

**COUNCIL**

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**Fees proposal for 2010/11**

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For decision

**Issue:**

To enable the Registration Fees to be agreed for 2010/11.

**Recommendation(s):**

**1. Council is invited to consider** the analysis and recommendations set out in **Annex 1** and determine:

- (i) Whether a differential fee structure should be introduced, providing a reduced retention fee for dispensing opticians, new registrants and/or low income earners, and
  - a. If it is decided to introduce differential retention fees, what the level of the fee reduction should be;
- (ii) Whether the GOC should conduct a full impact assessment of the effect of introducing a staged payments facility for registrants;
- (iii) Whether the GOC should retain a paper-based retention system alongside any future online retention system on a transitional basis, and
  - a. If the paper-based retention system is retained alongside the proposed online system, whether those registrants wishing to use the paper system should be charged an additional administration fee following the first year of operation of the online system;
- (iv) Whether the GOC should formally introduce the £20 administration fee for non-EEA qualified practitioners sitting their UK qualifying exam; and
- (v) Whether the GOC should introduce a fee for entering a speciality on the GOC registers, and

- a. Whether this should be a one-off fee for all specialties or whether those registering an independent prescribing specialty should be required to pay an annual fee.

**2. Council is invited to consider** the following matters outlined in **Annex 2**:

- i. The level of the fee for 2010/11 which achieves a break-even budget.
- ii. What level of contingency should now be included in the fee.
- iii. Whether to apply a differential fee for different categories of registrants and, if so, what the level of the reduction should be.

**3. Council is invited to approve** the Registration Fees Rules for 2010/11.

**Annexes:**

The following annexes are attached to this paper:

Annex 1: Analysis of Registration Fees consultation

Annex 2: Schedule of decisions to be taken concerning the level of fees for  
2010/11

**Further information:**

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