

# Appendix 4: 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 1: 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*
<b>GB or overseas applicant</b>					
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 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	Processing application returned for further information	Rule 13 (2)	£52	£55	£58
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
<b>Restoration</b>					
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

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*
<b>Return to practice</b>					
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
<b>RPSGB disciplinary application</b>					
Part 2/ Pharmacist	Entry fee	Rule 5	£276	£293	£311
Part 2/ Pharmacist	Application fee	Rule 4 (2)	£461	£489	£518
<b>GB or overseas applicant</b>					
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
<b>Restoration</b>					
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

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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
<b>Return to practice</b>					
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
<b>RPSGB disciplinary application</b>					
Part 3/ Pharmacy	Entry fee	Rule 19 (1)	£130	£138	£146

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Technicians					
Part 3/ Pharmacy Technicians	Application fee	Rule 14 (3)	£316	£335	£355
<b>New Application</b>					
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
<b>Restoration</b>					
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*
<b>Transfer of ownership</b>					
Part 4/ Premises	Transfer of ownership fee	Rule 31 (3)	£85	£90	£95

