1.4A	R	A <i>firm</i> will only be exempt from ■ FEES 5.7 for any given <i>financial year</i> if it met the conditions in■ DISP 1.1.12 R on 31 March of the immediately preceding <i>financial year</i> .
5.1.5	R	A <i>firm</i> which ceases to be exempt under \blacksquare FEES 5.1.4 R is to be treated, for the purposes of its contribution to the <i>general levy</i> , as a <i>firm</i> to which \blacksquare FEES 5.8 applies.
5.1.6	R	[deleted]
5.1.6A	G	<i>Firms</i> which cease to be <i>authorised</i> and therefore subject to the <i>Compulsory Jurisdiction</i> part way through the year will not receive a refund of their general levy except in exceptional circumstances.
5.1.6B	G	If, after the start of the period to which the <i>general levy</i> relates, a <i>person's Part 4A permission</i> is cancelled under Schedule 6A or the <i>person's Part 4A permission</i> is varied reducing its <i>permission</i> under Schedule 6A, the <i>person</i> will not receive a refund of their <i>general levy</i> , except in exceptional circumstances.
5.1.7	G	Purpose The purpose of this chapter is to set out the requirements on <i>firms</i> to pay annual fees (through a <i>general levy</i> invoiced and collected by the <i>FCA</i> on behalf of <i>FOS Ltd</i>) and case fees (invoiced and collected directly by <i>FOS Ltd</i>) in order to fund the operation of the <i>Financial Ombudsman Service</i> .This Chapter also provides for <i>unauthorised persons</i> to pay case fees to <i>FOS Ltd</i> in respect of any <i>relevant complaints</i> which it handles.
5.1.8	R	Gibraltar-based firms In accordance with GEN 2.3 (General saving of the Handbook for Gibraltar), provisions in FEES 5 that immediately before <i>IP completion day</i> applied in relation to or in connection with Gibraltar will continue to apply after <i>IP completion day</i> . The exceptions to this provision are the amount of annual and case fees payable that are set out in FEES 5 Annex 1R, 5 Annex 2R and 5 Annex 3R, which may change each <i>fee year</i> .

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		5.2 Introduction
5.2.1	G	Paragraph 9 of Schedule 17 to the <i>Act</i> (The Ombudsman Scheme) requires <i>FOS Ltd</i> to adopt an <i>annual budget</i> which has been approved by the <i>FCA</i> . The <i>annual budget</i> must distinguish between the costs of operating the <i>Compulsory Jurisdiction</i> and the <i>Voluntary Jurisdiction</i> .
5.2.2	G	 Section 234 of the Act (Industry Funding) enables the FCA to require the payment to it or to FOS Ltd, by firms or any class of firm, of specified amounts (or amounts calculated in a specified way) to cover the costs of: (1) the establishment of the Financial Ombudsman Service; and (2) its operation in relation to the Compulsory Jurisdiction.
5.2.2A	G	[deleted]
5.2.2B	G	[deleted]
5.2.3	G	Paragraph 15 of Schedule 17 to the Act enables FOS Ltd to require firms subject to the Compulsory Jurisdiction and any other respondents to a complaint to pay specified fees to it in respect of complaints closed by the Financial Ombudsman Service.
5.2.3A	G	
5.2.4	G	The Ombudsman Transitional Order provides for unauthorised persons to be charged fees in respect of any relevant complaints against them which the Financial Ombudsman Service handles.
5.2.5	C	Paragraph 18 of Schedule 17 to the <i>Act</i> enables <i>FOS Ltd</i> to require <i>VJ participants</i> to pay to it such amounts at such times as it specifies in the <i>standard terms</i> .
5.2.6	G	The relevant provisions of the rules in \blacksquare FEES 5 and \blacksquare FEES 2 will be applied to <i>VJ participants</i> through the <i>standard terms</i> made by <i>FOS Ltd</i> under paragraph 18 of Schedule 17 to the <i>Act</i> (see \blacksquare DISP 4).

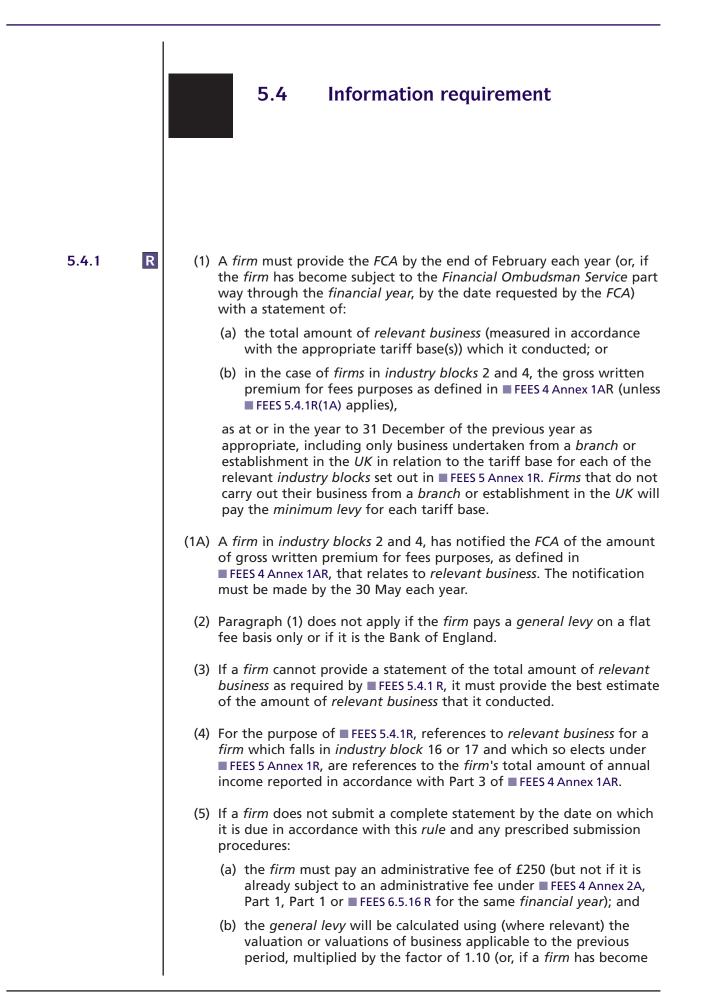
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5.2.7 G This chapter sets out the framework for the funding arrangements of the *Financial Ombudsman Service*, including, where relevant, the method by which fees will be calculated. Details of the actual fees payable will vary from year to year, depending on the *annual budget* of the *Financial Ombudsman Service*. These details will be set out in annexes to this chapter. New annexes will be prepared and consulted on for each *financial year*.

