

IPReg Practice Fees 2016

Shown in purple (increase of 5%)

2010 (black); 2011 (red) and 2012, 2013 and 2014 figures (blue); 2015 figures (green) also shown for comparison

Individual Fees	Fee One Register	Fee Both Registers
Attorneys who are retired or inactive	£147 £140 £140 £140 £125	£236 £225 £225 £200
Attorneys who are employed solely in industry	£162 £154 £140 £140 £125	£260 £248 £225 £225 £200
All Other Attorneys	£197 £187 £170 £170 £150	£323 £308 £280 £280 £250
Sole Traders	£323 £308 £280 £280 £250	£462 £440 £400 £400 £350
Sole Trader Employing Others - Base	£323 £308 £280 £280 £250	£462 £440 £400 £400 £350
Attorneys/Professionals employed by sole traders	£64 £61 £55 £55 £50 for each employed registered Attorney, plus £261 £248 £225 £225 £200 for each unregistered professional providing legal services	£64 £61 £55 £55 £50 for each employed registered Attorney, plus £261 £248 £225 £225 £200 for each unregistered professional providing legal services

Entity Fees	Fee One Register	Fee Both Registers
Firms/Companies –Base	£323 £308 £280 £280 £250	
Plus Attorneys/Professionals employed in entities	£64 £61 £55 £55 £50 for each employed registered Attorney, plus £261 £248 £225 £225 £200 for each unregistered professional providing legal services	£64 £61 £55 £55 £50 for each employed registered Attorney, plus £261 £248 £225 £225 £200 for each unregistered professional providing legal services

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Reserves at 1 January 2015

£		£
Board & Chairman Appointments Reserve		50,000
IT/Website Reserve		16,394
Restructuring Reserve *		-
General Contingency Reserve		225,000
Legal Disciplinary & Litigation Reserve		75,000
Projects (including research)		50,000
Operating Surplus 99,8 Brought Forward (2010/11/12/13) 77,6 Surplus for 2014 177,4 Transfer to Ring Fenced reserves ** (152,0)	675 482	25,419
		£441,813

* This reserve has been closed and the £50,000 has been released to the General Contingency Reserve

** Transfer to Ring fenced Reserves

Board & Chairman Appointments Reserve 27,063

Legal Disciplinary & Litigation Reserve 75,000

Projects (including research) 50,000

152,063





The Patent Regulation Board and the Trade Mark Regulation Board (The Intellectual Property Regulation Board) Business Plan for 2016

Policy Focus and Objectives

The regulatory objectives which underpin all of IPReg's activities are:

- protecting and promoting the public interest;
- supporting the constitutional principle of the rule of law;
- improving access to justice;
- protecting and promoting the interests of consumers;
- promoting competition in the provision of legal services;
- encouraging an independent, strong, diverse and effective legal profession;
- increasing public understanding of the citizen's legal rights and duties;
- promoting and maintaining adherence to the professional principles

Specific Work Programme for 2016

Details of the specific activities in our 2016 work programme are shown over leaf.

Note: annual activities, such as the appointment and appraisal of board members, submission of the IGR (internal governance review) to the LSB and formal admissions to and publication of the statutory registers, are not shown although the plan does highlight areas where the annual activities are intended to be undertaken in a different way in 2016



	Activity	Description
1	Alternative Business Structures	 At the end of first year following designation: review the authorisation processes and report outcome to the Legal Services Board embed working arrangements with the General Regulatory Chamber regarding appeals. (with the Legal Services Board and other Regulators) lobby the Ministry of Justice to vary the Legal Services Act 2007 to simplify the ABS licensing regime
2	IPReg Assurance Programme	 Implement the IPReg Assurance Programme to include desk top individual firm reviews and cross-firm ("thematic")¹ reviews to assess current and emerging risks; meetings with managers of and visits to firms. amend (as necessary) the format for future risk-based reporting from firms
3	Rule Changes - Support to the Profession	Provide further training on the regulatory rule changes particularly: • the handling of client monies • the obligations under money laundering regulations • the responsibilities of a Head of Legal Practice ("HoLP") and a Head of Finance and Administration ("HoFA") Procure training modules for prospective HoLPs and HoFAs
4	IPReg Code	Embed understanding of the obligations in the Code through a series of presentations delivered on-line and/or via the supervisor. Review enquiries to IPReg office to determine if there any patterns

¹ http://www.fca.org.uk/about/what/regulating/how-we-supervise-firms/thematic-reviews



5	First tier complaints (i.e. "in the office")	Continue annual collection of statistics and review. Publish any necessary guidelines.
6	Research	Commission and review research on unregulated intellectual property legal services and agree any appropriate actions. (This activity was deferred due to difficulties in the collection of the necessary data but in 2015 the IPO are intending to publish details of the applicants' agents which may enable this research to commence) Continue to monitor the Enterprise Court small claims procedure (intended to widen access to the lay applicant).



