

Consultation on draft changes to fees 2025

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About the GPhC

Who we are

We regulate pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacies in Great Britain.

We work to assure and improve standards of care for people using pharmacy services.

What we do

Our role is to protect the public and give them assurance that they will receive safe and effective care when using pharmacy services.

We set standards for pharmacy professionals and pharmacies to enter and remain on our register.

We ask pharmacy professionals and pharmacies for evidence that they are continuing to meet our standards, and this includes inspecting pharmacies.

We act to protect the public and to uphold public confidence in pharmacy if there are concerns about a pharmacy professional or pharmacy on our register.

Through our work we help to promote professionalism, support continuous improvement and assure the quality and safety of pharmacy.

Summary

The GPhC is here to protect the public and to give them assurance that they will receive safe and effective care when using pharmacy services. Parliament has given us the responsibility to make sure we have the finances to do this properly, and to carry out our statutory duties and roles.

Like all organisations we review our income every year to make sure we have what we need for the year ahead. One of the things we review as part of this is our fees. We look at ways to reduce costs, so that we can provide value for money to our registrants. We also look at where we can make efficiencies without putting any of our key roles at risk. We also review our financial reserves and consider other sources of income.

Since our last consultation on fees in May 2023 we have introduced savings to help keep costs low and to reduce our carbon footprint. We reduced our office space and moved to new offices last year, most of our fitness to practise hearings are now held remotely and we've also improved our use of technology and have reduced our postage and printing costs. We are committed to making £1.5million of savings by 2027/28 and will use our reserves so that fee increases can be kept as low as possible.

Despite making these savings, our operating costs have continued to go up. To make sure we can fulfil our main role of protecting the public **we are proposing that we increase the fees for pharmacist, pharmacy technician and pharmacy premises registrations.** We are proposing to introduce a **two-year fee cycle from September 2025.** This will provide registrants with certainty on their fees until **September 2027.**

Our proposed fee increases would mean that from September 2025:

Pharmacist renewal fees would increase by £17 to £293.

Pharmacy technician renewal fees would increase by £8 to £138.

Pharmacy premises renewal fees would increase by £24 to £416.

The proposed increases from September 2026 would mean that:

Pharmacist renewal fees would increase by £17 to £310.

Pharmacy technician renewal fees would increase by £8 to £146.

Pharmacy premises renewal fees would increase by £25 to £441.

This is a proposed increase of 6% a year.

We have kept fee increases as low as possible by improving our efficiency and by using our financial reserves to cover any gap between our income and our outgoings. We are committed to looking for ways to make savings, but like many organisations, we are seeing our operational costs go up, with bigger utility bills and supplier costs, and increases in employer costs such as National Insurance contributions. At the moment, our yearly outgoings are bigger than our income, and our financial projections show that this will continue and get worse over the next five years. This is not sustainable. It means that, as well as everything we are doing to reduce spending, and despite using our reserves to support our day-to-day work, we have no option but to increase our income.

Our proposals

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Our fees policy is key in guiding our thinking – you can read the policy in Appendix 1.

Since our last consultation on fees in May 2023 we have introduced savings to help keep costs low and to reduce our carbon footprint:

- We reduced our office space and moved to new offices last year. This has given us a substantial saving that we have built into our projected finances.
- Most fitness to practise hearings are now held remotely. This gives registrants and witnesses more flexibility and reduces travel costs.
- We've also improved our use of technology and have reduced our postage and printing costs.
- As part of our commitment to sustainability we have moved away from having a car fleet to giving car allowances to staff who need vehicles as part of their role. This has also reduced our costs.

We are committed to making more savings, and are looking for cost savings and efficiencies so that we can make the best use of our present and expected resources. Our aim is to save £1.5million on our expected spending by the end of 2027/28.

Despite making these savings, our operating costs have continued to go up. To make sure we can fulfil our main role of protecting the public **we are proposing that we increase the fees for pharmacist, pharmacy technician and pharmacy premises registrations.**

Multi-year fee cycles

In 2021 we consulted with registrants on introducing 'multi-year' fee cycles. The aim of these was to give registrants more certainty about the future costs of registration and allow them to budget more effectively. The new fee cycles would also allow us to plan our work over a longer period and make fee changes more gradual.

Many people who responded to this consultation agreed with our plans to introduce a multi-year fee cycle, so we are proposing to introduce a **two-year fee cycle from September 2025**. This will provide registrants with certainty on their fees until **September 2027**.

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We understand that the proposed fee increases come at a time when many pharmacy professionals are under increased financial pressure. But we believe that the fee increases we are proposing are needed if we are to carry out our statutory duties and provide assurance to the public.

You can see a full list of the fees and the proposed increases in Appendix 2.

You can also see in Appendix 3 how the proposed renewal fees compare with fees charged by other healthcare regulators.

Our spending and what we do

90% of our income comes from registrant fees. These fees fund the work we do to protect the public and to give them assurance that they will receive safe and effective care when using pharmacy services. Our proposed spending for 2025/26 is shown below:

One third of our operating costs go towards managing concerns about the professions we regulate – that is, our fitness to practise work. This area is where we have the most contact with the public, and we must carry out a thorough assessment of every concern that we receive.

Some of the complaints we receive aren't for the GPhC to deal with. We are introducing 'signposting' services to point patients towards the right organisation when they raise the concern. This will help reduce our costs and make sure that patient concerns are dealt with as quickly and appropriately as possible. The signposting will also allow us to direct more of our resources towards investigations. We are now also holding most of our hearings remotely, to reduce costs for registrants and witnesses and reduce our office space.

While our main role is to protect the public and provide them with assurance that pharmacy services are safe and effective, we recognise that we have a role in supporting the professions we regulate. We set the standards that pharmacy professionals are expected to meet, and our policy and standards team work with pharmacy professionals every day. They give advice on ethical questions and answer any queries registrants have about our standards and guidance.

Our governing Council has agreed to a multi-year recruitment cycle for new Council members. This will help make sure that the Council maintains a good standard of governance of the organisation, and also demonstrates leadership in terms of finding cost efficiencies. The new recruitment cycle meant that the Privy Council were able to appoint new Council members for our two most recent vacancy cycles in one recruiting round, reducing our recruitment costs.

On top of their inspection responsibilities our inspectors act as a 'go-to' contact for pharmacy professionals and pharmacy owners within their area. They are able to complement the advice given by our policy and standards team.

Our customer contact centre staff provide advice and guidance to members of the public and pharmacy professionals. They work to make sure that everyone who calls or emails them is dealt with as quickly as

possible. They regularly provide help and support to pharmacy students who are waiting for, or have received, their results for the common registration assessment.

The tables below set out what we propose to spend our income on in 2025/26 and what we spent our income on in 2024/25. Our operating costs have increased as we are continuing to see an increase in our fitness to practice work as well as an increase in our education quality assurance work as we move towards the full implementation of the 2021 standards.