		5.3 The general levy
5.3.1	G	Each financial year, the FCA and FOS Ltd will consult on the amount of the annual budget of the Financial Ombudsman Service which is to be raised by the general levy.
5.3.2	G	For the purposes of the <i>general levy</i> , a <i>firm</i> will fall into one or more of the <i>industry blocks</i> set out in FEES 5 Annex 1R depending on the business activities which it conducts.
5.3.2A	G	When identifying the relevant <i>industry block(s)</i> , the <i>TP firm</i> , <i>TA EMI firm</i> , <i>TA PI firm</i> or <i>TA RAISP firm</i> must identify the activity (or activities) in ■ FEES 5 Annex 1R that most closely matches that for which that <i>firm</i> is treated as having <i>Part 4A permission</i> .
5.3.3	G	The FCA will determine, following consultation, the amount to be raised from each <i>industry block</i> . This will be based on the budgeted costs and numbers of <i>Financial Ombudsman Service</i> staff required to deal with the volume of complaints which the <i>Financial Ombudsman Service</i> expects to receive about the <i>firms</i> in each <i>industry block</i> .
5.3.4	G	■ FEES 5 Annex 1R sets out the fee tariffs for each <i>industry block</i> .
5.3.5	G	The FCA will specify a minimum levy for firms in each industry block.
5.3.6	R	A firm must pay to the FCA a general levy towards the costs of operating the Compulsory Jurisdiction of the Financial Ombudsman Service.
5.3.7	G	Under the standard terms, VJ participants will be required to pay to FOS Ltd an amount calculated on a similar basis towards the costs of operating the Voluntary Jurisdiction of the Financial Ombudsman Service, see FEES 5 Annex 2R. FOS Ltd will be responsible for invoicing and collecting this amount.
5.3.8	R	The FCA will calculate a <i>firm's general levy</i> under the Compulsory Jurisdiction as follows:

		 identify each of the tariff bases set out in ■ FEES 5 Annex 1R which apply to the <i>firm</i> for the relevant year;
		(2) for each of those tariff bases, calculate the sum payable in relation to the <i>relevant business</i> of the <i>firm</i> for that year (except <i>industry blocks</i> 2 and 4, in which case calculate the sum payable for that year) in accordance with ■ FEES 5 Annex 1R;
		(3) add together the amounts calculated under (2).
5.3.8A	R	A <i>VJ participant</i> which becomes subject to the <i>Financial Ombudsman Service</i> part way through a <i>financial year</i> must pay a proportion of the annual levy required by EES 5.3 and FEES 5 Annex 2R, to be calculated as follows:
		(1) a <i>VJ participant</i> joining during the first quarter of the <i>financial year</i> will pay 100% of the annual levy;
		(2) a <i>VJ participant</i> joining during the second quarter of the <i>financial year</i> will pay 75% of the annual levy;
		(3) a <i>VJ participant</i> joining during the third quarter of the <i>financial year</i> will pay 50% of the annual levy; and
		(4) a <i>VJ participant</i> joining during the fourth quarter of the <i>financial year</i> will pay 25% of the annual levy.
5.3.9	R	For the purpose of FEES 5.3.6 R and FEES 5.3.8 R, a <i>member</i> of the <i>Society</i> of Lloyd's or a <i>managing agent</i> at Lloyd's will not in that capacity be treated as a <i>firm</i> . But the <i>Society</i> of Lloyd's will pay a <i>general levy</i> in respect of Lloyd's <i>insurance business</i> conducted with <i>eligible complainants</i> .
5.3.10	R	For the purpose of FEES 5.3, references to <i>relevant business</i> for a <i>firm</i> which falls in <i>industry block</i> 16 or 17 and which so elects under FEES 5 Annex 1R, are references to the <i>firm</i> 's total amount of annual income reported in accordance with FEES 4 Annex 1AR Part 3.
5.3.11	G	Schedule 6A to the <i>Act</i> sets out a procedure to enable the <i>FCA</i> to cancel or vary the <i>Part 4A permission</i> of a <i>person</i> who it appears to the <i>FCA</i> is not carrying on a <i>regulated activity</i> . Paragraph 5 of that schedule sets out a procedure for annulment of cancellation or variation of <i>Part 4A permission</i> in specified circumstances. Where the <i>FCA</i> grants an application for annulment, paragraph 6 of Schedule 6A sets out its effect. In particular, the cancellation or variation of <i>Part 4A permission</i> is treated as if it had never taken place. As a result of the effect of annulment under Schedule 6A, the <i>general levy</i> and any other levy provided for under this chapter applicable to the <i>person</i> , in relation to the period during which the <i>person's Part 4A permission</i> in FEES 5.1.4R applies.



		 subject to the Financial Ombudsman Service part way through the financial year, on the basis of the information provided to the FCA for the purposes of ■ FEES 4.4.2 R) or on any other reasonable basis, making such adjustments as seem appropriate in subsequent levies once the true figures are known. (6) Where the FCA grants a person's application for annulment of a cancellation or variation of Part 4A permission under Schedule 6A to the Act and on the date the annulment takes effect the time for providing information in this rule has passed, then that time for compliance does not apply, but a person's annulment takes effect.
5.4.1-A	R	 (1) In the case of <i>firms</i> in <i>industry blocks</i> 2 and 4 the requirements under FEES 5.4.1R apply in relation to the tariff bases(s) and tariff data in FEES 5 Annex 1R. If a <i>firm</i> is a UK Solvency II firm in <i>industry blocks</i> 2 and 4 in FEES 5 Annex 1R, the FCA may use tariff data from the previous
		reporting period for the periodic fees calculation if the <i>PRA</i> or the <i>FCA</i> has either: (a) not received the necessary tariff data in a timely basis in line with
		Part 3 and 5 of EEES 4 Annex 1AR; or
		(b) deemed the tariff data received to be incomplete or insufficiently reliable, by reference to a specific <i>firm</i> or across all or part of the <i>industry block</i> .
5.4.1A	D	The information requirement set out under FEES 5.4.1 R is applied under this direction to a <i>fee-paying payment service provider</i> and a <i>fee-paying electronic money issuer</i> .
applicable tariff base in Part 3 of \blacksquare FEES 4 Annex 1AR PRA or FCA for any reason and the same data is av		For firms in industry blocks 2 and 4, if the data source specified in the applicable tariff base in Part 3 of \blacksquare FEES 4 Annex 1AR is not available to the <i>PRA</i> or <i>FCA</i> for any reason and the same data is available to the <i>PRA</i> or <i>FCA</i> from an alternative source, the <i>FCA</i> may use that alternative source to calculate the tariff rates under \blacksquare FEES 5 Annex 1R.
5.4.2	G	Failure to submit a statement in accordance with the <i>rules</i> in this chapter may also lead to the imposition of a financial penalty and other disciplinary sanctions (see \blacksquare DEPP 6.6.1 G to \blacksquare DEPP 6.6.5 G).
5.4.3	G	■ SUP 16.3 (General provisions on reporting) contains further <i>rules</i> on the method of submission of reports under ■ FEES 5.4.1 R.
5.4.4	G	(1) From 1 April 2025, 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 onwards.

