

PREPARERS LEVY 2018/19

FACT SHEET (for GDR issuers)

The Financial Reporting Council (FRC)'s role

The FRC's mission is to promote transparency and integrity in business. The FRC sets the UK Corporate Governance and Stewardship Codes and UK standards for accounting and actuarial work; promotes the quality of corporate reporting; and operates independent enforcement arrangements for accountants and actuaries. As Competent Authority for audit in the UK the FRC sets auditing and ethical standards and monitors and enforces audit quality.

Details of the FRC's work are available on our website at www.frc.org.uk. The FRC's role and responsibilities are summarised at:

<https://www.frc.org.uk/getattachment/67835f0e-e4c2-4d2a-9aeb-e57feed885be/FRC-Roles-Responsibilities-Schedule-of-Functions-Powers-June-2017.pdf>

The FRC's Strategy for 2018/21 and Plan & Budget and Levies for 2018/19 are at:

[https://www.frc.org.uk/getattachment/644a8555-41b3-45c8-8f09-51114f2183ff/FRC-Strategy-2018-21-\(March-2018\).pdf](https://www.frc.org.uk/getattachment/644a8555-41b3-45c8-8f09-51114f2183ff/FRC-Strategy-2018-21-(March-2018).pdf)

As a public body, the FRC aims to meet the highest standards of governance and accountability, operating within the framework agreed with Government and independent from those we regulate.

FRC Preparers Levy

By agreement with the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and HM Treasury, the Financial Reporting Council is funded partly through a voluntary 'preparers' levy' on the following organisations that are subject to, or have regard to, FRC regulatory requirements in preparing their accounts:

- Companies listed on the London Stock Exchange.
- All UK AIM and NEX (previously known as PLUS/ISDX) Market group companies with equity share listing.
- All large private entities with a turnover of £500m or more. Large private subsidiaries of UK listed companies are invoiced on the same invoice as their parent company.
- Standard Global Depository Receipt companies ('GDRs')
- Government Departments and other public sector organisations that publish accounts

The FRC's responsibilities are funded through these non-statutory arrangements on the basis of an understanding with the groups who pay the levy. Should this voluntary approach prove unsustainable, the FRC would formally request that the Secretary of State make regulations for the FRC to levy its funding on a statutory basis under Section 17 Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise) Act 2004.

How much to pay?

The 2018/19 Preparers levy for GDR issuers is made up of a flat fee, depending on the location of their home competent authority. For issuers that have UK as their home competent authority, the levy is **£3,450**. For the rest of GDR issuers, the levy is **£2,750**. The invoiced amount will appear on the same invoice issued by the Financial Conduct Authority for their own levy and will be dispatched in June / July period.

Contact Us

If you have a question about the method of payment, please contact the FCA contact centre on 0300 500 0597.

If you have any other query in relation to the levy, please e-mail David Andrews, on plan@frc.org.uk (telephone: 020 7492 2382) or the FRC Revenue & Planning Manager, Tulsee Rughoobur, on t.rughoobur@frc.org.uk (telephone 020 7492 2338).

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