

PSR regulatory fees: 2021/22 fees figures

Document setting out the
fees figures for 2021/22

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In this document, we set out the figures for 2021/22 regulatory fees for the Payment Systems Regulator (PSR).

The fees are used to fund the PSR's functions under:

- the Financial Services (Banking Reform) Act 2013
- the Payment Card Interchange Fee Regulations 2015
- the Payment Services Regulations 2017

This document should be read together with Chapter 4 in PS18/12, which describes the PSR regulatory fees regime, including the collection and allocation methodology that we will use every year: www.psr.org.uk/ps-1812-psr-regulatory-fees

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1 Introduction

Background

- 1.1 When this document refers to 'we' or 'us', this means the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and the PSR jointly.
- 1.2 Every year, the PSR receives regulatory fees (PSR fees) from fee payers. We levy these fees to fund the PSR's operations to perform its functions under relevant legislation. These include functions under and as a result of:
 - the Financial Services (Banking Reform) Act 2013 (FSBRA)
 - the Payment Card Interchange Fee Regulations 2015 (PCIFRs)
 - the Payment Services Regulations 2017 (PSRs 2017)
- 1.3 FSBRA enables the FCA to raise fees to fund the PSR to perform its functions. The FCA does so through its rules requiring specific groups of legal persons to pay specified amounts, or amounts calculated in a specified way.
- 1.4 The PSR also has functions under the Payment Accounts Regulations 2015 (PARs 2015). The fees payable in relation to these functions are separate from the PSR regulatory fees regime set out here. You can find out more about those fees in a separate document.¹
- 1.5 The PSR regulatory fees regime, including the collection and allocation methodology that we will use every year, is set out in Chapter 4 in PS18/12.²
- 1.6 This document sets out the figures we will use to calculate the regulatory fees for each PSR fee payer in 2021/22.
- 1.7 We will publish a similar document each year to provide the updated figures.

Who should be interested in this document?

- 1.8 This document will be of interest to:
 - participants in regulated payment systems under FSBRA
 - regulated persons under the PCIFRs
 - regulated persons under the PSRs 2017

1 PSR PS16/2, *The application of the PARs 2015 in respect of alternative arrangements for switching accounts* (May 2016): <https://www.psr.org.uk/publications/policy-statements/ps-16-2-the-application-of-the-pars-2015-in-respect-of-alternative-arrangements-for-switching-accounts/>

2 PS18/12, *PSR regulatory fees* (June 2018): www.psr.org.uk/ps-1812-psr-regulatory-fees

- 1.9** If you are a PSR fee payer – that is, a payment service provider (PSP) who falls under paragraph 1.8 (or a payment system operator acting as such):
- a. you are required to pay PSR fees that are determined by the allocation method set out in this document and in the FCA Handbook rules in FEES 9 Annex 1R
 - b. you may want, where relevant, to verify your firm’s contact information and transaction data with the operators of the relevant payment systems before they submit the data to us by 1 March
 - c. you are also required to pay an amount of your PSR fees as a pre-payment each year (that is, on account) if you meet the requirement set out in FEES 9.2.2R; the way that is calculated is specified in FEES 9.2.2R(1)
- 1.10** If you are a payment system operator who falls under one of the groups in paragraph 1.8:
- a. you are required to provide the PSR and FCA with the relevant transaction data and the contact details of the relevant PSPs by 1 March every year; this is set out in the FCA Handbook rule in FEES 9.2.4DR
 - b. you should confirm the accuracy of the transaction data you propose to send to us with any PSP who requests it
- 1.11** This document contains no material directly relevant to retail financial services consumers or consumer groups (although financial services consumers may contribute to regulatory fees indirectly).
- 1.12** For more information on the PSR’s fee policy and methodology, see PS18/12, Chapter 4.