- (2) Where the pre-April 2025 *Glossary* definition of *relevant business* applies (ie, to *relevant business* of a *firm* up until 31 March 2025):
 - (a) a *firm* should not provide a statement of *relevant business* if it deals only with *eligible complainants* who are not *consumers*; and
 - (b) FEES 5.4.1R does not apply in relation to business done with other types of *eligible complainant* described in DISP 2.7.3R(2) to (7).

		5.5B Case fees
5.5B.1	R	■ FEES 5.5B applies to <i>respondents</i> .
5.5B.2	G	VJ participants are included as a result of \blacksquare DISP 4.2.6 R.
5.5B.3	R	Any <i>firm</i> falling into either <i>industry block</i> 13 or <i>industry block</i> 15 in ■ FEES 5 Annex 1 R is not required to pay any case fee in respect of <i>chargeable cases</i> relating to those <i>industry blocks</i> .
5.5B.4	G	The <i>firms</i> in <i>industry blocks</i> 13 and 15 are cash plan health providers and small <i>friendly societies</i> . The case fee exemption takes into account that the amount in issue is likely to be small relative to the case fee.
5.5B.5	R	A credit union or a community finance organisation which is subject to the minimum levy in an industry block is not required to pay any case fee in respect of chargeable cases relating to that industry block.
5.5B.6	G	Arrangements similar to those for <i>firms</i> in <i>industry blocks</i> 13 and 15 have been made for small <i>credit unions</i> under FEES 5.5B.5 R.
5.5B.7	R	 (1) Any of the following <i>persons</i> which is exempt under DISP 1.1.12R is also exempt from FEES 5.5B: (a) a <i>firm</i>; (b) a <i>payment service provider</i>; (c) an <i>electronic money issuer</i>; (d) a <i>designated credit reference agency</i>; and (e) a <i>designated finance platform</i>.
		 (2) However, a person will only be exempt from ■ FEES 5.5B in any financial year if it met the conditions in ■ DISP 1.1.12R on 31 March of the immediately preceding financial year.

		Purpose		
5.5B.8	R	The purpose of FEES 5.5B is to set out the requirements on <i>respondents</i> to pay fees in relation to cases referred to the <i>Financial Ombudsman Service</i> .		
5.5B.9	R	These fees are towards funding the <i>Financial Ombudsman Service</i> , and are invoiced and collected directly by the <i>FOS Ltd</i> .		
5.5B.10	G	In each of the <i>Financial Ombudsman Service's</i> jurisdictions, the <i>annual budget</i> reflects the total expected to be raised by levies plus the total expected to be raised by case fees for the relevant <i>financial year</i> .		
5.5B.11	G	The amount of the case fees will be subject to consultation each year.		
		Standard case fee		
5.5B.12	R	A respondent must pay to the FOS Ltd the standard case fee specified in FEES 5 Annex 3R Part 1 in respect of each chargeable case relating to that respondent which is closed by the Financial Ombudsman Service during a financial year (regardless of when the chargeable case was referred to the Financial Ombudsman Service), unless the respondent is identified as part of a charging group as defined in FEES 5 Annex 3R Part 3.		
5.5B.13	G	The exclusion of <i>respondents</i> that are identified as part of a <i>charging group</i> as defined in FEES 5 Annex 3R Part 3 applies only from 1 April 2013. Those <i>respondents</i> continue to be liable for the standard case fee under FEES 5.5B.12 R in respect of <i>chargeable cases</i> closed by the <i>Financial Ombudsman Service</i> before 1 April 2013.		
5.5B.14	R	But a <i>respondent</i> will only be liable for, and the <i>FOS Ltd</i> will only invoice for, the standard case fee in respect of the 4th and subsequent <i>chargeable cases</i> which are closed by the <i>Financial Ombudsman Service</i> in any <i>financial year</i> .		
5.5B.15	G	[deleted]		
5.5B.16	R	A <i>respondent</i> must pay to the <i>FOS Ltd</i> any standard case fee which it is liable to pay under FEES 5.5B and which is invoiced by the <i>FOS Ltd</i> within 30 calendar <i>days</i> of the date when the invoice is issued by the <i>FOS Ltd</i> .		
		Supplementary Case fee [deleted]		
5.5B.17	R	[deleted]		
5.5B.18	G	[deleted]		
5.5B.19	R	[deleted]		

5.5B.20	R	Special case fee If the <i>respondent</i> is identified as part of a <i>charging group</i> as defined in FEES 5 Annex 3R Part 3, the <i>charging group</i> must pay the special case fee calculated under FEES 5 Annex 3R Part 4 (from 1 April 2013) instead of the <i>respondent</i> paying the standard case fee.
5.5B.21	R	The FOS Ltd:
		(1) will invoice the special case fee as described in ■ FEES 5 Annex 3R Part 4; and
		(2) may invoice the relevant <i>charging group</i> through any of the individual <i>respondents</i> in the relevant <i>charging group</i> .
5.5B.22	R	A <i>charging group</i> must pay to the <i>FOS Ltd</i> any special case fee (including any year-end adjustment) as described in ■ FEES 5 Annex 3R Part 4 within 30 calendar <i>days</i> of the date when the invoice is issued by the <i>FOS Ltd</i> .
5.5B.23	R	In respect of the special case fee, individual <i>respondents</i> are jointly and individually liable for the obligations of the <i>charging group</i> of which they are identified as forming part in FEES 5 Annex 3R Part 3.
		Leaving the Financial Ombudsman Service
5.5B.24	R	Where a respondent ceases to be a firm, payment service provider, electronic money issuer, CBTL firm, a designated credit reference agency, a designated finance platform, VJ participant or claims management company (as the case may be) part way through a financial year it will remain liable to pay case fees under FEES 5.5B in respect of cases within the jurisdiction of the Financial Ombudsman Service.
		Late payment of case fees
5.5B.25	R	If a <i>respondent</i> does not pay a case fee payable under FEES 5.5B in full to the <i>FOS Ltd</i> before the end of the date on which it is due, that <i>respondent</i> must pay to the <i>FOS Ltd</i> in addition:
		(1) an administrative fee of £250; plus
		(2) interest on any unpaid amount at the rate of 5% per annum above the Official Bank Rate from time to time, accruing on a daily basis from the date on which the amount concerned became due.
5.5B.26	G	The <i>FOS Ltd</i> may take steps to recover any money owed to it (including interest).
		Time limit for making a claim for the remission or repayment of case fees
5.5B.27	R	In relation to any case fee which was invoiced by <i>FOS Ltd</i> under FEES 5.5B on or after 1 April 2023, no claim for the remission or repayment of all or part of the case fee (or any interest or administrative fee due under