Figure 1: How we propose to spend our income in 2025/26

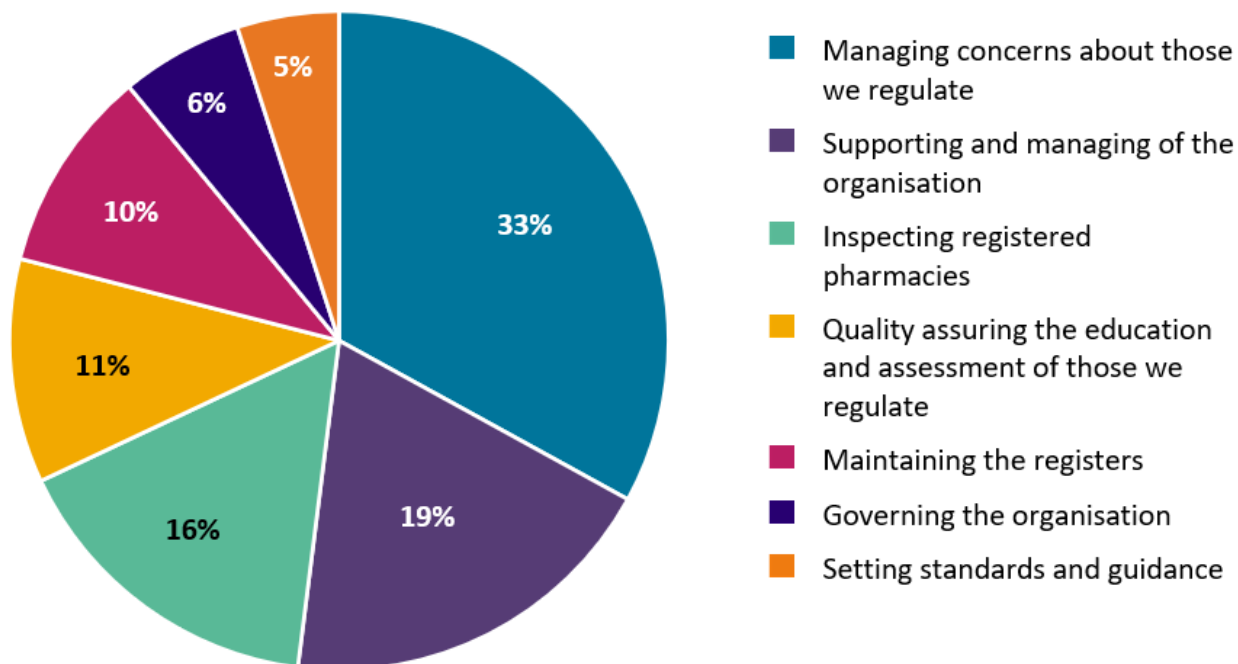
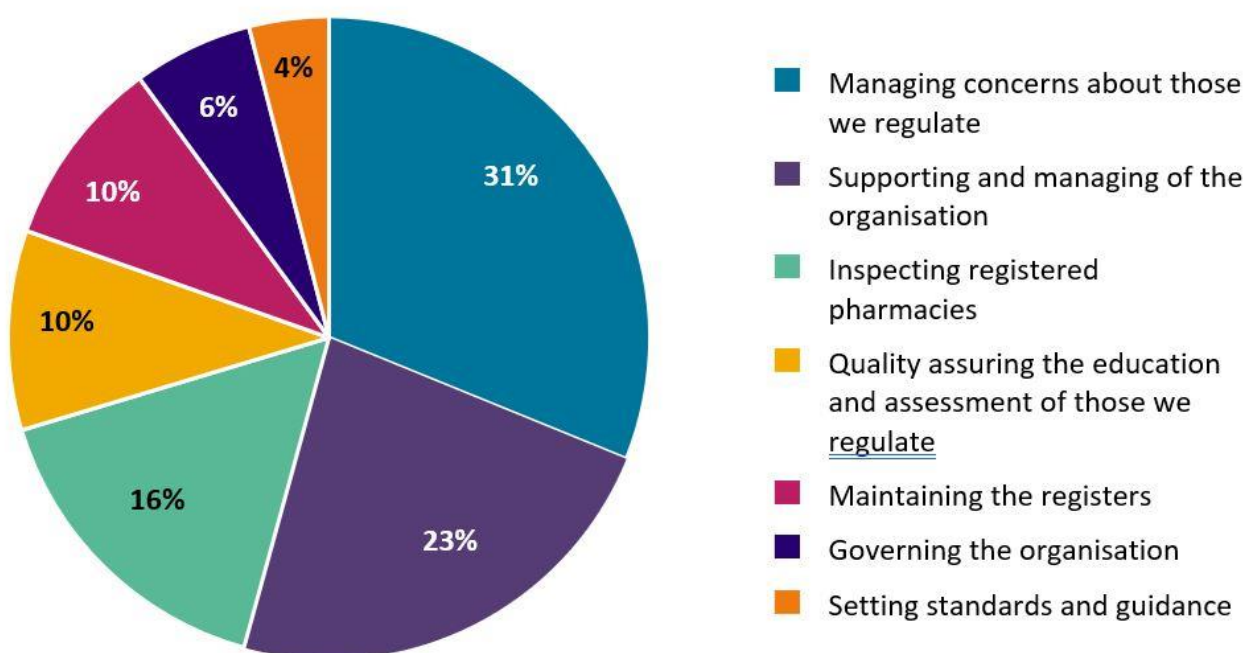


Figure 2: Our expected spend in 2024/25



Cost improvement plan

We have already introduced cost-savings so that we can keep proposed fee increases as low as possible. We will continue to look for savings and efficiencies so that we can keep future fee increases as low as possible. We're also committed to reducing our spending by around 5% by 2027/28. This is a proposed reduction in spending of £1.5million. We are looking to make those savings by:

- reviewing our contracts and renegotiating terms where we can
- optimising where our resources are used and reviewing existing processes and procedures and eliminating waste
- assessing workforce needs and exploring options for flexible use of skills and labour
- implementing new practices so that we get full use of our resources

Our approach to fee increases

Paying for our regulatory work

When we were set up, Parliament decided that the people and organisations we regulate must bear the costs of this directly. So, when we consider what fees to charge, we look at how much it costs to regulate each registrant group. We then set separate fees for each group, based on those costs.

To make sure the fees are appropriate, we use a 'cost allocation model'. This makes it clear how much our individual activities cost and gives us a framework for discussions about setting fees. We used this model to set the present fee levels.

If we didn't propose fee increases to cover our costs, we would be forced to cut back on our regulatory work. We would no longer be able to offer the same level of assurance to patients and the public that the care they receive is safe and effective. We need to make sure we have the finances to meet our regulatory responsibilities. We managed to avoid fee increases in 2022 and 2023, and the fee increases from April 2024 were the first to raise fees above the level we set for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in 2010. **According to the Bank of England's inflation calculator**, if annual renewal fees had increased in line with inflation since 2010 the current fees would be **£395.58** for pharmacists, and **£214.40** for pharmacy technicians.

As mentioned above, we have kept fee increases as low as possible by improving our efficiency and by using our financial reserves to cover any gap between our income and our outgoings. We are committed to looking for ways to make savings, including an office move to smaller premises that will generate some cost savings. But like many organisations, we are seeing our operational costs go up, with bigger utility bills and supplier costs, and increases in employer costs such as National Insurance contributions. At the moment, our yearly outgoings are bigger than our income, and our financial projections show that this will continue and get worse over the next five years. This is not sustainable. It means that, as well as everything we are doing to reduce spending, and despite using our reserves to support our day-to-day work, we have no option but to increase our income.

The proposed fee increases are in proportion to the work we do to regulate all our registrant groups. This is why we are proposing an equal percentage increase on all the registrant fees we charge.

Expected increases in our fitness to practise work

The changes we've made to the initial education and training of pharmacists, as well as changes to the way pharmacy technicians work and are trained, are going to be implemented during this fee cycle. We expect our regulatory work for these two groups to increase and are considering how these changes will affect our fees from September 2027.

We are continuing to see a significant increase in the number of fitness to practise concerns raised with us – the number of concerns raised with us has doubled in the last two years. As well as dealing with the increase in concerns, we are continuing to deal with the backlog of cases that increased during the COVID pandemic. We need to continue to invest in our Fitness to Practise team so that we can ensure a fair, proportionate and timely resolution of fitness to practise concerns, and so we can deal effectively with the major increase in concerns raised with us.

The services being offered within pharmacy premises are changing and growing rapidly, both in the community and online. We are also considering how these changes may be reflected in our fees in future years.

Increases to professional fees

We know that within each registrant group there will be people for whom the fee increases represent a bigger challenge. We've consulted before about charging reduced fees for specific groups such as people who work part time. Most of the responses were in favour of keeping a flat-fee structure, as it was felt that this was both the fairest and simplest approach for registered pharmacy professionals and for the GPhC.

We expect that the proposed percentage increase to fees will mean that the cost increase is shared proportionately between our registrant groups, and by anyone needing to pay any of the other fees listed in appendix 2.

Using our reserves

Like many organisations, the GPhC has financial reserve funds set aside for future use – mainly to cover unexpected expenses or losses. Our present policy is for the reserves to be equal to four to six months of our operating costs. To keep the proposed fee increases as low as possible for registrants we have decided to reduce this level to two to three months of monthly operating costs. This is a short-term move, covering the period of the next five-year financial plan.

Future fees

Our 'cost allocation model' gives us a clear understanding of what our individual activities cost. It also helps us to make sure that we are not using registrant fees to fund any one particular area of our work more than necessary. We have already consulted on introducing 'multi-year' fee cycles that would give registrants more certainty about the future costs of registration, and have decided that now is the time to propose using this approach. To make sure we have the finances to meet our regulatory responsibilities there will be regular and moderate fee increases in the future.

As well as proposing a 'multi-year' fee cycle we are also considering fees in the areas below.

Accreditation and recognition of courses and qualifications

We set the education and training standards for pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacy support staff. This is to make sure they develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours they need to provide the safe and effective care patients and the public expect. We regularly check to make sure that courses and qualifications meet these standards. We do not charge for this work, but rather recover the costs directly from the organisations we accredit.

In our May 2023 consultation we explained that, because the cost of this work has increased, so too will the amounts that we aim to recover. In December 2024, our Council approved improvements to our accreditation processes. These included:

- introducing yearly surveys of students and trainees, and
- moving all courses onto the same reaccreditation cycle

We are developing plans to introduce an annual accreditation fee for accredited courses. We understand the financial pressures that higher education institutions are facing, and will work with providers to make sure that any proposed fee is proportionate and fair to our registrants.

Independent prescribing

Newly qualified pharmacists will join the register as prescribers from September 2026. This will lead to a big increase in the number of independent pharmacist prescribers annotated on our register. We expect to need more resources to support the new prescribers. This means that we will need to review the present single fee for the annotation.

Premises

Pharmacy is continuing to evolve to meet the demands of the public and the health needs of patients. Patients are using pharmacy premises in a different way, and they now have far more consultations with pharmacists (the Pharmacy First Plus scheme in Scotland; Pharmacy First scheme in England and Common Ailments Scheme in Wales). Also, more patients are using the services of online pharmacies.

From January 2025 we will be making improvements to how we carry out inspections. This will make sure that more pharmacy premises are inspected, and there will be a greater emphasis on first inspections for newly registered premises. As we implement the new methods we will consider how these changes should be reflected in our future fees.

The future of pharmacy, and its regulation

The way patients access pharmacy services throughout Great Britain is largely the same. We know that in each country the expectations of patients and the public around person-centred care are growing. Pharmacy professionals and the places they work are playing a much greater role in delivering services to patients than ever before, with more pharmacies providing clinical services.

