# Consultation on proposed changes to the data protection fee regime

## Response form

The consultation is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/data-protection-fee-regime-proposed-changes>

It is recommended that you read the full consultation document before completing your response.

**Guidance for respondents**

* Please try to answer all questions (even if it is just to say that you do not have an opinion or if the question is not applicable to you) as this will assist with our analysis. Questions marked with an “\*” are mandatory.
* Please limit your responses to 1000 characters per question. Responses that exceed this may not be fully considered.

Responses should arrive no later than 23:55 pm on 26 September 2024, with early responses encouraged where possible.

Information you provide in response to this consultation, including personal information, may be disclosed in accordance with UK legislation (the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004).

If you want the information that you provide to be treated as confidential please tell us but be aware that we cannot guarantee confidentiality in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not be regarded by us as a confidentiality request.

We will process your personal data in accordance with all applicable data protection laws. For further information on how we handle your personal data, please read our [Privacy Notice.](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dsit-correspondence-privacy-notice/privacy-notice-relating-to-correspondence-received-by-dsit)

Please send your response to: dpfr.consultation@dsit.gov.uk

Please enter “**Data protection fees consultation response**” in the subject line.

If you would like your responses to be treated as confidential, please tick this box [ ]

About You

Question 1: Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?\*

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| [ ]  | Individual  |
|[ ]  Organisation  |

Question 2: Are you or the organisation you represent a data controller?\*

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| [ ]  |  Yes  |
|[ ]  No |
|[ ]  Don’t Know  |

Question 3: Which of the following best describes the sector you/your organisation operate(s) in?\*

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|[ ]   Private Sector  |
|[ ]   Public Sector  |
|[ ]  Civil Society and Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Sector |
|[ ]  Other (please specify) |

Question 4: How many staff are employed by you/your organisation?\*

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|[ ]   0-10 |
|[ ]   11-250 |
|[ ]   More than 250 |
|[ ]   Don’t know |

Question 5: If applicable, what was your/your organisation’s turnover in the financial year 2023-2024?\*

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|[ ]   Less than or equal to £632,000 |
|[ ]   Greater than £632,000 and less than or equal to £36 million  |
|[ ]   More than £36 million  |
|[ ]   Don’t know  |
|[ ]   Not applicable  |

Question 6: We may wish to contact you in order to discuss your response in more detail. If you are happy to be contacted, please provide your details below (if responding on behalf of an organisation, please include the organisation details). If not, please move on to the next question.

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|  Name: |
| Email Adress: |

Questions about the level of fees:

**Question 7: How appropriate do you think the government’s proposal to increase tier 1 fees by £15 is?\***

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|[ ]   Very Appropriate  |
| [ ]  |  Fairly Appropriate  |
| [ ]  |  Neither Appropriate nor Inappropriate  |
| [ ]  | Fairly Inappropriate  |
| [ ]  | Very Inappropriate |
| [ ]  | Don’t Know/No Opinion  |

**Please tell us why you think this (max 1000 characters)**

**Question 8: How appropriate do you think the government’s proposal to increase tier 2 fees by £22 is?\***

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|[ ]   Very Appropriate  |
|[ ]   Fairly Appropriate  |
|[ ]   Neither Appropriate nor Inappropriate  |
|[ ]  Fairly Inappropriate  |
|[ ]  Very Inappropriate |
| [ ]  | Don’t Know/No Opinion  |

**Please tell us why you think this (max 1000 characters)**

**Question 9: How appropriate do you think the government’s proposal to increase tier 3 fees by £1,079 is?\***

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|[ ]   Very Appropriate  |
|[ ]   Fairly Appropriate  |
|[ ]   Neither Appropriate nor Inappropriate  |
|[ ]  Fairly Inappropriate  |
|[ ]  Very Inappropriate |
| [ ]  | Don’t Know/No Opinion  |

**Please tell us why you think this (max 1000 characters)**

**Question 9: Do you have any further comments about the government’s proposal to increase fees for all tiers by roughly 37.2% compared to current levels?**

Questions about the fee structure:

**Question 11: How easy or difficult is the current fee structure to understand?\***

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|[ ]   Very Easy |
|[ ]   Fairly Easy  |
|[ ]  Neither Easy nor Difficult  |
|[ ]  Fairly Difficult  |
|[ ]  Very Difficult  |
| [ ]  | Don’t Know/No Opinion  |

**Please tell us why you think this (max 1000 characters)**

**Question 12: The government is proposing to not change the criteria for determining the tier of fee payable (annual turnover or number of staff). Do you or the organisation you represent consider the criteria for determining fees to be appropriate?\***

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|[ ]   Very Appropriate  |
|[ ]   Fairly Appropriate  |
|[ ]  Neither Appropriate nor Inappropriate  |
|[ ]  Fairly Inappropriate  |
|[ ]  Very Inappropriate |
| [ ]  | Don’t Know/No Opinion  |

**Please tell us why you think this (max 1000 characters)**

**Question 13: Do you have any further comments about the government’s proposal to retain the current fee structure?**

Questions about the current exemptions:

**Queston 14: Do you currently use an exemption?\***

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|[ ]   Yes  |
|[ ]   No |
|[ ]   Don’t Know  |

**Question 15: The Government is minded to keep the existing** [**exemptions**](https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/data-protection-fee/data-protection-fee/exemptions/)**. Do you agree with this position?\***

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|[ ]   Yes  |
|[ ]   No |
|[ ]   Neither Agree nor Disagree |
|[ ]   Don’t Know |

**If your answer to the previous question was “No”, please provide more detail as to why you disagree with the proposal to retain the current exemptions.**

**Question 16: Do you have any further thoughts about the current exemptions?**

Direct Debit

**Question 17: Have you or the organisation you represent paid your data fee by direct debit in the past 12 months?\* If you have selected “No” or “Don’t Know” please skip question 18 and move on to question 19.**

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|[ ]   Yes  |
|[ ]   No |
|[ ]  Don’t Know/Not Applicable  |

Question 18: To what extent would you say that the £5 direct debit discount makes a difference to you/your organisation in terms of reducing costs?\*

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|[ ]   It makes a significance difference  |
|[ ]   It makes a small difference  |
|[ ]  It does not make a difference at all  |
|[ ]  Don’t Know/ No Opinion  |

**Please tell us why you think this (max 1000 characters)**

**Question 19: To what extent do you agree with a proposal to retain the £5 direct debit discount?**

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|[ ]   Strongly Agree |
|[ ]   Somewhat Agree  |
|[ ]   Neither Agree nor Disagree  |
|[ ]  Somewhat Disagree  |
|[ ]  Strongly Disagree  |
|[ ]  Don’t Know/No Opinion  |

**Please tell us why you think this (max 1000 characters)**

**Question 20: Do you have any further comments about the government’s proposal to retain the direct debit discount?**

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this consultation.

The government’s response to this consultation will be published in due course following its closure on 26 September 2024. This will take all responses submitted to this consultation into account and will be based on careful consideration of the points made in responses.

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