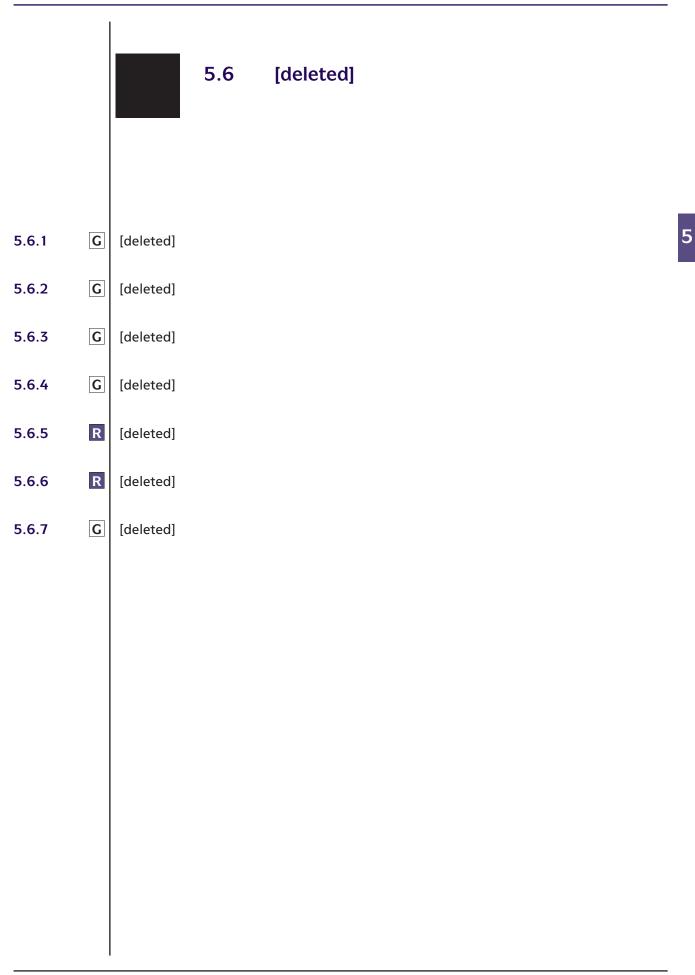
■ FEES 5.5B.25R in relation to it) may be made to *FOS Ltd* more than 1 year after the date on which the case fee was invoiced (irrespective of when or whether the amounts in question were paid to *FOS Ltd*).

5.5B.28

In relation to a case fee which was invoiced by FOS Ltd under FEES 5.5B before 1 April 2023, and subject to any rule of law prescribing a shorter time period for making such a claim, no claim for the remission or repayment of all or part of the case fee (or any interest or administrative fee due under FEES 5.5B.25R in relation to it) may be made to FOS Ltd on or after 31 March 2024 (irrespective of when or whether the amounts in question were paid to FOS Ltd).

5.5B.29 R

The FOS Ltd may allow a claim to be made outside the time limits prescribed in FEES 5.5B.27R and FEES 5.5B.28R if it is satisfied that the failure to make a claim within the time limits prescribed was as a result of exceptional circumstances.



		5.7 Payment
5.7	.1 R	A <i>firm</i> must pay annually to the <i>FCA</i> the <i>general levy</i> on or before the later of 1 April and 30 calendar <i>days</i> after the date when the invoice is issued by the <i>FCA</i> .
5.7	.1A R	Where the FCA grants a person's application for annulment of a cancellation or variation of Part 4A permission under Schedule 6A to the Act and on the date the annulment takes effect the time for payment in \blacksquare FEES 5.7.1R has passed, then that time for payment in that <i>rule</i> does not apply, but a person must pay to the FCA the general levy on the date on which the person's annulment takes effect.
5.7	.2 R	[deleted]
5.7	.2A R	[deleted]
5.7	.3 R	[deleted]
5.7	.4 R	A <i>firm</i> liable to pay fees 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.
5.7	.5 R	Extension of time A <i>firm</i> need not pay the <i>general levy</i> 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 set out in GEN 1.3.2R (Emergency) exist, and that <i>firm</i> has reasonable grounds to believe that those circumstances impair its ability to pay the fee, in which case it must be paid on or before the fifth <i>business day</i> after the end of that period.

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		5.8 Joining the Financial Ombudsman Service
5.8.1	R	A <i>firm</i> which becomes subject to the <i>Financial Ombudsman Service</i> part way through a <i>financial year</i> must pay a rateable proportion of the <i>general levy</i> in accordance with the provisions of FEES 4.2.7ER to FEES 4.2.7KR .
5.8.2	R	 (1) This <i>rule</i> deals with the calculation of: (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 (b) the tariff base for the industry blocks that relate to each of the relevant permissions. (2) Unless this <i>rule</i> says otherwise, the tariff base is calculated using the projected valuation for its first year of the business to which the tariff relates. (3) The rest of this <i>rule</i> only applies to a firm that becomes authorised, or extends its permission and/or payment services activities. (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 is, but for this <i>rule</i>, 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 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
		(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.

Application of FEES 5.8.2R

The table below sets out the period within which a *firm*'s tariff base is calculated (the data period) for second year levies calculated under **FEES 5.8.2R.** These examples are based on a *firm* that acquires *permission* on 1 November 2023 and has a financial year ending 31 March. Where valuation dates fall before the *firm* receives *permission* it should use projected valuations in calculating its levies.

