

GDPR – Data Protection Fee



On the 25 May 2018, the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) came into effect. From this date, organisations are required to pay an annual Data Protection Fee to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). Those who had paid a fee under the 1988 Data Protection Act will not be required to pay the fee until the normal renewal date.

The Data Protection Fee is a tiered system of payment dependent upon an organisation's turnover or number of members of staff. However, there are exemptions to payment and organisations are encouraged to review the ICO guidance on exemptions in order to determine payment status, a link is provided below:

<https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/2258205/dp-fee-guide-for-controllers-20180221.pdf>

For assistance on determining an organisation's requirement to pay the Data Protection Fee, the ICO have provided a self-assessment tool, access to which can be found at the link below:

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/data-protection-fee/self-assessment/>

By way of further assistance, a link to Frequently Asked Questions as published by the ICO can be found below:

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-data-protection/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/data-protection-fee/data-protection-fee-faqs/>

Each organisation will differ in their data processing activities and therefore, there can be no overarching statement notifying of the necessity for payment. However, we do believe that no fee will be payable by most members. The above tools and documents are intended as a helpful guide in aiding organisations to determine their status with regards the Data Protection Fee.