

## GDPR News - ICO – New Notification Fee for Data Controllers – May 2018

**When the GDPR comes into force in the UK in May 2018 all Data Controllers will have to pay a notification fee to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO); this will replace the current registration process and fee. The ICO is the UK's data protection regulator or supervisory authority.**

The government has published the draft format for the new notification fee structure. The new structure must still be approved by Parliament but the ICO have published a guide that reflects the draft, to help Data Controllers prepare for what the UK Government is proposing.

The new annual fee structure is as follows:

Tier	Organisation Type	Fee
1	Micro organisations - Maximum turnover of £632,000 or no more than ten members of staff	£40
2	Small and medium organisations - Maximum turnover £36 million or no more than 250 members of staff	£60
3	Large organisations - That do not meet the criteria for tiers 1 and 2	£2,900

For more details go to <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/accountability-and-governance/guide-to-the-data-protection-fee/>

Until 25 May, organisations are still required to pay the current notification fee, unless they are exempt. If you currently have a registration (or notification) under the 1998 Act, you will not need to pay the new data protection fee until your registration expires.

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**We do expect to update our guidance on the GDPR as more information becomes available.**

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