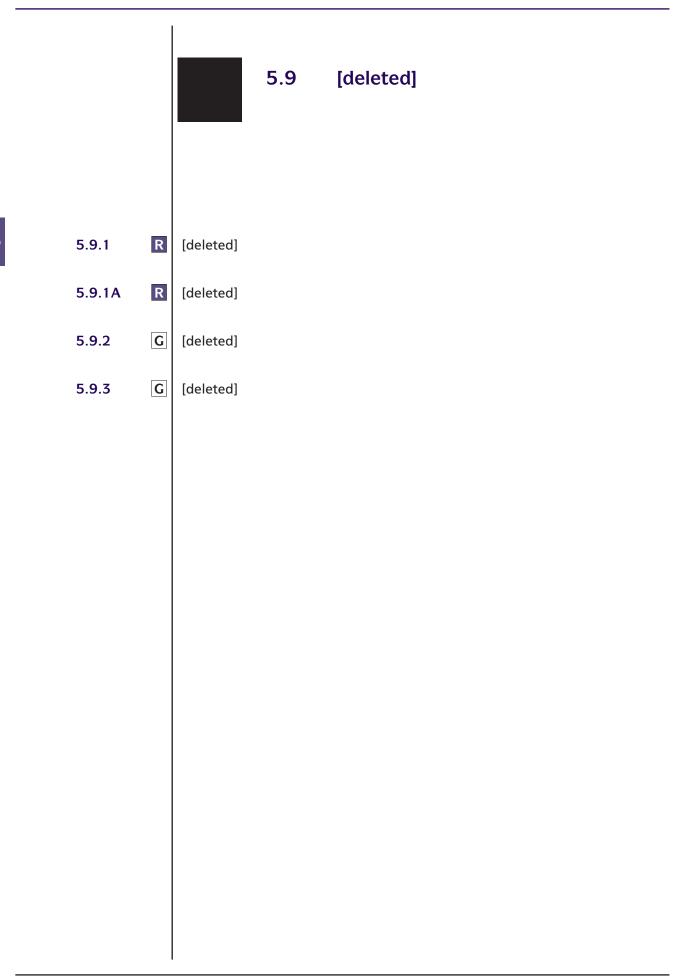
References in this table to dates or months are references to the latest one occurring before the start of the FCA's financial year unless otherwise stated.

Type of permis- sion acquired on 1 November	Tariff base	Valuation date but for FEES 5.8.2R	Data period un- der FEES 5.8.2R 1 November to 31 December 2023	
Insurers - general (excluding <i>firms</i> in blocks 13 and 15)	Gross written pre- mium for fees purposes as de- fined in FEES 4 An- nex 1AR (GWP); or	31 March 2023 - so projected valuations will be used		
	Gross written premium noti- fied to the FCA under FEES 5.4.1R(1A) that re- lates to the firm's relevant business (RGWP)			
Portfolio man- agers (including those holding <i>cli- ent money</i> /assets and not holding <i>client money</i> / assets)	Flat fee	Valued at 31 December	Valued at 31 December	
Advisors, <i>ar-</i> <i>rangers</i> , dealers or brokers hold- ing and control	Annual income as defined in FEES 4 Annex 11AR, relating to	31 December. This is because the <i>firm</i> 's tariff	1 November to 31 December but annualised in accordance	

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money and/or business lated by refer- (3)(c)(assets ence to the firm's financial year end in the calendar year be-	FEES 5.8.2R (iii)
fore the start of the FCA fee year. Therefore FEES 5.8.2R (3)(c) applies.	



Annual General Levy Payable in Relation to the Compulsory Jurisdiction for 2023/24

Introduction: annual budget

- 1. The annual budget for 2023/24 approved by the FCA is £234.2m.
- 2. The total amount expected to be raised through the general levy in 2023/24 will be £106m. .

Compulsory jurisdiction - general levy

Industry block	Tariff base	General levy payable by firm	
1-Deposit acceptors, home fin- ance providers, home finance administrators (excluding firms	Number of accounts relevant to the activities in DISP 2.6.1 R as at 31 December	£0.1261 per relevant account, subject to a minimum levy of £100	
in block 14) and <i>dormant asset fund operators</i>	In the case of <i>dormant asset fund operators</i> , the tariff base is the number of eligible activated accounts (8).		
2-Insurers - general (excluding <i>firms</i> in blocks 13 & 15)	Gross written premium for fees purposes as defined in FEES 4 An- nex 1AR (GWP); or	£0.3816 per £1,000 of GWP or RGWP, subject to a minimum levy of £100	
	Gross written premium notified to the FCA under FEES 5.4.1R(1A) that relates to the firm's relev- ant business (RGWP)		
3-The Society (of Lloyd's)	Not applicable	£105,410 to be allocated by the <i>Society</i>	
4-Insurers - life (excluding <i>firms</i> in block 15)	Gross written premium for fees purposes as defined in FEES 4 An- nex 1AR (GWP); or	£0.0509 per £1,000 of GWP or RGWP, subject to a minimum levy of £130	
	Gross written premium notified to the FCA under FEES 5.4.1R(1A) that relates to the firm's relev- ant business (RGWP)		
5. Portfolio managers (includ- ing those holding <i>client</i> <i>money</i> /assets and not holding <i>client money</i> /assets)	Flat fee	Levy of £210	
6. Managers and depositaries of investment funds, and oper- ators of collective investment schemes or pension schemes	Flat fee	Levy of £60	
7-Dealers as principal	Flat fee	Levy of £75	
8-Advisors, <i>arrangers</i> , dealers or brokers holding and control- ling <i>client money</i> and/or assets	Annual income as defined in FEES 4 Annex 11AR relating to <i>firm's relevant business</i> .	£0.383 per £1,000 of annual in- come subject to a minimum fee of £45	
9-Advisors, arrangers, dealers	Annual income as defined in	£0.265 per £1,000 of annual in-	

