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## **Mandatory and Voluntary Public Sector Fees**

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## Introduction

1. This document provides a breakdown of fees for data matching undertaken as part of the National Fraud Initiative (NFI) 2020/21 exercise.
2. The fees set out in this document cover charges for all public sector organisations that submit data to the NFI for matching on either a mandatory or voluntary basis.
3. Fees set out in this document are applicable for a two year period from October 2020 to September 2022.
4. Fees scales include charges for a range of data matching options across different NFI products.
5. The NFI is not deemed a vatable charge by HMRC so VAT will not be levied.

# Fees for Mandatory Participants

## NFI 2020/21 National Exercise

| Organisation type                             | NFI 2020/21 Standard Fee<br>£ | NFI 2020/21 Penalty Fee <sup>1</sup><br>£ | NFI 2020/21 Uplifted Fee <sup>2</sup><br>£ |
|---|-------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>London Borough Council</b>                 | 4,200                         | 210                                       | 4,410                                      |
| <b>Metropolitan Borough Council</b>           | 4,200                         | 210                                       | 4,410                                      |
| <b>Unitary Authority</b>                      | 3,900                         | 195                                       | 4,095                                      |
| <b>County Council</b>                         | 3,800                         | 190                                       | 3,990                                      |
| <b>County Council (with fire)</b>             | 4,375                         | 219                                       | 4,594                                      |
| <b>District Council</b>                       | 2,450                         | 123                                       | 2,573                                      |
| <b>Pension Authority</b>                      | 2,400                         | 120                                       | 2,520                                      |
| <b>Combined Authority</b>                     | 1,200                         | 60  | 1,260                                      |
| <b>Passenger Transport Executive</b>          | 1,200                         | 60  | 1,260                                      |
| <b>Transport for London</b>                   | 1,200                         | 60  | 1,260                                      |
| <b>Police<sup>3</sup></b>                     | 1,200                         | 60  | 1,260                                      |
| <b>Fire and Rescue Authority</b>              | 1,150                         | 58  | 1,208                                      |
| <b>Waste Regulation or Disposal Authority</b> | 1,150                         | 58  | 1,208                                      |
| <b>Greater London Authority</b>               | 1,150                         | 58  | 1,208                                      |
| <b>NHS Trust</b>                              | 1,150                         | 58  | 1,208                                      |
| <b>Clinical Commissioning Group</b>           | 1,150                         | 58  | 1,208                                      |
| <b>Foundation Trust</b>                       | 1,150                         | 58  | 1,208                                      |

<sup>1</sup> A 5% penalty fee may be levied for late or inaccurate data submissions

<sup>2</sup> Includes the standard NFI fee plus the penalty fee

<sup>3</sup> Both police and crime commissioners and police chief constables are mandatory participants. A fee will be charged to the police body in each area which will submit data on behalf of both bodies.

## ReCheck

- Below is a breakdown of fees for additional flexible data matching using the NFI ReCheck.
- Data matching can be undertaken on a voluntary basis at any point during NFI 2020/21 cycle. Fees are charged per dataset matched during the two-year cycle.
- ReCheck fees include matching for all data sets, but exclude instances where data is matched to deceased data for mortality screening purposes e.g. includes matching council tax reduction data to payroll, but excludes matching council tax reduction data to deceased persons data.

| Additional datasets matched over the NFI cycle | Fee per dataset £ |
|--|-------------------|
| 1 – 20   | 330               |
| 21 or more                                     | 275               |

## Mortality Screening

- Mortality screening includes data matching against DWP deceased persons data, or GRO Disclosure of Death Registration Information (DDRI) data.
- Datasets that can be matched against deceased data for mortality screening include **pensions, blue badges, concessionary passes, housing tenants, housing waiting lists and council tax reduction scheme data.**
- Fees are charged per dataset per matching run to either DDRI or DWP deceased data, and are based on the number of records per dataset.

| Number of records per dataset | Fee for each DWP or DDRI matching run £ |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Up to 10,000                  | 385                                     |
| 10,001 to 50,000              | 1,100                                   |
| 50,001 to 200,000             | 1,925                                   |
| 200,001 to 300,000            | 2,475                                   |
| 300,001+                      | 3,025                                   |

## AppCheck

12. Below is a breakdown of fees for preventative data matching using the NFI AppCheck.
13. Matching via AppCheck can be undertaken on a voluntary basis at any point in time. Fees are charged on a pay as you go or annual membership basis.