We also recognise that during our proposed fee cycle, there will be elections to the Senedd and to the Scottish Parliament. These may lead to more integration of health and social care and an even greater role for pharmacy professionals. There are also likely to be more changes to the way clinical services are provided to patients in England. To make sure we are ready for these changes, and to make sure we are proportionate and effective, we will need to:

- use intelligence more

- adapt as quickly as possible to the world around us, and
- be 'anticipatory' in the way we regulate

To achieve this, we need to make sure we are financially stable and sustainable, and funded appropriately and fairly by the people and organisations we regulate.

The consultation process

Our governing Council have carefully examined a range of information and evidence while considering this consultation. We want to test our thinking and the Council want to make their decisions about fees using the best information available when they meet to discuss the responses to this consultation in Summer 2025.

The consultation will run for 12 weeks from 30 January and close on 24 April 2025. During this time, we welcome feedback from individuals and organisations. We will send this document to a range of stakeholders, including pharmacy professionals, pharmacist prescribers, pharmacy owners, patients' representative bodies and other people and organisations with an interest in this area.

After the consultation, we will publish a report summarising what we heard.

Our report on this consultation

Once the consultation period ends, we will analyse the responses we receive and consider any changes that are needed. The Council will consider making the 2025 and 2026 fees rules at a meeting in Summer 2025 and, if the Council approves them, the rules will apply from September 2025.

We will publish a summary of the responses and an explanation of the decisions we take. You will be able to see this on [our website, pharmacyregulation.org](https://www.pharmacyregulation.org).

Why we consult

Under the Pharmacy Order 2010, we have to consult before we set any standards or requirements. We will also consult when we need to, to make sure we carry out our statutory duties effectively and proportionately to meet our overall objective of protecting the public.

Responding to the consultation

How we use your information

We will use your response to help us develop our work. We ask you to give us some background information about you and, if you respond on behalf of an organisation, your organisation. We use this to help us analyse the possible impact of our plans on different groups. We are committed to promoting equality, valuing diversity and being inclusive in all our work as a health professions regulator, and to making sure we meet our equality duties. There is an equality monitoring form at the end of the survey. You do not have to fill it in, but if you do, it will give us useful information to check that this happens.

How we share your information

If you respond as a private individual, we will not use your name or publish your individual response. If you respond on behalf of an organisation, we will list your organisation's name and may publish your response in full unless you tell us not to. If you want any part of your response to stay confidential, you should explain why you believe the information you have given is confidential.

We may need to disclose information under the laws covering access to information (usually the Freedom of Information Act 2000). If you ask us to keep part or all of your response confidential, we will treat this request seriously and try to respect it. But we cannot guarantee that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances.

If you email a response to the consultation and this is covered by an automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system this will not, in itself, be binding on the GPhC.

Your rights

Under data protection law, you may ask for a copy of your response to this consultation or other information we hold about you, and you may also ask us to delete your response. For more information about your rights and who to contact please read our privacy policy on our website.

How to respond

You can respond to this consultation by going to pharmacyregulation.org/consultation-draft-changes-fees-2025 and filling in the online questionnaire there.

We encourage respondents to use the online questionnaire. However, if you want to send a response by email, please write your response to the consultation questions and send it to us at consultations@pharmacyregulation.org.

Other formats

Please contact us at communications@pharmacyregulation.org if you would like a copy of the consultation survey in another format (for example, in larger type or in a different language).

Comments on the consultation process itself

If you have concerns or comments about the consultation process itself, please send them to: feedback@pharmacyregulation.org

or post them to us at:

Governance Team

General Pharmaceutical Council
Level 14
1 Cabot Square
London
E14 4QJ

Please do not send consultation responses to this address.

Responding to the consultation on draft changes to fees 2025

Consultation questions

Our approach

We have explained in the 'Our proposals' section of this document that despite efficiency savings at the GPhC we need to increase our fees to cover rising operational costs.

1. How much do you agree or disagree with the reasoning we have set out for increasing our fees?

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

In the 'Our proposals' section of this document, we propose increasing fees in proportion to the present fee paid by each registrant group.

2. How much do you agree or disagree with the approach of raising fees in proportion to the present fees?

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

3. Please give your comments explaining your answers to the two questions above.

Implementation

In the 'Our proposals' section of this document, we have proposed an annual increase of 6% for both the 2025/26 and 2026/27 financial years.

4. Do you think the proposed increases of 6% for both 2025/26 and 2026/27 are:

Much too high

A bit too high

About right

A bit too low

Much too low

Don't know

We have explained in the ‘Our proposals’ section of this document that we plan to set fees using two-yearly cycles. This means you will still pay your fees once a year, but you will know the fee amount for the next two years.

5. How much do you agree or disagree with our proposal to set our fees for two years from September 2025?

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

6. Please give your comments explaining your answers to the two questions above.

Equality and impact questions

7. We want to understand whether our proposals will have a positive or negative impact on any individuals or groups sharing any of the protected characteristics in the Equality Act 2010. Do you think our proposals will have a positive or negative impact on individuals or groups who share any of the protected characteristics?

| Protected characteristic | Positive impact | Negative impact | Positive and negative impact | No impact | Don't know |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Age | | | | | |
| Disability | | | | | |
| Gender reassignment | | | | | |
| Marriage and civil partnership | | | | | |
| Pregnancy and maternity | | | | | |
| Race | | | | | |
| Religion | | | | | |
| Sex | | | | | |
| Sexual orientation | | | | | |

8. We also want to know if our proposals will have a positive or negative impact on pharmacy staff, pharmacy owners, foundation trainee pharmacists, and patients and the public. Do you think our proposals will have a positive or negative impact on each of these groups?

| Protected characteristic | Positive impact | Negative impact | Positive and negative impact | No impact | Don't know |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Pharmacy staff | | | | | |
| Pharmacy owners | | | | | |
| Foundation trainee pharmacists | | | | | |
| Patients and the public | | | | | |

9. Please give your comments explaining your answer to the two 'impact' questions above. Please describe the individuals or groups concerned and the impact you think our proposals would have.

Receiving updates

We would like to email you to update you on the progress of this consultation as well as about the other work of the GPhC. Please tell us below if you would like to be contacted in the future.

- I would like to be contacted with updates on the consultation on draft changes to fees 2025
- I would like to be contacted with news and information about other consultations from the GPhC

Please give us an email address for updates and communications from the GPhC.

Important: you can unsubscribe from our mailing list at any time by clicking on the 'unsubscribe' option in the email.

Equality monitoring

At the GPhC, we are committed to promoting equality, valuing diversity and being inclusive in all our work as a health professions regulator, and to making sure we meet our equality duties.

We want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to respond to this consultation on our draft changes to fees from September 2025. This equality monitoring form will give us useful information to check that this happens.

Your answers will not be linked to your consultation responses. You do not have to answer these questions if you would prefer not to.

What is your sex?

Please tick one box

- Male
- Female
- Other
- Prefer not to say

What is your sexual orientation?

Please tick one box

- Heterosexual/straight
- Gay woman/lesbian
- Gay man
- Bisexual
- Other
- Prefer not to say

Does your gender identity match your sex as registered at birth?

Please tick one box

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Do you consider yourself disabled?

Disability is defined in the Equality Act 2010 as ‘physical or mental impairment, which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on a person’s ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities’.

Please tick one box.

- Yes
- No

Prefer not to say

What is your age group?

Please tick one box

16 – 24 years

25 – 34 years

35 – 44 years

45 – 54 years

55 – 64 years

65+ years

Prefer not to say

What is your race/ethnicity?

Choose the option that best describes your ethnic group/cultural background. Please tick one box.

White

British

Irish

Gypsy or Irish traveller

Other white background (please fill in the box at the end of this section)

Black or Black British

Black Caribbean

Black African

Other black background (please fill in the box at the end of this section)

Mixed

White and black Caribbean

White and black African

White and Asian

Other mixed background (please fill in the box at the end of this section)

Asian or Asian British

Indian

Pakistani

Bangladeshi

Chinese

Other Asian background (please fill in the box at the end of this section)

Arab

Arab

Other

Prefer not to say

Other ethnic group background (please give more information in the box below)

What is your religion?

Please tick one box

Buddhist

Christian

Hindu

Jewish

Muslim

Sikh

None

Other (please give more information in the box below)

Prefer not to say

Appendix 1: Our fees policy

- 1.1 The fees we set must cover the costs of delivering our regulatory functions and ensure the financial resilience of the organisation so that pharmacy standards can continue to be maintained.
- 1.2 We will allocate revenues generated from fees in a way which enables us to meet our statutory purpose and regulatory functions, avoiding 'regulatory creep', where standards, guidance and regulation can become complex, unclear, confusing or contradictory.
- 1.3 We will set fees for different registrant groups in a way which considers a range of factors including: costs of regulation; relative risk factors where known; and comparable fees for other regulated professional groups. We are committed to considering these factors, but recognise that, given the complexity of these issues, there is no 'perfect' formula for decision making.
- 1.4 We will balance the above factors with the need to minimise complexity in our fees structure, which can increase costs overall.
- 1.5 We will ensure we consider external factors, including economic factors, when setting fees, alongside the need to carry out our statutory functions effectively.
- 1.6 We will periodically review these principles and ensure that we set out clearly any significant change in factors which either allows us, or requires us, to reduce or increase fees in future.
- 1.7 We will continually strive to identify efficiencies in our regulatory operations and set these out when consulting on fees.
- 1.8 We will seek, through effective future planning and consideration of external economic factors, to avoid large fluctuations in fees, up or down, in future years.

Appendix 2: Proposed fee amounts

The tables below show the present fee amounts, the amount we propose to increase these by, and the total fees we propose to charge from September 2025 and September 2026. All amounts are rounded up to the nearest pound.

