

Companies House announces major fee changes

Companies House will introduce a range of fee changes from February 2026

Companies House has announced that, from 1 February 2026, its service fees will change. In its press release, Companies House outlined several key changes, including:

- ***the digital incorporation filing fee rising from £50 to £100***
- ***the digital confirmation statement filing fee increasing from £34 to £50***
- ***the digital voluntary strike-off fee decreasing from £33 to £13.***

As well as these headline adjustments, there are a whole host of other changes, including the authorised corporate service provider (ACSP) registration fee increasing from £55 to £63, despite the registration system only having launched in March 2025.

While some fees are being reduced, many are significant increases.

‘Creating a transparent marketplace’

Companies House emphasised that its work is aimed at “creating a transparent marketplace that boosts economic confidence and disrupts economic crime” and therefore these fees are necessary to achieve this.

The press release explained that they use the income from the fees “to incorporate companies and to publish accessible company information worth billions to the UK economy”.

It added, “Our new and enhanced powers under the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency (ECCT) Act enable us to query and remove false and misleading information from our registers. We’re building a more trustworthy environment for consumers and legitimate businesses,” which is the same reason given the last time fees were changed.

The statement also underlined the connection to enforcement activities: “We also use income from our fees to fund The Insolvency Service’s company investigation and enforcement activity. The Insolvency Service has wide-ranging enforcement powers, which can be deployed to wind up companies, disqualify directors and prosecute those suspected of fraud, financial wrongdoing and other company offences.

Companies House plans to continue to strengthen the UK’s business environment, saying, “We want to do even more to make sure the UK remains one of the best places in the world to start and grow a business.”

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