Industry block	Tariff base	General levy payable by firm
or brokers not holding and con- trolling <i>client money</i> and/or assets	FEES 4 Annex 11AR relating to <i>firm's relevant business</i> .	come subject to a minimum fee of £45
10-Corporate finance advisers	Flat fee	Levy of £55
11-fee-paying payment service providers (but excluding firms in any other Industry block ex- cept Industry block 18)	For authorised payment institu- tions, registered account in- formation service providers, electronic money issuers (ex- cept for small electronic money institutions), the Post Office Limited, the Bank of England, government departments and local authorities, TA EMI firms, TA PI firms and TA RAISP firms, relevant income as described in FEES 4 Annex 11R Part 3	£0.0044 per £1,000 of relevant income subject to a minimum levy of £75
	For small payment institutions and small electronic money in- stitutions a flat fee	Levy of £35
13-Cash plan health providers	Flat fee	Levy of £65
14-Credit unions	Flat fee	Levy of £55
15-Friendly societies whose tax- exempt business represents 95% or more of their total rel- evant business	Flat fee	Levy of £65
16-Home finance providers, ad- visers and arrangers (excluding firms in blocks 13, 14 & 15)	Flat fee	Levy of £85
17 - General insurance distribu- tion (excluding <i>firms</i> in blocks 13, 14 & 15)	Annual income (as defined in MIPRU 4.3) relating to firm's relevant business	£0.8840 per £1,000 of annual income (as defined in MIPRU 4.3) relating to firm's relevant business subject to a minimum levy of £100
18 - fee-paying electronic money issuers	For all fee-paying electronic money issuers except for small electronic money institutions, and TA EMI firms, average out- standing electronic money, as described in FEES 4 Annex 11R Part 3.	£0.0001 per £1,000 of average outstanding electronic money subject to a minimum levy of £40
	For small electronic money insti- tutions, a flat fee	Levy of £50
19 - Credit-related regulated ac- tivities with limited permission	For not-for-profit debt advice bodies, a flat fee	Levy of £0
	For all other <i>firms</i> with <i>limited permission</i> , a flat fee	Levy of £35
20 - Credit-related regulated ac- tivities	Annual income as defined in FEES 4 Annex 11BR	Levy of £35 Plus £1.497 per £1,000 of an- nual income on income above £250,000
21 - CBTL firms that do not have permission to carry out any regulated activities	Flat fee	Levy of £35

Industry block	Tariff base	General levy payable by firm
22 - designated credit refer- ence agencies (but excluding firms in any other industry block)	Flat fee	Levy of £75
23 – designated finance plat- forms (but excluding firms in any other industry block)	Flat fee	Levy of £75
24 – claims management companies	Annual income	Levy of £50 plus £0.78 per £1,000 of annual income
25 – funeral plan intermediar- ies and funeral plan providers	Flat fee	Levy of £35

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4 [not used]

5 The *industry blocks* in the table are based on the equivalent activity groups set out in Part 1 of FEES 4 Annex 1AR, and Part 2 and Part 2A of FEES 4 Annex 11R.

6 Where the tariff base in the table is defined in similar terms as that for the equivalent activity group in Part 3 of FEES 4 Annex 1AR, or Part 3 of FEES 4 Annex 11R, it must be calculated in the same way as that tariff base - taking into account only the *firm's relevant business* (except for *firms* in *industry blocks* 2 and 4).

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⁸ Eligible activated accounts are the number of *repayment claims* met by the *dormant asset fund operators* as at 31 December.

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Annual Levy Payable in Relation to the Voluntary Jurisdiction 2024/25

Volun	tary jurisdiction - annual levy for VJ	participants		
	try block and business activity	Tariff basis	Tariff rate	Minimum levy
1V	Deposit acceptors, mortgage lenders and mortgage adminis- trators and debit/credit/charge card issuers and merchant acquirers	number of accounts relevant to the activities in DISP 2.5.1 R	£0.0169	£100
2V	<i>VJ participants</i> undertaking gen- eral insurance activities	per £1,000 of gross written premium	£0.0625	£100
3V	<i>VJ participants</i> undertaking life insurance activities	per £1,000 of gross written premium	£0.0152	£100
6V	Intermediaries	n/a	n/a	£75
7V	Freight-forwarding companies	n/a	n/a	£75
8V	National Savings & Investments	n/a	n/a	£10,000
9V	[deleted]	[deleted]	[deleted]	[deleted]
10V	Persons not covered by 1V to 8V undertaking activities which are:	n/a	n/a	£75
	(a) regulated activities; or			
	(b) payment services;			
	or would be if they were carried on from an establishment in the United Kingdom			
12V	Persons undertaking the activity which is the issuance of elec- tronic money or would be if car- ried on from an establishment in the United Kingdom	n/a	n/a	£75
13V	Persons not covered by 1V to 8V undertaking activities which are CBTL activities or would be if they were carried on from an es- tablishment in the United Kingdom	n/a	n/a	£75
14V	Persons not covered by 1V to 8V providing credit information, un- der the Small and Medium Sized Business (Credit Information) Re- gulations or providing specified information under the Small and Medium Business (Finance Plat- forms) Regulations or would be if it was carried on from an es- tablishment in the United Kingdom	n/a	n/a	£75

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	Volunta	ry jurisdiction - annual levy for VJ	participants		
	15V	VJ participants undertaking activ- ities relating to claims manage- ment services	annual income	£50 plus £3 per £1,000 of annual income	£75
	16V	<i>VJ participants</i> undertaking activ- ities which are <i>regulated funeral</i> <i>plan activities</i> or would be if:	n/a	n/a	£75
		(a)they were carried on from an establishment in the <i>United King-dom</i> ; and/or			
		(b)they were carried on in rela- tion to a funeral in the <i>United</i> <i>Kingdom</i> .			

Notes

(1) For the purposes of FEES 5 Annex 2R and for *VJ participants* undertaking general insurance activities (*industry block* 2V) 'gross written premium' means:

(a) if subject to reporting requirements under the *Solvency II Directive*, the total of items entered under row codes R0110, R0120 and R0130, as expressed in column code C0200 where this column is completed for those row codes, of the annual quantitative reporting template S.05.01.01 but only in relation to the *relevant business* of the *VJ participant* (in accordance with DISP 4.2.6(5)R and FEES 5.3.8R); and

(b) if not subject to reporting requirements under the *Solvency II Directive*, the gross premiums written but only in relation to the *relevant business* of the *VJ participant* (in accordance with DISP 4.2.6(5)R and FEES 5.3.8R).

(2) For the purposes of FEES 5 Annex 2R and for *VJ participants* undertaking life insurance activities (*in-dustry block* 3V) 'gross written premium' means:

(a) if subject to reporting requirements under the *Solvency II Directive*, the item entered under row code R1410, column code C0300 of the annual quantitative reporting template S05.01.01 minus corporate pension business under the annual quantitative reporting template S14.01.01 but only in relation to the *relevant business* of the *VJ participant* (in accordance with DISP 4.2.6(5)R and FEES 5.3.8R); and

(b) if not subject to reporting requirements under the *Solvency II Directive*, the *minimum levy* would apply.