### AppCheck pay as you go fees

| Number of searches (credits) | Fee (£) | Equivalent cost per search (£) |
|------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| 250                          | 275     | 1.10                           |
| 500                          | 500     | 1.00                           |
| 750                          | 700     | 0.93                           |
| 1000                         | 850     | 0.85                           |

### AppCheck Annual Membership

14. The AppCheck annual membership fee is £1,850 which allows an unlimited number of AppCheck searches for one year.

## Fraud Hub

15. Fees for use of the FraudHub tool are charged per authority on an annual subscription basis.

| Type of body                           | Annual Fee £ |
|--|--------------|
| London Borough Council                 | 7,640        |
| Metropolitan Borough Council           | 7,640        |
| County Council with Fire               | 7,960        |
| County Council                         | 6,760        |
| Unitary Authority                      | 6,920        |
| District Council                       | 4,080        |
| Pension Authority (standalone)         | 4,000        |
| Fire and Rescue Authority              | 1,840        |
| Police                                 | 1,900        |
| Passenger Transport Executive          | 1,900        |
| Waste Regulation or Disposal Authority | 1,840        |
| NHS Trust                              | 1,840        |
| Foundation Trust                       | 1,840        |
| Clinical Commissioning Group           | 1,840        |
| Other London public sector             | 1,900        |



## Council Tax (CT) Premium Single Person Discount (SPD)

16. Fees for use of the CT Premium SPD tool are charged per authority on an annual subscription basis. Fees are applicable from 1 July 2021

| Service Type  | Cost to client per record<br>£ |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Adhoc usage of CT Premium SPD   | 0.28                           |
| <b>1 Year Contract</b><br><br><b>Files to be submitted minimum twice per year but limited to a maximum of 4 files per year:</b> |                                |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Up to 200,000 records (minimum 30,000)</li> </ul>                                      | 0.21                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 200,001 records or above</li> </ul>  | 0.17                           |
| <b>2 Year Contract</b><br><br><b>Files to be submitted min twice per year but limited to a maximum of 4 files per year</b>      |                                |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Up to 200,000 records (minimum 50,000)</li> </ul>                                      | 0.17                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 200,001 - 500,000 records</li> </ul>   | 0.15                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 500,001 records or above</li> </ul>  | 0.12                           |

## Fees for Public Sector Voluntary Participants

### NFI 2020/21 National Exercise

#### Fees for Payroll, Creditors and Housing data

17. Non-mandatory public sector participants can take part in the NFI national exercise on a voluntary basis. The table below sets out the participation fees.

| Type of body                              | Datasets  | NFI 2020/21<br>£ |
|---|---|------------------|
| <b>Central Government Departments</b>     | Payroll, Trade Creditors                                    | 1,155            |
| <b>Housing Associations</b>               | Payroll, Trade Creditors, Housing Tenants, Right To Acquire |                  |
| Fewer than 2500 properties                |   | 1,375            |
| 2500 – 9,999 properties                   |   | 2,035            |
| 10,000 or more properties                 |   | 2,915            |
| <b>Universities</b>                       | Payroll, Trade Creditors                                    |                  |
| Fewer than 2,500 students                 |   | 1,375            |
| 2,500 – 19,999 students                   |   | 2,035            |
| 20,000 or more students                   |   | 2,915            |
| <b>Community Rehabilitation Companies</b> | Payroll, Trade Creditors                                    | 1,155            |
| <b>Charities</b>                          | Payroll, Trade Creditors                                    | 1,155            |
| <b>Community Interest Companies</b>       | Payroll, Trade Creditors                                    | 1,155            |
| <b>Social Enterprises</b>                 | Payroll, Trade Creditors                                    | 1,155            |

