

5 May 2015

Dear Chartered Legal Executive Colleague

YOUR 2016 PRACTISING CERTIFICATE FEE: CONSULTATION

CILEx seeks your view on how much next year's Practising Certificate (PC) should cost. To comment and vote on one of the following options click on this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PCF-survey>

- Option A £355 – the full cost of regulation
Option B £345 – a move towards the full cost of regulation.

As an Approved Regulator, CILEx and its independent regulator CILEx Regulation follow a prescribed fee setting process governed by the Legal Services Act 2007 and LSB Rules. This makes us accountable to you for how the revenue raised from PC fees is spent.

CILEx can only use PC fee income to fund the direct cost of regulation carried out by CILEx Regulation, and certain other 'permitted purposes' such as:

- maintaining the member database,
- legal, professional and regulatory updates in the CILEx Journal,
- law reform activity and lobbying.

CILEx delegates its regulatory function to CILEx Regulation. Rules on how CILEx can spend PC fee income guarantee the independence of the regulator by making sure it is properly funded for the regulatory and permitted purpose activities which CILEx and CILEx Regulation carry out. In order to achieve this we believe it is no longer appropriate to continue to subsidise the PC fee as in previous years, and that the full cost of regulation should be borne by the regulated community.

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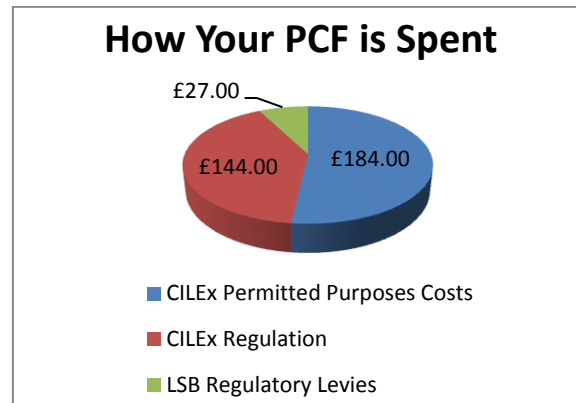
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The overall cost per Fellow of regulation and permitted purposes activity for 2016 looks like this:

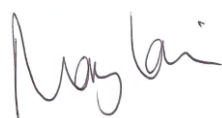


This reflects the work CILEX Regulation does on your behalf to maintain professional standards amongst members, and the costs associated with continuing to consolidate the gains we have made on behalf of the membership such as securing the opportunity to award practice rights. The costs of regulation taken into account for this exercise exclude costs we expect to arise from authorisation of the new practice rights and from regulation of entities.

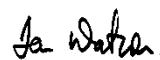
Our view of 2016 is that the increased costs of effective and proportionate regulation require an increase in the PC fee from £318.50 to £355. A lesser increase to £345 would not close the gap in meeting the full cost of regulation.

This consultation closes on 5 June 2015. CILEX Council will take into account your votes and comments when it considers the fee at its July meeting.

Kind regards



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