2 2021/22 PSR fees figures and timetable

The annual figures for 2021/22 PSR fees

- 2.1 The annual figures for 2021/22 PSR fees are as follows:
- a. The annual funding requirement (AFR) for 2021/22, published in the PSR's annual plan³, is £17,182,260 (rounded to the nearest £10).
 - b. The denominators for the transaction volume block and the transaction value block are determined by the sum of all fee payers' total transaction volumes and values across all regulated payment systems for the 2020 calendar year.⁴ They are:
 1. the total transaction volume of all fee payers: 70,651,794,216
 2. the total transaction value of all fee payers: £177,497,699,556,033
- 2.2 Each payer's PSR fees for 2021/22 are determined by the following formula:

Fees allocated to a PSR fee payer =

its fees under the volume block (Vo) + its fees under the value block (Va)

$$\text{a. } \mathbf{V_o} = (\pounds 17,182,260 \times 80\%) \times \left(\frac{\text{The sum of fee payer's relevant transaction volumes in all systems}}{70,651,794,216} \right)$$

$$\text{b. } \mathbf{V_a} = (\pounds 17,182,260 \times 20\%) \times \left(\frac{\text{The sum of the fee payer's relevant transaction values in all systems}}{177,497,699,556,033} \right)$$

- 2.3 You can read more about the allocation method and formula in PS18/12, paragraphs 4.18 to 4.26.
- 2.4 The 80:20 volume-to-value ratio is fixed and is not subject to change every year. We will consult stakeholders if we propose to change the ratio.

³ Payment Systems Regulator Annual Plan and Budget for 2021/22:

www.psr.org.uk/publications/annual-plans-reports/payment-systems-regulator-annual-plan-and-budget-2021-22/

⁴ We have received the transaction volumes and values data from payment system operators.

2.5 Where applicable for the transaction value block, we will use the HMRC 2020 yearly average foreign exchange rates to convert non-GBP transactions to GBP. These exchange rates are published on GOV.UK.⁵ The relevant conversion rates are as follows:

EUR 1.00 = GBP 0.8858

USD 1.00 = GBP 0.7832

The timeline for data provision and fees collection for 2021/22 fees

- 2.6 Table 1 sets out the 2021/22 fees collection timeline. This includes the timings for when:
- a. **payment system operators** should submit the relevant transaction data and contact details to the PSR and FCA
 - b. **the PSR** will publish the annual figures for PSR fees for that fee year
 - c. **fee payers** can expect to pay the PSR fees, after receiving an invoice from the FCA

This year we have given small and medium-sized firms⁶ an extra 60 days to pay their fees to take account of the impact of COVID-19.

5 *HMRC foreign exchange rates: yearly averages and spot rates*, Average for the year to 31 December 2020:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/exchange-rates-for-customs-and-vat-yearly

6 Small and medium firms are categorised as those firms that will pay total fees and levies in 2021/22 of less than £10,000. This total includes all the fees and levies they pay to the PSR, the FCA, the Prudential Regulation Authority, the Financial Services Compensation Scheme, the Financial Ombudsman Service, the Money and Pensions Service, devolved authorities and the Financial Reporting Council, and under the illegal money lending levy.

Table 1: Timeline for PSR fees collection and data provision for 2021/22

February to March 2021	<p>The FCA invoices eligible fee payers⁷ for an ‘on-account’ PSR fee. The fee is calculated by multiplying those fee payers’ 2020/21 fee by 50%.</p> <p>These fee payers pay their on-account fee by 1 April 2021.</p>
By 1 March 2021	<p>Payment system operators submit transaction data for the calendar year 2020 and the relevant contact details to the PSR and the FCA by 1 March 2021.</p>
June 2021	<p>The PSR publishes the annual PSR fees information for 2021/22 fees (this document) – namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the PSR’s annual funding requirement for 2021/22 • the transaction data for the calendar year 2020 submitted to the PSR and the FCA by operators
July to September 2021	<p>The FCA invoices all fee payers for their PSR fee for 2021/22.</p> <p>Fee payers that have paid an on-account fee pay by 1 September 2021 their PSR fee for 2021/22 less any on-account payments made.</p> <p>Small and medium firms pay their PSR fee for 2021/22 within 90 days of receiving the invoice. All other fee payers pay within 30 days of receiving the invoice.</p>

⁷ The eligibility requirement is set out on the FCA’s website: www.fca.org.uk/firms/fees

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