When we charge reprocessing fees (for example if an application is not complete), we will also apply the 6% increase to this charge.

Table 1: Pharmacists proposed changes to fees from September 2025

| Fee type | Present fee (£) | Fee after 6% increase (£) | Amount of increase (£) |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Pharmacist Renewal/First Entry Fee | 276 | 293 | 17 |
| OSPAP Assessment Fee | 769 | 815 | 46 |
| Pharmacist Application Fee | 114 | 121 | 7 |
| Independent Prescriber Annotation Fee | 61 | 65 | 4 |
| Certificate of Professional Standing Fee | 87 | 92 | 5 |
| Pharmacist Restoration Fee* | 543 | 576 | 33 |

* There are a range of restoration and return to registration fees, depending on how a pharmacist left the register. We have included the most common fees charged here, but the 6% increase would apply to all restoration and return to registration fees.

Table 2: Pharmacists proposed changes to fees from September 2026

| Fee type | 2025 fee (£) | Fee after 6% increase (£) | Amount of increase (£) |
|--|--------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Pharmacist Renewal/First Entry Fee | 293 | 310 | 17 |
| OSPAP Assessment Fee | 815 | 864 | 49 |
| Pharmacist Application Fee | 121 | 128 | 7 |
| Independent Prescriber Annotation Fee | 65 | 69 | 4 |
| Certificate of Professional Standing Fee | 92 | 98 | 6 |
| Pharmacist Restoration Fee* | 576 | 610 | 34 |

* There are a range of restoration and return to registration fees, depending on how a pharmacist left the register. We have included the most common fees charged here, but the 6% increase would apply to all restoration and return to registration fees.

Table 3: Pharmacy technician proposed changes to fees from September 2025

| Fee type | Present fee (£) | Fee after 6% increase (£) | Amount of increase (£) |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Pharmacy Technician Renewal/First Entry Fee | 130 | 138 | 8 |
| Pharmacy Technician Application Fee | 114 | 121 | 7 |
| Pharmacy Technician Restoration Fee* | 331 | 351 | 20 |

* There are a range of restoration and return to registration fees, depending on how a pharmacy technician left the register. We have included the most common fees charged here, but the 6% increase would apply to all restoration and return to registration fees.

Table 4: Pharmacy technician proposed changes to fees from September 2026

| Fee type | 2025 fee (£) | Fee after 6% increase (£) | Amount of increase (£) |
|---|--------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Pharmacy Technician Renewal/First Entry Fee | 138 | 146 | 8 |
| Pharmacy Technician Application Fee | 121 | 128 | 7 |
| Pharmacy Technician Restoration Fee* | 351 | 372 | 21 |

* There are a range of restoration and return to registration fees, depending on how a pharmacy technician left the register. We have included the most common fees charged here, but the 6% increase would apply to all restoration and return to registration fees.

Table 5: Pharmacy premises proposed changes to fees from September 2025

| Fee type | Present fee (£) | Fee after 6% increase (£) | Amount of increase (£) |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Premises Renewal/First Entry Fee | 392 | 416 | 24 |
| Premises Registration Fee | 634 | 672 | 38 |
| Transfer of Ownership Fee | 85 | 90 | 5 |
| Premises Restoration Fee | 882 | 935 | 53 |
| Premises Internet Pharmacy Logo Fee | 54 | 57 | 3 |

Table 6: Pharmacy premises proposed changes to fees from September 2026

| Fee type | 2025 fee (£) | Fee after 6% increase (£) | Amount of increase (£) |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Premises Renewal/First Entry Fee | 416 | 441 | 25 |
| Premises Registration Fee | 672 | 713 | 41 |
| Transfer of Ownership Fee | 90 | 95 | 5 |
| Premises Restoration Fee | 935 | 991 | 56 |
| Premises Internet Pharmacy Logo Fee | 57 | 60 | 3 |

Appendix 3: How our renewal fees compare with those of other regulators

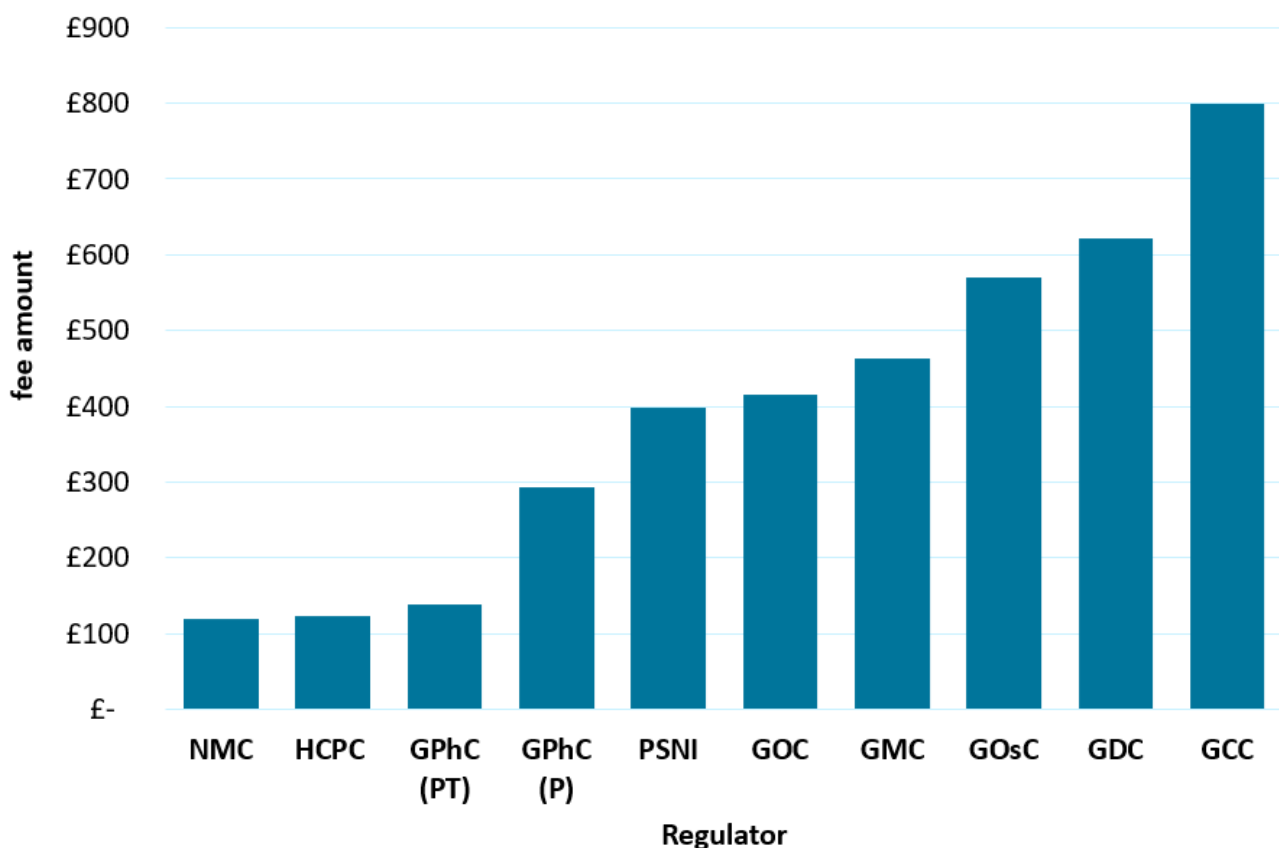
As part of our thinking, we have also considered the fees other regulators with similar responsibilities charge now, or propose to charge. The tables below show these fees, with our proposed 2024 fees in comparison.

Regulators charge different types of fees and have different renewal periods, so it is not always possible to make a direct comparison.

The fee amounts shown are for full annual registration renewal. In the second chart for premises regulators, we have chosen examples as similar as possible to a registered pharmacy. The charts are arranged from the lowest to the highest renewal fee.

Our proposed fees would still be among the lowest of similar regulators.

Figure 3: Comparing our proposed 2025 pharmacist (P) and pharmacy technician (PT) renewal fees with other healthcare regulators' 2024/25 (proposed or actual) professional renewal fees