(3) 'Annual quantitative reporting template' has the meaning given in Fees Chapter 1 Application and Definitions of the *PRA Rulebook*.

(4) 'Corporate pension business' has the meaning given in Fees Chapter 1 Application and Definitions of the *PRA Rulebook*.

(5) For VJ participants undertaking activities relating to claims management services (fee-block 15V):

Income is defined as turnover.

"Turnover" means the sum of the amounts paid to, or received by, a VJ participant in respect of activities relating to *claims management services* carried on from an establishment in the UK or elsewhere in the EEA which are not regulated claims management activity, including:

(a) charges, commission, the share of any compensation, fees and subscriptions;

(b) the monetary value of any services received by the VJ participant where it makes no payment for those services or where the payment received is worth less than the monetary value of the services; and

(c) the monetary value of any advertising in respect of the VJ participant that it has not paid for out of funds referred to in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b).

"Annual income" means the VJ participant's annual turnover for the financial year ended in the calendar year ending 31 December.

Case Fees Payable for 2024/25

Part 1 - Standard case fees

		Standard case fee
In the:		£650
Compulsory jurisdiction and Voluntary jur- isdiction		unless it is a not-for- profit debt advice body with limited per- mission in which case the amount payable is £0
Notes		
1	The definition of standard case able case is in the Glossary to t	e fee is in FEES 5.5B (Case fees). The definition of <i>charge</i> -he <i>Handbook</i> .
2	The standard case fee will be in closed.	nvoiced by the FOS Ltd on or after the date the case is
3	A respondent will only be invo case in each financial year.	iced a case fee for the 4th and subsequent chargeable
4	The definition of not-for-profit	debt advice body is in the Glossary to the Handbook.
5	The definition of limited permi	ission is in the Glossary to the Handbook.
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Part 2 - Supplementary case fees [deleted]

Part 3 - Charging groups

The *charging groups*, and their constituent *group respondents*, are listed below. They are based on the position at 31 December immediately preceding the *financial year*. For the purposes of calculating, charging, paying and collecting the special case fee, they are not affected by any subsequent change of ownership.

1	Barclays Group, comprising the following <i>firms</i> :
	Barclays Asset Management Limited
	Barclays Bank Plc
	Barclays Bank UK Plc
	Barclays Capital Securities Limited
	Barclays Insurance Services Company Limited
	Barclays Investment Solutions Limited
	Barclays OCIO Services Limited
	Barclays Private Clients International Limited
	Barclays Security Trustee Limited
	Barclays Sharedealing

Barclays Stockbrokers Limited Clydesdale Financial Services Limited Firstplus Financial Group Plc Gerrard Financial Planning Ltd Oak Pension Asset Management Limited Standard Life Bank Plc Woolwich Plan Managers Limited 2 HSBC Group, comprising the following firms: **B & Q Financial Services Limited HFC Bank Limited** HSBC Alternative Investments Limited HSBC Bank Malta plc HSBC Bank plc HSBC Bank USA NA, London Branch HSBC Equipment Finance (UK) Limited **HSBC** Finance Limited HSBC Global Asset Management (France) HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited HSBC International Financial Advisers (UK) Limited **HSBC** Investment Funds HSBC Life (UK) Limited HSBC Private Bank (Luxembourg) S.A. HSBC Private Bank (UK) Limited HSBC Securities (USA) Inc HSBC Trinkaus & Burkhardt AG HSBC Trust Company (UK) Ltd

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HSBC UK Bank plc John Lewis Financial Services Limited
Marks & Spencer Financial Services plc Marks & Spencer Savings and Investments Ltd
Marks & Spencer Unit Trust Management Limited
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
Lloyds Banking Group, comprising the following <i>firms</i> :
Aberdeen Investment Solutions Limited
AMC Bank Ltd
Bank of Scotland (Ireland) Limited Bank of Scotland Plc
Black Horse Finance Limited
Black Horse Limited
BOS Personal Lending Limited
Cavendish Online Limited
Cheltenham & Gloucester plc
Clerical Medical Financial Services Limited
Clerical Medical Investment Fund Managers Ltd
Clerical Medical Investment Group Limited
Clerical Medical Managed Funds Limited
EBS Pensions Limited
Embark Investment Services Ltd
Embark Investments Ltd
Embark Services Ltd
Halifax Assurance (Ireland) Limited
Halifax Financial Brokers Limited
Halifax General Insurance Services Limited
Halifax Insurance Ireland Ltd
Halifax Investment Services Ltd
Halifax Life Limited
Halifax Share Dealing Limited
HBOS Investment Fund Managers Limited
Housing Growth Partnership Manager Limited
HVF Limited
Hyundai Car Finance Limited
International Motors Finance Limited
Invista Real Estate Investment Management Limited
IWeb (UK) Limited

LDC (Managers) Limited Legacy Renewal Company Limited

Lex Autolease Ltd
Lex Autolease Carselect Limited
Lex Vehicle Leasing Ltd
Lloyds Bank Corporate Markets Plc
Lloyds Bank General Insurance Limited
Lloyds Bank Insurance Services Limited
Lloyds Bank Plc
Lloyds Bank Private Banking Limited
Lloyds Development Capital (Holdings) Limited
Lloyds TSB Financial Advisers Limited
Loans.co.uk Limited
MBNA Limited
NFU Mutual Finance Limited
Pensions Management (SWF) Limited
Scottish Widows Administration Services Limited
Scottish Widows Annuities Limited
Scottish Widows Bank Plc
Scottish Widows Fund Management Limited
Scottish Widows Limited
Scottish Widows plc
Scottish Widows Schroder Personal Wealth (ACD) Limited
Scottish Widows Schroder Personal Wealth Limited

Scottish Widows Unit Funds Limited

Suzuki Financial Services Limited

Shogun Finance Limited St Andrew's Insurance plc St Andrew's Life Assurance Plc Sterling ISA Managers Ltd

