

Proposal to change Practising Certificate Fee collection for those seeking reinstatement

INTRODUCTION

1. CILEx Regulation is the independent regulator for Chartered Legal Executives (Fellows), other grades of CILEx membership, CILEx Practitioners and firms. We take a risk based and outcomes focused approach to regulation, by working constructively with our regulated community to ensure that they deliver the best outcomes for clients. We have set clear principles within our Code of Conduct and inform the public of the standards they can expect. We believe this provides a balanced approach.
2. This consultation sets out CILEx Regulation's proposal to change the way in which we collect the practising certificate fee for Chartered Legal Executives (Fellows) who reinstate their practising certificate during the practising year (either to re-join CILEx or to change from a non-practising to a practising grade).
3. This consultation will run for 4 weeks, from 12 December 2019, closing at 5pm on 13 January 2020.

BACKGROUND

4. The practising certificate is valid from 1 January to 31 December each year. Historically, the practising certificate fee is invoiced at the end of October each year, for payment by 1 January of the following year. The fee payable by individuals reinstating their practising certificate is the full amount (£364) between January and August and £0 between September and December as this will be invoiced for collection in the following practising year.

ISSUES FOR CONSULTATION

5. CILEx Regulation is proposing to make this fee fairer to all by applying a pro rata fee to reinstatements as follows:

Month of reinstatement	Fee (£)
January	364
February	333.67
March	303.33
April	273
May	242.67
June	212.33
July	182
August	151.67
September	121.33
October	91
November	60.67
December	30.33

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Response form

Question: Do you agree with the proposal to change the way in which the practising certificate fee is collected for those seeking to reinstate their practising certificate during the practising year?

YES

NO

Please give reasons for your answer

6. This consultation is open for 4 weeks, from 12 December 2019, closing at 5pm on 13 January 2020.
7. Once the consultation closes, subject to the responses, CILEx Regulation will make an application to the Legal Services Board for approval of the changes required.

How to respond

8. Complete this response form and send it to CILEx Regulation by:
 - email to consultations@cilexregulation.org.uk marking your reply for the attention of Vicky Purtil, Director of Authorisation and Supervision
 - post to CILEx Regulation Ltd, College House, Kempston, Bedford MK42 7A
 - DX to CILEx Regulation, DX 124780 Kempston 2