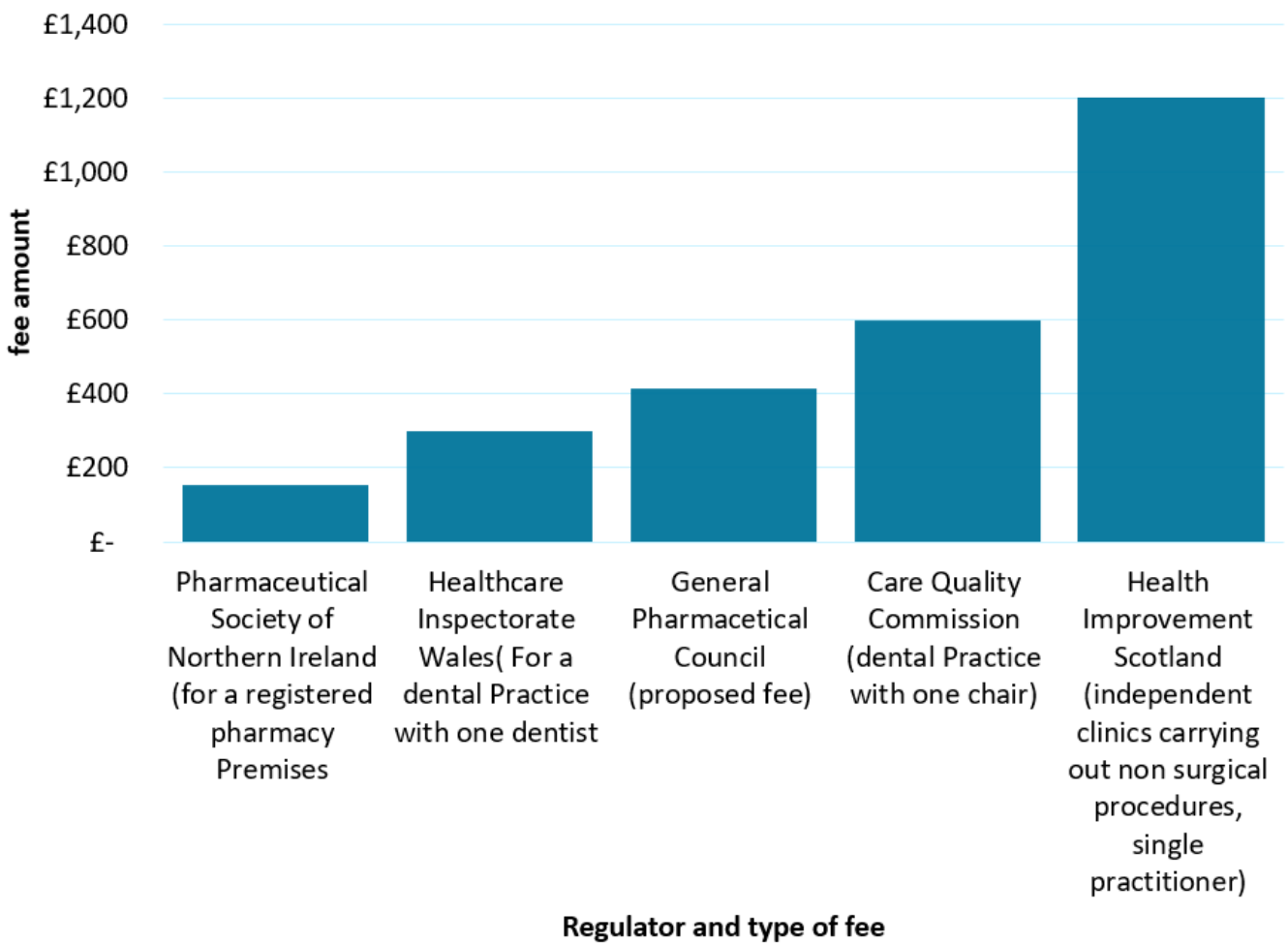
Key

HCPC Health and Care Professions Council

NMC Nursing and Midwifery Council

- GPhC (PT) GPhC proposed pharmacy technician renewal fee
- GPhC (P) GPhC proposed pharmacist renewal fee
- GOC General Optical Council
- PSNI Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland
- GMC General Medical Council
- GOsC General Osteopathic Council
- GDC General Dental Council
- GCC General Chiropractic Council

Figure 4: Comparing our proposed 2025 pharmacy premises renewal fee with other healthcare regulators’ 2024/25 (proposed or actual) premises renewal fees



Appendix 4: Proposed fee rules

THE GENERAL PHARMACEUTICAL COUNCIL (REGISTRATION AND RENEWAL FEES) RULES 2025

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The General Pharmaceutical Council has made these Rules in exercise of the powers conferred by articles 36(1) and 66(1) of the Pharmacy Order 2010(a).¹

(a) S.I. 2010/231.
(b) Article 66(3)(a) was amended by S.I. 2013/235.
(c) 1968 c. 67.
(d) These Rules are contained in the Schedule to S.I. 2010/1617
(e) Article 37(1)(f) was amended by S.I. 2014/1887.

In accordance with article 66(3) of that Order, the General Pharmaceutical Council has consulted such persons and organisations as it considered appropriate including the persons and organisations listed in sub-paragraphs (a) to (d) of article 36(6) and in sub-paragraphs (a) to (h) of article 66(3) of that Order²(b).

PART 1 GENERAL

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the General Pharmaceutical Council (Registration and Renewal Fees) Rules 2025.

(2) These Rules come into force on 1 September 2025.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Rules—

“the Act” means the Medicines Act 1968³(c);

“former registrant” has the meaning given in paragraph (2); “the Order” means the Pharmacy Order 2010;

“Registration Rules” means the rules contained in the Schedule to the General Pharmaceutical Council (Registration Rules) Order of Council 2010⁴(d);

“relevant person” has the meaning given in paragraph (3);

“specified certificate” means a certificate of good standing or current professional status which is issued by the Council in respect of a person and which contains the information referred to in rule 10(6)(a) to (f) of the Registration Rules.

(2) For the purposes of these Rules, a person is a “former registrant” if—

- (a) the person is no longer entered in Part 1 or 2 of the Register; and
- (b) the person’s name was removed from that Part of the Register otherwise than by virtue of a direction given by the Council’s Fitness to Practise Committee under article 54(2)(c) or (3)(a)(i) or (b)(iv) of the Order (consideration by the Fitness to Practise Committee); and
- (c) the person is not, or is no longer, capable of being restored to the Register on an application for restoration pursuant to article 37(1) of the Order(e) (restoration to the Register of persons or premises removed from the Register).

(3) For the purposes of these Rules, a person is a “relevant person” if—

- (a) the person’s name was—
 - (i) by virtue of a direction under section 8 of the Pharmacy Act 1954⁵(a) (direction of unfitness by Statutory Committee) removed from the register maintained under section 2(1) of that Act; or
 - (ii) virtue of a direction under article 52 of the Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians Order 2007(b) (determination as to fitness to practise by Disciplinary Committee) removed from the register of

(a) ⁵ 1954 c.61. The Act was repealed by paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/289

(b)).S.I. 2007/289. The Order was revoked by paragraph 58 of Schedule 4 to the Pharmacy Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/231)

- pharmacists maintained under article 10(1) of that Order or from the register of pharmacy technicians maintained under article 21(1) of that Order; and
- (b) immediately before 27 September 2010, the person was not registered in either of the registers referred to in sub-paragraph (a)(ii); and
 - (c) the person has not been entered in Part 1 or 2 of the Register.

Revocation

3. The General Pharmaceutical Council (Registration and Renewal Fees) Rules 2023 are revoked.

PART 2

REGISTERED PHARMACISTS

Fees in respect of register entries or annotations

Application for entry in Part 1 of the Register

- 4.—(1) The fees specified in this rule are payable in respect of an application for the entry of a person in Part 1 of the Register.
- (2) Except as mentioned in paragraph (3) or (4), the fee is £121 and £128 from 1 September 2026.
- (3) Where the application is made in respect of a relevant person the fee is £489 and £518 from 1 September 2026.
- (4) Where the application is made in respect of a former registrant—
- (a) the fee is £121 and £128 from 1 September 2026 if the removal of the former registrant’s entry from the Register was voluntary;
 - (b) the fee is £653 and £692 from 1 September 2026 if the removal of that entry was done under or by virtue of any provision listed in paragraph (5);
 - (c) the fee is £455 and £482 from 1 September 2026 in any case not within sub-paragraph (a) or (b).
- (5) For the purposes of paragraph (4)(b) and rule 15(4)(b), the listed provisions are—
- (a) article 37(1)(c) of the Order (fraudulent or incorrect entries);
 - (b) article 37(1)(d) of the Order (fitness to practise matters before entry or renewal of an entry);
 - (c) article 37(1)(f) of the Order (failure to comply with requirements as to indemnity arrangements); or
 - (d) article 37(1)(g) of the Order (failure to comply with continuing professional development framework or the making of a false declaration as to compliance).
- (6) Paragraph (4)(b) does not apply to the removal of an incorrect entry for non-payment of the whole or any part of any fee required by article 20(1)(b) or (2)(b) of the Order (entitlement to entry in Part 1 or 2 of the Register).
- (7) The whole of the fee specified in any of paragraphs (2) to (4) is payable irrespective of whether the application for registration is granted.

Entry in Part 1 of the Register following grant of an application

5. Where an application is granted in respect of which a fee specified in rule 4 is payable, the fee for making an entry in Part 1 of the Register in respect of the person to whom the application relates is £293 and £311 from 1 September 2026.

Application for an annotation to an entry in Part 1 of the Register

6.—(1) The fees specified in this rule are payable in respect of an application to have an annotation to an entry in Part 1 of the Register in respect of a specialisation.

(2) Except as mentioned in paragraph (3), the fee is £65 and £69 from 1 September 2026.

(3) The fee is £217 and £230 from 1 September 2026 where—

- (a) the application is made by a registrant or former registrant who has previously had an annotation in respect of the same specialisation, and
- (b) that annotation was removed under rules made by virtue of article 27(1)(c) of the Order (which includes provision for rules to be made as to the circumstances in which annotations to an entry may be removed).

(4) The whole of the fee specified in paragraph (2) or (3), as the case may be, is payable irrespective of whether the application to have the annotation is granted.

Voluntary removal of an entry or an annotation from Part 1 of the Register

7. No fee is payable in respect of an application for the voluntary removal from Part 1 of the Register of—

- (a) an entry in that Part; or
- (b) an annotation to an entry in that Part in respect of a specialisation.

Fees in respect of renewal of Register entries

Renewal of an entry in Part 1 of the Register

8.—(1) The fee for renewal of an entry in Part 1 of the Register is £293 and £311 from 1 September 2026.