Scottish Widows Unit Trust Managers Limited

	SW Funding plc
	The Mortgage Business Plc
	United Dominions Trust Limited
4	NatWest Group, comprising the following <i>firms</i> :
	Coutts & Company
	Coutts Finance Company
	Cushon Money Limited
	FreeAgent Central Limited
	JCB Finance Ltd
	Lombard Finance Ltd
	Lombard North Central Plc
	National Westminster Bank Plc
	National Westminster Home Loans Limited
	NatWest Markets N.V.
	NatWest Markets Plc
	NatWest Trustee and Depositary Services Limited
	RBOS (UK) Limited
	RBS Asset Management (ACD) Ltd
	RBS Asset Management Ltd
	RBS Collective Investment Funds Limited
	RBS Equities (UK) Limited
	RBS Investment Executive Limited
	The Royal Bank of Scotland Group Independent Financial Services Limited
	The Royal Bank of Scotland International Limited
	The Royal Bank of Scotland Plc
	Ulster Bank Ltd
5	Aviva Group, comprising the following <i>firms</i> :
	Aviva Administration Limited
	Aviva Annuity UK Limited
	Aviva Credit Services UK Limited
	Aviva Equity Release UK Limited
	Aviva Health UK Limited
	Aviva Insurance Limited

Aviva Insurance Services UK Limited Aviva Insurance UK Limited Aviva International Insurance Limited Aviva Investment Solutions UK Limited Aviva Investors Global Services Limited Aviva Investors Pensions Limited Aviva Investors UK Funds Limited Aviva Investors UK Fund Services Limited Aviva Life & Pensions UK Limited Aviva Life Services UK Limited Aviva Pension Trustees UK Limited Aviva UK Digital Limited Aviva Wrap UK Limited **Bankhall Support Services Limited CGU Bonus Limited** CGU Underwriting Limited Commercial Union Life Assurance Company Limited **Friends Annuities Limited** Friends Life and Pensions Limited Friends Life FPLMA Limited Friends Life Funds Limited Friends Life Investment Solutions Limited Friends Life Limited Friends Life Marketing Limited Friends Life Services Limited Friends Provident International Limited Gresham Insurance Company Limited Hamilton Life Assurance Company Limited Hamilton Insurance Company Limited Norwich Union Life (RBS) Limited Scottish Boiler and General Insurance Company Ltd Sesame Limited The Ocean Marine Insurance Company Limited Direct Line Group, comprising the following *firms*: **Churchill Insurance Company Limited**

UK Insurance Business Solutions Limited

- UK Insurance Limited
- Nationwide Building Society Group comprising the following *firms*: Cheshire Building Society

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	Derbyshire Building Society
	Derbyshire Home Loans Ltd
	E-Mex Home Funding Limited
	Nationwide Building Society
	Nationwide Independent Financial Services Limited
	Portman Building Society
	The Mortgage Works (UK) Plc
	UCB Home Loans Corporation Ltd
8	Santander Group, comprising the following <i>firms</i> :
	Abbey Stockbrokers Limited
	Cater Allen Limited
	Hyundai Capital UK Limited
	Santander Cards UK Limited
	Santander Consumer (UK) Plc
	Santander Financial Services Plc
	Santander ISA Managers Limited
	Santander UK Plc
Part 4 - Special case	fees
The special case fee	shall be calculated and paid as follows:
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Capital UK Limited
ler Cards UK Limited
ler Consumer (UK) Plc
ler Financial Services Plc
ler ISA Managers Limited
ler UK Plc

1	Proportions: (1) In the calculation that follows in (4) immediately below:
	 new chargeable cases for group respondents - E = twice the number of new chargeable cases that were referred to the Financial Ombudsman Service in respect of group respondents from 1 July to 31 December (both dates inclusive) in the immediately preceding financial year. new chargeable cases for all firms - F = twice the number of chargeable cases referred to the Financial Ombudsman Service in respect of all firms (whether or not they are part of a charging group) from 1 July to 31 December (both dates inclusive) in the immediately preceding financial year. open chargeable cases for group respondents - G = the number of chargeable cases that were referred to the Financial Ombudsman Service in respect of group respondents before 1 January in the immediately preceding financial year which had not been closed before 1 January in the immediately preceding financial year.

open chargeable cases for all firms -

	 H = the number of <i>chargeable cases</i> referred to the <i>Financial Ombudsman Service</i> in respect of all <i>firms</i> (whether or not they are part of a <i>charging group</i>) before 1 January in the immediately preceding <i>financial year</i> which had not been closed before 1 January in the immediately preceding <i>financial year</i>. (2) [deleted] (3) [deleted]
	(4) 'Proportion Z' for each charging group is a percentage calculated as follows -
	{E + G} / {F + H} x 100
2	The special case fee is intended to broadly reflect the budgeted workload capa- city of the <i>Financial Ombudsman Service</i> and comprises elements in respect of closed <i>chargeable cases</i> with no free case allowance.
3	The special case fee for each <i>charging group</i> is a total amount calculated as follows:
	{£650 x 225,000 x the 'Proportion Z'}
4	The <i>FOS Ltd</i> will invoice each <i>charging group</i> for the special case fee (calculated as above) in four equal instalments, payable in advance on the following dates during the <i>financial year</i> :
	(1) 1 April (or, if later, when FOS Ltd has sent the invoice);
	(2) 1 July;
	(3) 1 October; and
	(4) 1 January.

5	Year-end adjustment:
	(1) [deleted]
	(2) If the actual number of <i>chargeable cases</i> closed by the <i>Financial Ombudsman</i> <i>Servic</i> e in respect of <i>group respondents</i> during the <i>financial year</i> is more than 105% of {225,000 x the 'Proportion Z'}:
	(a) the FOS Ltd will invoice the relevant charging group; and
	(b) the relevant charging group will pay to FOS Ltd;
	an additional £65,000 for each block of 100 (or part thereof) closed <i>chargeable cases</i> over the 105%.
	(3) If the actual number of <i>chargeable cases</i> closed by the <i>Financial Ombudsmar Service</i> in respect of <i>group respondents</i> during the <i>financial year</i> is less than 95% of {225,000 x the 'Proportion Z'}, the FOS Ltd will promptly repay to the relevant charging group £65,000 for each block of 100 (or part thereof) closed <i>chargeable cases</i> under the 95%.

FEES 5 Annex 3R/10

Annex 4R

Definition of annual income for the purposes of the FOS general levy where the firm is a claims management company

Annual income definition

Income is defined as turnover.

"Turnover" means the sum of the amounts paid to, or received by, an authorised *claims management company* in respect of *regulated claims management activities* in *Great Britain*, including:

(a) charges, commission, the share of any compensation, fees and subscriptions;

(b) the monetary value of any services received by the *claims management company* where it makes no payment for those services or where the payment received is worth less than the monetary value of the services; and

(c) the monetary value of any advertising in respect of the *claims management company* that it has not paid for out of funds referred to in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b).

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