## Fees for Pensions data

18. Fees for Pensions data are set out in the table below. Fees are applicable to all authorities that wish to submit pension data to the NFI 2020/21 national exercise on a voluntary basis. Fees are based on the number of pension records submitted.

| Number of Pension Records | NFI 2020/21 (£)  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Up to 1,000               | 1,155            |
| 1,001 – 10,000            | 2,585            |
| 10,001 – 50,000           | 4,400            |
| 50,001 – 200,000          | 8,800            |
| 200,001 – 300,000         | 14,850           |
| 300,001 – 750,000         | 18,750           |
| 750,001 – 1,100,000       | 19,635           |
| >1,100,000                | Price on request |

## ReCheck

19. Below is a breakdown of fees for additional flexible data matching using the NFI ReCheck.
20. Data matching using ReCheck can be undertaken on a voluntary basis at any point during the NFI 2020/21 cycle. Fees are charged per dataset matched during the two year cycle.
21. ReCheck fees include matching for all data sets, but excludes mortality screening for pensions data.

| Additional datasets matched over the NFI cycle | Fee per dataset £ |
|--|-------------------|
| 1 – 20   | 330               |
| 21 or more                                     | 275               |

## Mortality Screening

21. Pensions mortality screening includes data matching against DWP deceased persons data (available twice per year in June and November), or GRO Disclosure of Death Registration Information (DDRI) data (available at any point in time).
22. Fees are charged per number of pension records submitted. Discounts are applied according to the number of mortality screening runs undertaken by each authority within a two year period, commencing from October 2020.
23. The fee scale is set out in the table below.

| Number of Pension Records | Fees for each DWP or DDRI deceased match run |              |              |               |
|---------------------------|--|--------------|--------------|---------------|
|                           | Fee Run 1                                    | Fee Runs 2-3 | Fee Runs 4-6 | Fee Runs 7-12 |
| Up to 1,000               | 1,155  | 825          | 660          | 330           |
| 1,001 – 10,000            | 2,585  | 1,925        | 1,460        | 990           |
| 10,001 – 50,000           | 4,400  | 3,300        | 2,475        | 1,650         |
| 50,001 – 200,000          | 8,800  | 6,600        | 4,950        | 3,300         |
| 200,001 – 300,000         | 14,850                                       | 11,140       | 8,360        | 5,575         |
| 300,001 – 750,000         | 18,750                                       | 14,070       | 10,550       | 7,035         |
| 750,001 – 1,100,000       | 19,635                                       | 14,740       | 11,055       | 7,370         |
| >1,100,000                | Price on request                             |              |              |               |

## AppCheck

24. Below is a breakdown of fees for preventative data matching using the NFI AppCheck.
25. Matching via AppCheck can be undertaken on a voluntary basis at any point in time. Fees are charged on a pay as you go or annual membership basis.

### AppCheck pay as you go fees

| Number of searches (credits) | Fee (£) | Equivalent cost per search (£) |
|------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| 250                          | 275     | 1.10                           |
| 500                          | 500     | 1.00                           |
| 750                          | 700     | 0.93                           |
| 1000                         | 850     | 0.85                           |

### AppCheck Annual Membership

26. The AppCheck annual membership fee is £1,850 which allows an unlimited number of AppCheck searches for one year.

## FraudHub

27. Annual subscription fees for Housing Associations use of FraudHub are set out below.
28. Fees for other voluntary organisations are available on request.

| Type of body                | FraudHub Annual Fee £ |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Housing Associations</b> |                       |
| Fewer than 2500 properties  | 2,000                 |
| 2500 – 9,999 properties     | 2,960                 |
| 10,000 or more properties   | 4,240                 |