(2) A person (“P”) may enter into an arrangement with the Registrar to delay payment of part of the renewal fee under paragraph (1).

(3) Where such an arrangement is entered into—

- (a) the renewal fee is to be paid by P in instalments by way of direct debit; but
- (b) the outstanding balance of an amount equal to the aggregate of the renewal fee and any additional fee due under rule 13 becomes payable immediately if the Registrar gives P a notice under paragraph (4).

(4) The Registrar may give P a notice under this paragraph in any case where P—

- (a) fails to make a payment which has fallen due under the arrangement referred to in paragraph (2); or
- (b) fails to comply in any other respect with the terms and conditions referred to in rule 4(2) of the Registration Rules (payment of fees by instalments); or (c) makes an application for the voluntary removal of P’s entry from Part 1 of the Register.

(5) Nothing in paragraphs (2) to (4) affects P’s liability to pay the whole of the renewal fee and any additional fee due under rule 13.

Fees in respect of restoration of Register entries or annotations

Application to restore an entry to Part 1 of the Register

9.—(1) The fees specified in this rule are payable in respect of an application for restoration of an entry to Part 1 of the Register.

(2) Where the application is made following the voluntary removal of an entry—

- (a) the fee is £455 and £482 from 1 September 2026 if the application is made before the end of the period of 1 month starting with the date of the voluntary removal; and
- (b) the fee is £164 and £174 from 1 September 2026 in any other case.

(3) The fee is £455 and £482 from 1 September 2026 where the application is made following the removal of an entry under or by virtue of a provision specified in—

- (a) article 37(1)(a) of the Order (the Registrar’s refusal to renew an entry); or
- (b) article 37(1)(b) of the Order (failure to discharge duties with regard to the registrant’s entry).

- (4) Where the application is made following the removal of an entry under or by virtue of the provision specified in article 37(1)(c) of the Order (fraudulent or incorrect entries)—
- (a) the fee is £455 and £482 from 1 September 2026 if an incorrect entry was removed because of non-payment of the whole or any part of a fee required by article 20(1)(b) or (2)(b) of the Order (entitlement to entry in Part 1 or 2 of the Register); and
 - (b) the fee is £653 and £692 from 1 September 2026 in any other case.
- (5) The fee is £653 and £692 from 1 September 2026 where the application is made—
- (a) following the removal of an entry under or by virtue of a provision specified in—
 - (i) article 37(1)(d) of the Order (fitness to practise matters before entry or renewal of an entry); or
 - (ii) article 37(1)(f) of the Order (failure to comply with requirements as to indemnity arrangements); or
 - (iii) article 37(1)(g) of the Order (failure to comply with continuing professional development framework or the making of a false declaration as to compliance); or
 - (b) following the grant by the Council’s Fitness to Practise Committee of an application under article 57 of the Order (restoration of names to the Register: fitness to practise).
- (6) The whole of the fee specified in any of paragraphs (2) to (5) is payable irrespective of whether the application for restoration of an entry is granted.

Restoring an entry to Part 1 of the Register following grant of an application

10.—(1) Where an application is granted in respect of which a fee specified in rule 9 is payable, the fee for restoring an entry to Part 1 of the Register in respect of the person to whom the application relates is £121 and £128 from 1 September 2026.

(2) The whole of the restoration fee is payable irrespective of the date on which the entry is restored to Part 1 of the Register.

Restoring an annotation to an entry in Part 1 of the Register

11.—(1) The fees specified in this rule are payable in respect of an application for restoration of an annotation made to an entry in Part 1 of the Register.

(2) The fee is £65 and £69 from 1 September 2026 if the application is made following the voluntary removal of the annotation.

(3) The fee is £217 and £230 from 1 September 2026 if the application is made following the removal of the annotation under rules made by virtue of article 27(1)(c) of the Order (which includes provision for rules to be made as to the circumstances in which annotations to an entry may be removed).

(4) The whole of the fee specified in paragraph (2) or (3), as the case may be, is payable irrespective of whether the application for restoration of an annotation is granted.

Other fees

Notices and specified certificates

12.—(1) The fee for the replacement of a notice of entry in Part 1 of the Register is £17 and £18 from 1 September 2026.

(2) The fee for issuing a specified certificate in respect of a person entered in Part 1 of the Register is £92 and £98 from 1 September 2026.

Administration

13.—(1) The fee for re-processing a payment which has not been honoured by the bank or card- issuer of a person paying a fee specified in any of the preceding provisions of this Part is £23 and £24 from 1 September 2026.

(2) The fee for processing an application for entry in Part 1 of the Register where the application has been returned to the applicant for additional information more than once is £55 and £58 from 1 September 2026 and that fee is payable in addition to the fee payable under rule 4.

PART 3

REGISTERED PHARMACY TECHNICIANS

Fees in respect of register entries

Application for entry in Part 2 of the Register

14. —(1) The fees specified in this rule are payable in respect of an application for the entry of a person in Part 2 of the Register.

(2) Except as mentioned in paragraph (3) or (4), the fee is £121 and £128 from 1 September 2026.

(3) Where the application is made in respect of a relevant person, the fee is £335 and £355 from 1 September 2026.

(4) Where the application is made in respect of a former registrant—

- (a) the fee is £14 and £15 from 1 September 2026 if the removal of the former registrant's entry from the Register was voluntary;
- (b) the fee is £343 and £364 from 1 September 2026 if the removal of that entry was done under or by virtue of any provision listed in rule 4(5);
- (c) the fee is £230 and £244 from 1 September 2026 in any case not within sub-paragraph (a) or (b).

(5) Paragraph (4)(b) does not apply to the removal of an incorrect entry for non-payment of the whole or any part of any fee required by article 20(1)(b) or (2)(b) of the Order (entitlement to entry in Part 1 or 2 of the Register).

(6) The whole of the fee specified in any of paragraphs (2) to (4) is payable irrespective of whether the application for registration is granted.

Entry in Part 2 of the Register following grant of an application

15. Where an application is granted in respect of which a fee specified in rule 14 is payable, the fee for making an entry in Part 2 of the Register in respect of the person to whom the application relates is £138 and £146 from 1 September 2026.

Voluntary removal of an entry from Part 2 of the Register

16. No fee is payable in respect of an application for the voluntary removal of an entry from Part 2 of the Register.

Fees in respect of renewal of Register entries

Renewal of an entry in Part 2 of the Register

17. —(1) The fee for renewal of an entry in Part 2 of the Register is £138 and £146 from 1 September 2026.

(2) A person ("T") may enter into an arrangement with the Registrar to delay payment of part of the renewal fee under paragraph (1).

(3) Where such an arrangement is entered into—

- (a) the renewal fee is to be paid by T in instalments by way of direct debit; but
- (b) the outstanding balance of an amount equal to the aggregate of the renewal fee and any additional fee due under rule 21 becomes payable immediately if the Registrar gives T a notice under paragraph (4).
- (4) The Registrar may give T a notice under this paragraph in any case where T—

- (a) fails to make any payment which has fallen due under the arrangement referred to in paragraph (2); or

- (b) fails to comply in any other respect with the terms and conditions referred to in rule 4(2) of the Registration Rules (payment of fees by instalments); or
 - (c) makes an application for the voluntary removal of T's entry from Part 2 of the Register.
- (5) Nothing in paragraphs (2) to (4) affects T's liability to pay the whole of the renewal fee and any additional fee due under rule 21.

Fees in respect of restoration of Register entries

Application to restore an entry to Part 2 of the Register

18.—(1) The fees specified in this rule are payable in respect of an application for restoration of an entry to Part 2 of the Register.

(2) Where the application is made following the voluntary removal of an entry—

- (a) the fee is £230 and £244 from 1 September 2026 if the application is made before the end of the period of 1 month starting with the date of the voluntary removal; and
- (b) the fee is £14 and £15 from 1 September 2026 in any other case.

(3) The fee is £230 and £244 from 1 September 2026 where the application is made following the removal of an entry under or by virtue of a provision specified in—

- (a) article 37(1)(a) of the Order (the Registrar's refusal to renew an entry); or
- (b) article 37(1)(b) of the Order (failure to discharge duties with regard to the registrant's entry).

(4) Where the application is made following the removal of an entry under or by virtue of the provision specified in article 37(1)(c) of the Order (fraudulent or incorrect entries)—

- (a) the fee is £230 and £244 from 1 September 2026 if an incorrect entry was removed because of non-payment of the whole or any part of a fee required by article 20(1)(b) or (2)(b) of the Order (entitlement to entry in Part 1 or 2 of the Register); and
- (b) the fee is £343 and £364 from 1 September 2026 in any other case.

(5) The fee is £343 and £363 from 1 September 2026 where the application is made—

- (a) following the removal of an entry under or by virtue of a provision specified in—
 - (i) article 37(1)(d) of the Order (fitness to practise matters before entry or renewal of an entry); or
 - (ii) article 37(1)(f) of the Order (failure to comply with requirements as to indemnity arrangements); or
 - (iii) article 37(1)(g) of the Order (failure to comply with continuing professional development framework or the making of a false declaration as to compliance); or
- (b) following the grant by the Council's Fitness to Practise Committee of an application under article 57 of the Order (restoration of names to the Register: fitness to practise).

(6) The whole of the fee specified in any of paragraphs (2) to (5) is payable irrespective of whether the application for restoration of an entry is granted.