	Activity	Description
1	Accreditations	Continue the cycle of the accreditation of Examination Agencies (Bournemouth , Brunel, Queen Mary London, Nottingham Trent, the Patent Examination Board)
2	Review of Foundation Level	Review (with the Examination Agencies) what should comprise the "core subjects" for the foundation level qualification.
	Education Requirements	Publish an agreed set of learning outcomes
	Requirements	Review the standards of assessment of the Examination Agencies to ensure consistency.
3	"Stale" Examinations	Publish a policy on "stale" examinations
4	Training	Promote awareness of the Patent and Trade Mark Competency Checklists
		Explore the need for best practice guidance on supervised training (to include a possible template "memorandum of understanding" setting out training commitments)
5	Diversity	Continue to publish diversity statistics in the format agreed with the LSB.
		Update the 2013 IPReg paper "Recruitment and Diversity in the Pater and Trade Mark Profession"
		Collate (annually) the diversity data published by the Examination Agencies to identify any trends.
6	Training in Professional and Ethical behaviour	Explore how and when training in professional and ethical behaviour best provided to trainee and/or qualified attorneys.
7	Continuing Professional Development	Keep the IPReg requirements under review and benchmark against other CPD regimes.



Communications			
	Activity	Description	
1	Liaison meetings	Develop stronger working relationships with the IPO Liaise with the MOJ regarding the contribution of the profession to "UK PLC" Continue regular meetings with main stakeholders including LSB, CIPA, ITMA, LeO, PAMIA and other ARs as necessary.	
2	Meetings with registrants	Continue the programme of presentations at regular open meetings with registrants to maintain their awareness of the regulatory regime, update them on developments and to receive their feedback.	
3	Website	Continue the programme of website enhancements	

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2016 BUDGET

	£	£
LEGAL SERVICES BOARD LEVY		
LSB Levy LeO Levy	67,00 ⁰ 12,00 ⁰	
Total Legal Services Board Levy		79,000
OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURE		
Staff Costs CEO Salary CEO Employers NI Contribution Regulatory Officers (2 f/t/e) Regulatory Officers NI Contribution IPReg Staff (existing/temp)	74,16 9,20 160,00 19,90 63,06)))
IPReg Staff (existing/temp) Employer's NI Contribution Pension Costs	6,55 2,00	
Board Costs Chair Board Fees Board Expenses (incl Travel) Replacement of Board Members	35,00 40,00 10,00 10,00))
Administration Costs Rent Rates & Service Charge Office Costs (not rent & service charge) PR/communication IT Support (office and website) Legal Costs and Professional Services	30,00 35,00 10,00 10,00 15,00)))
Registration (IPReg Pro) IPReg Pro - support for payment of practice fees (contingency)	10,00	ס
<u>Licensing Activities</u> Compensation (Insolvency) Bond	35,00	0
<u>Projects</u>		
Moved to ring fenced reserves	-	
<u>Disciplinary</u>	50,00	0
Contingency	10,00	0
Total Operational Expenditure		649,870
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENDITURE (LEGAL SERVICES BOARD LEVY & OPERATION	ONAL)	£728,870

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2015 Budget



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	£	£
LEGAL SERVICES BOARD LEVY		
LSB Levy LeO Levy	67,000 12,000	
Total Legal Services Board Levy		79,000
OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURE		
Staff Costs CEO Salary CEO Employers NI Contribution 2 Regulatory Officers 2 Regulatory Officers NI Contribution IPReg Staff (existing/temp) IPReg Staff (existing/temp) Employer's NI Contribution	74,160 9,200 116,000 14,000 59,160 6,000	
Board Costs Chair Board Fees Board Expenses (incl Travel) Replacement of Board Members	35,000 40,000 10,000 10,000	
Administration Costs Rent Rates & Service Charge Office Costs (not rent & service charge) PR/communication Info mgt & website maintenance Legal Costs and Professional Services	30,000 35,000 10,000 10,000 - 15,000	
Registration (IPReg Pro) IPReg Pro - support for payment of practice fees (contingency) IT Support (office and website)	10,000 15,000	
IT Support (office and website) Licensing Activities Compensation (Insolvency) Bond	35,000	
Projects Research and Education	15,000	
<u>Disciplinary</u>	50,000	
Contingency	10,000	
Total Operational Expenditure	***************************************	608,520
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENDITURE (LEGAL SERVICES BOARD LEVY & OPERATIONAL)	_	£687,520