Restoring an entry to Part 2 of the Register following grant of an application

19.—(1) Where an application is granted in respect of which a fee specified in rule 18 is payable, the fee for restoring an entry to Part 2 of the Register in respect of the person to whom the application relates is £121 and £128 from 1 September 2026.

(2) The whole of the restoration fee is payable irrespective of the date on which the entry is restored to Part 2 of the Register.

Other fees

Notices and specified certificates

20.—(1) The fee for the replacement of a notice of entry in Part 2 of the Register is £17 and £18 from 1 September 2026.

(2) The fee for issuing a specified certificate in respect of a person entered in Part 2 of the Register is £92 and £98 from 1 September 2026.

Administration

21.—(1) The fee for re-processing a payment which has not been honoured by the bank or card- issuer of a person paying a fee specified in any of the preceding provisions of this Part is £23 and £24 from 1 September 2026.

(2) The fee for processing an application for entry in Part 2 of the Register where the application has been returned to the applicant for additional information more than once is £55 and £58 from 1 September 2026 and that fee is payable in addition to the fee payable under rule 15.

PART 4

PREMISES

Fees in respect of Register entries or annotations

Application for entry in Part 3 of the Register

22.—(1) Except as mentioned in rule 23, the fee in respect of an application for the entry of premises in Part 3 of the Register is £672 and £712 from 1 September 2026.

(2) The whole of the fee specified in paragraph (1) is payable irrespective of whether the application for registration is granted.

Application for entry in Part 3 of the Register following removal of previous entry

23.—(1) The fees specified in this rule are payable in respect of an application for the entry of premises in Part 3 of the Register where—

- (a) the previous entry in respect of the premises was removed from the Register; and
- (b) the person making the application is the person who was carrying on the retail pharmacy business at the premises immediately before the entry was removed.

(2) The fee is £814 and £863 from 1 September 2026 where the previous entry was removed by virtue of section 74A(7) of the Act⁶ (registration of premises: Great Britain) and is no longer capable of being restored to the Register on an application for restoration under section 74C of the Act (supplementary provision in respect of registration of premises: Great Britain).

(3) The fee is £154 and £163 from 1 September 2026 where the previous entry was removed by virtue of an application under section 74G of the Act (voluntary removal from the Register: Great Britain) and is no longer capable of being restored to the Register on an application for restoration pursuant to article 37(2) of the Order.

(4) The fee is £814 and £863 from 1 September 2026 where the previous entry was removed by virtue of a direction under section 80 of the Act (power to disqualify and direct removal from Register) and that direction is revoked under section 83 of the Act (revocation of disqualification).

(5) The fee is £814 and £863 from 1 September 2026 where the previous entry was removed under article 14(4)(a) of the Order (non-compliance with improvement notices) and is no longer capable of being restored to the Register on an application for restoration pursuant to article 37(2) of the Order.

⁶ (a) 1968 c.67. Sections 74A to 74L were inserted by paragraph 1(1) and (8) of Schedule 4 to the Pharmacy Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/231). Further amendments to section 74C and section 74G were made by Schedule 2 paragraph 9(a) and paragraph 13 of the Pharmacy (Responsible Pharmacists, Superintendent Pharmacists etc.) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/849) respectively. Section 80 was amended by article 9 of The Pharmacy (Premises Standards, Information Obligations, etc.) Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/372)

(6) Where the previous entry was removed pursuant to article 29(3)(b) of the Order (fraudulent or incorrect entries)—

- (a) the fee is £672 and £712 from 1 September 2026 if an incorrect entry was removed because of non-payment of the whole or any part of a fee required by section 74B(3) of the Act (conditions for registration: Great Britain); and
- (b) the fee is £814 and £863 from 1 September 2026 in any other case.

(7) The whole of the fee specified in any of paragraphs (2) to (6) is payable irrespective of whether the application for registration is granted.

Entry in Part 3 of the Register following the grant of an application

24. Where an application is granted in respect of which a fee specified in rule 22 or 23 is payable, the fee for making an entry in Part 3 of the Register in respect of the premises to which the application relates is £416 and £441 from 1 September 2026.

Application for an annotation to an entry in Part 3 of the Register

25. The fee in respect of an application to have an annotation to an entry in Part 3 of the Register in respect of a specialisation is £65 and £69 from 1 September 2026.

Voluntary removal of an entry or an annotation from Part 3 of the Register

26. No fee is payable in respect of an application for the voluntary removal from Part 3 of the Register of—

- (a) an entry in that Part; or
- (b) an annotation to an entry in that Part in respect of a specialisation.

Fees in respect of renewal of Register entries

Renewal of an entry in Part 3 of the Register

27.—(1) The fee for renewal of an entry in Part 3 of the Register is £416 and £441 from 1 September 2026 if the renewal is for a period of one year beginning with the date on which the entry would otherwise have ceased to be valid.

(2) If the Registrar renews an entry in Part 3 of the Register for a period exceeding one year⁷(a), the fee for renewal of the entry is to be increased proportionately.

Fees in respect of restoration of Register entries or annotations

Application to restore an entry to Part 3 of the Register

28.—(1) The fees specified in this rule are payable in respect of an application for restoration of an entry of premises to Part 3 of the Register.

(2) The fee is £155 and £164 from 1 September 2026 where the application is made following the voluntary removal of an entry.

(3) The fee is £814 and £863 from 1 September 2026 where the application is made following the removal of an entry under or by virtue of a provision specified in—

- (a) article 37(2)(a) of the Order (failure to comply with improvement notice);
- (b) section 74C(1) of the Act (non-renewal of an entry); or

⁷ (a) The Registrar's power to renew an entry for a period exceeding one year is conferred by section 74A(6) of the Medicines Act 1968. See also rule 24(8) of the Rules contained in the Schedule to the General Pharmaceutical Council (Registration Rules) Order of Council 2010 (S.I. 2010/1617).

(c) section 74I(1) of the Act (non-notification of change of ownership of retail pharmacy premises).

(4) The whole of the fee specified in paragraph (2) or (3), as the case may be, is payable irrespective of whether the application for restoration of an entry is granted.

Restoring an entry to Part 3 of the Register following grant of an application

29.—(1) Where an application is granted in respect of which a fee specified in rule 28 is payable, the fee for restoring an entry to Part 3 of the Register in respect of the premises to which the application relates is £121 and £128 from 1 September 2026.

(2) The whole of the restoration fee is payable irrespective of the date on which the entry is restored to Part 3 of the Register.

Restoring an annotation to an entry in Part 3 of the Register

30.—(1) The fee in respect of an application for restoration of an annotation to an entry in Part 3 of the Register is £65 and £69 from 1 September 2026.

(2) The whole of the fee specified in paragraph (1) is payable irrespective of whether the application for restoration of an annotation is granted.

Other fees

Administration

31.—(1) The fee for re-processing a payment which has not been honoured by the bank or card- issuer of a person paying a fee specified in any of the preceding provisions of this Part is £23 and £24 from 1 September 2026.

(2) The fee for processing an application for the entry of premises in Part 3 of the Register where the application has been returned to the applicant for additional information more than once is £55 and £58 from 1 September 2026 and that fee is payable in addition to the application fee payable under rule 24.

(3) The fee for making an alteration to an entry in Part 3 of the Register to record a change of ownership of a retail pharmacy business carried on at premises entered in that Part of the Register is £90 and £95 from 1 September 2026.

Given under the official seal of the General Pharmaceutical Council this [*insert date*].



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Registrar

THE GENERAL PHARMACEUTICAL COUNCIL (REGISTRATION AND RENEWAL FEES) RULES 2025

Appendix 5: Draft fees rules explanatory note

Introduction

This document is to be read alongside the General Pharmaceutical Council (Registration and Renewal Fees) Rules 2025 (“the Rules”). It provides an explanation of the provisions in the Rules and has been prepared to assist understanding of the purpose and the effect of the changes to fees the Rules will introduce.

The Rules are made by the General Pharmaceutical Council by powers under Article 36 of the Pharmacy Order 2010 as amended (“the Order”). Article 19 of the Order requires a register of pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacy premises to be established and maintained (“the Register”), with the following articles making further provision as to registration. Article 36 permits the General Pharmaceutical Council to make rules with respect to the charging of fees in connection with:

- an application for entry into the Register;
- an application for an annotation for an entry into the Register;
- a renewal of an entry in the Register;
- an application to restore an entry to the Register; and
- other fees.

These Rules are intended to revoke and replace The General Pharmaceutical Council (Registration and Renewal Fees) Rules 2023 (“the 2023 Rules”) previously made under Article 36 of the Order.

The purpose of replacing the 2023 Rules is to implement a 6% increase in fees from 1 September 2025, and a further 6% increase from 1 September 2026.

Structure of the Rules

The Rules remain structured in four key parts:

Part 1 of the Rules contains general provisions relating to the citation, commencement, interpretation of the Rules and the revocation of the 2023 Rules.

Parts 2-4 of the Rules relate to fees respectively of pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacy premises being entered or removed from the Register.

Part 2 of the Rules contains the rules pertaining to fees for registered pharmacists.

Part 3 of the Rules contains the rules pertaining to fees for registered pharmacy technicians.

Part 4 of the Rules contains the rules pertaining to registered pharmacy premises.

Further detail regarding the fees contained in each Part, for both the periods 1 September 2025 to 1 September 2026 and thereafter, is set out in the table in Schedule 1 of this note.

Fee changes in the 2025 Rules

The fees charged under the Rules will be increased as listed in the table at Schedule 1, increasing by 6% from 1 September 2025 and a further 6% from 1 September 2026.

This will give greater certainty to applicants and registrants the fees which will be charged in the coming years. In turn, it provides the General Pharmaceutical Council with greater certainty as to the resources it will have to perform its statutory functions.

The fee increases are in proportion to the work the General Pharmaceutical Council does to regulate all registrant groups.

*These amounts include the 6% fee increase

Table 6: Schedule 1- table of proposed fee increases

| Part in Rules/ Registrant Group | Fee type | Relevant Fee Rule | Fee amount in 2023 Rules | Fee amount in 2025 Rules from 1 September 2025* | Fee amount in 2025 Rules from 1 September 2026* |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|
| GB or overseas applicant | | | | | |
| Part 2/ Pharmacist | Pharmacist renewal/ First entry fee | Rule 5; Rule 9 (1) | £276 | £293 | £311 |
| Part 2/ Pharmacist | Pharmacist application fees | Rule 4 (2); Rule 4 (4) a; Rule 11 (1) | £114 | £121 | £128 |
| Part 2/ Pharmacist | Annotation fee / restoration following VR | Rule 6 (2); Rule 11 (2) | £61 | £65 | £69 |
| Part 2/ Pharmacist | Restoration of annotation for non-compliance / non-renewal | Rule 6 (3); Rule 11 (3) | £205 | £217 | £230 |
| Part 2/ Pharmacist | Certificate of Professional Standing fee | Rule 12 (2) | £87 | £92 | £98 |
| Part 2/ Pharmacist | Replacement of a notice | Rule 12 (1) | £16 | £17 | £18 |
| Part 2/ Pharmacist | Reprocessing a rejected payment | Rule 13 (1) | £22 | £23 | £24 |
| Part 2/ Pharmacist | Processing application returned for further information | Rule 13 (2) | £52 | £55 | £58 |

| Part in Rules/ Registrant Group | Fee type | Relevant Fee Rule | Fee amount in 2023 Rules | Fee amount in 2025 Rules from 1 September 2025* | Fee amount in 2025 Rules from 1 September 2026* |
|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|
| Part 2/ Pharmacist | Application fee | Rule 4 (2) | £114 | £121 | £128 |
| Part 2/ Pharmacist | Entry fee | Rule 8 (1) | £276 | £293 | £311 |
| Part 2/ Pharmacist | Application fee | Rule 4 (2) | £114 | £121 | £128 |
| Part 2/ Pharmacist | Entry fee | Rule 8 (1) | £276 | £293 | £311 |
| Restoration | | | | | |
| Part 2/ Pharmacist | Restoration of entry fee | Rule 10 (1) | £114 | £121 | £128 |
| Part 2/ Pharmacist | Removal for failure to meet revalidation requirements (non-compliance) | Rule 9 (5) | £616 | £653 | £692 |
| Part 2/ Pharmacist | Removal for failure to renew | Rule 9 (3) (a); Rule 9 (4) (a) | £429 | £455 | £482 |
| Part 2/ Pharmacist | Voluntary removal, within one month of the removal date | Rule 9 (2) (a) | £429 | £455 | £482 |
| Part 2/ Pharmacist | Voluntary removal one month or more after the removal date | Rule 9 2 (b) | £155 | £164 | £174 |
| Return to practice | | | | | |

| Part in Rules/ Registrant Group | Fee type | Relevant Fee Rule | Fee amount in 2023 Rules | Fee amount in 2025 Rules from 1 September 2025* | Fee amount in 2025 Rules from 1 September 2026* |
|---------------------------------------|--|----------------------|--------------------------|---|---|
| Part 2/ Pharmacist | Restoration of entry fee | Rule 10 (1) | £114 | £121 | £128 |
| Part 2/ Pharmacist | Application fee for FtP removal | Rule 4 (4) (b) | £616 | £653 | £692 |
| Part 2/ Pharmacist | Application fee for non-compliance | Rule 4 (4) (b) | £616 | £653 | £692 |
| Part 2/ Pharmacist | Application fee for non-renewal | Rule 4 (4) (c) | £429 | £455 | £482 |
| Part 2/ Pharmacist | Application fee for voluntary removal | Rule 4 (4) (a) | £114 | £121 | £128 |
| RPSGB disciplinary application | | | | | |
| Part 2/ Pharmacist | Entry fee | Rule 5 | £276 | £293 | £311 |
| Part 2/ Pharmacist | Application fee | Rule 4 (2) | £461 | £489 | £518 |
| GB or overseas applicant | | | | | |
| Part 3/ Pharmacy Technicians | Application fee | Rule 14 (2); | £114 | £121 | £128 |
| Part 3/ Pharmacy Technicians | Pharmacy technician renewal/ First entry fee | Rule 15; Rule 17 (1) | £130 | £138 | £146 |

| Part in Rules/ Registrant Group | Fee type | Relevant Fee Rule | Fee amount in 2023 Rules | Fee amount in 2025 Rules from 1 September 2025* | Fee amount in 2025 Rules from 1 September 2026* |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------------|--------------------------|---|---|
| Part 3/ Pharmacy Technicians | Certificate of Professional Standing fee | Rule 20 (2) | £87 | £92 | £98 |
| Part 3/ Pharmacy Technicians | Replacement of a notice | Rule 20 (1) | £16 | £17 | £18 |
| Part 3/ Pharmacy Technicians | Reprocessing a rejected payment | Rule 21 (1) | £22 | £23 | £24 |
| Part 3/ Pharmacy Technicians | Processing application returned for further information | Rule 21 (2) | £52 | £55 | £58 |
| Part 3/ Pharmacy Technicians | Application fee | Rule 15 | £114 | £121 | £128 |
| Part 3/ Pharmacy Technicians | Entry fee | Rule 19 (1) | £130 | £138 | £146 |
| Restoration | | | | | |
| Part 3/ Pharmacy Technicians | Entry fee | Rule 19 (1) | £114 | £121 | £128 |
| Part 3/ Pharmacy Technicians | Application fee for FtP removal | Rule 18 | £324 | £343 | £364 |

| Part in Rules/ Registrant Group | Fee type | Relevant Fee Rule | Fee amount in 2023 Rules | Fee amount in 2025 Rules from 1 September 2025* | Fee amount in 2025 Rules from 1 September 2026* |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|---|
| Part 3/ Pharmacy Technicians | Application fee for non-compliance | Rule 14 (b); Rule 18 (4) (b); Rule 18 (5) | £324 | £343 | £364 |
| Part 3/ Pharmacy Technicians | Application fee for non-renewal | Rule 18 2 (a) ; 18 4 (a) | £217 | £230 | £244 |
| Part 3/ Pharmacy Technicians | Application fee for voluntary removal | Rule 18 2 (b) | £13 | £14 | £15 |
| Return to practice | | | | | |
| Part 3/ Pharmacy Technicians | Entry fee | Rule 14 (2) | £114 | £121 | £128 |
| Part 3/ Pharmacy Technicians | Application fee for non-compliance | Rule 18 (5) (a) | £324 | £343 | £364 |
| Part 3/ Pharmacy Technicians | Application fee for non-renewal | Rule 18 (3) | £217 | £230 | £244 |
| Part 3/ Pharmacy Technicians | Application fee for voluntary removal | Rule 14 (4) (a) | £13 | £14 | £15 |
| RPSGB disciplinary application | | | | | |
| Part 3/ Pharmacy | Entry fee | Rule 19 (1) | £130 | £138 | £146 |

| Part in Rules/ Registrant Group | Fee type | Relevant Fee Rule | Fee amount in 2023 Rules | Fee amount in 2025 Rules from 1 September 2025* | Fee amount in 2025 Rules from 1 September 2026* |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|
| Technicians | | | | | |
| Part 3/ Pharmacy Technicians | Application fee | Rule 14 (3) | £316 | £335 | £355 |
| New Application | | | | | |
| Part 4/ Premises | Premises registration fee | Rule 22 (1); | £634 | £672 | £712 |
| Part 4/ Premises | Premises renewal/First entry fee | Rule 24; Rule 27 (1) a) | £392 | £416 | £441 |
| Part 4/ Premises | Reprocessing a rejected payment | Rule 31 (1) | £22 | £23 | £24 |
| Part 4/ Premises | Processing application returned for further information | Rule 31 (2) | £52 | £55 | £58 |
| Restoration | | | | | |
| Part 4/ Premises | Entry fee | Rule 29 (1) | £114 | £121 | £128 |
| Part 4/ Premises | Application fee for non-compliance | Rule 23(4); Rule 28 (3) | £768 | £814 | £863 |
| Part 4/ Premises | Application for non-renewal | Rule 23 (5); Rule 28 (3) | £768 | £814 | £863 |
| Part 4/ Premises | Application fee for non-payment | Rule 23 (2); Rule 28 (3) | £768 | £814 | £863 |
| Part 4/ Premises | Application fee for voluntary removal | Rule 23 (3); Rule 28 (2) | £145 | £154 | £163 |
| Part 4/ Premises | Restoration of annotation | Rule 25; Rule 30 (1) | £61 | £65 | £69 |

| Part in Rules/ Registrant Group | Fee type | Relevant Fee Rule | Fee amount in 2023 Rules | Fee amount in 2025 Rules from 1 September 2025* | Fee amount in 2025 Rules from 1 September 2026* |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---|---|
| Transfer of ownership | | | | | |
| Part 4/ Premises | Transfer of ownership fee | Rule 31 (3) | £85 | £90 | £95 |

