

REDUCED FEES FOR NEW REGISTRANTS

“For the first two years those people new to the Register **after graduating** from an approved programme will get a 50% deduction in fees. This means that it will cost them £60 for two years registration ...”

This is the declared policy currently shown on the internet to registrants and potential registrants and emanates from one of the Council’s Key Decisions resulting from consultation as agreed and published in December 2002.

However anomalies arise because of the part-year period between graduation and first application and the start of each profession’s different registration year. Talking in months, this could be anything from one month to eleven months. We do not have a part-year proportional fee.

Options include:

1. Charging 50% for the first 24 months from initial registration and then going to 100% in the 25th month, even though that would be part-way through the registration 2-year period – *not recommended as difficult and labour-intensive to calculate and to account for.*
2. Charging a 50% discounted proportional fee for the part-year and then starting a 2-year 50% discounted 2-year period – *complicated and impractical.*
3. Charging a 100% not-discounted proportional fee for the part-year and then starting a 2-year 50% discounted 2-year period – *registrants lose the benefit of an early discount when they can least afford it.*
4. Offering a free period up to the start of the profession’s 2-year period and then starting a 2-year 50% discounted 2-year period – *too expensive.*
5. **(i) For new registrants starting from within six months of the start of the registration 2-year period a 100% discount up to the start of the period. This will be followed by a 2-year 50% discounted 2-year period. (Collected as one discounted fee to cover the maximum of an 18 month period – see graphic).**

(ii) For new registrants starting between six months and one year before the start of the registration 2-year period, a 50% discount on the one year fee up to the start of the period. This will be followed by a 2-year 50% discounted 2-year period

– recommended as the most equitable and manageable method.
6. Some other method.

The Executive prefers Option 5 as indicated above (see graphic attached). It is not intended that the policy should be retrospective.

The Committee is asked to consider what best to do (and recommend to Council for ratification).

OPTION 5 ILLUSTRATED GRAPHICALLY

	Starting over 6 months before start of registration year	Starting under 6 months before start of registration year	1st full year of registration	2nd full year of registration	3rd full year of registration	4th full year of registration
Joining over 6 months but less than one year before start of registration year	£30	£60 or DD option		£120 or DD option		
Joining over 6 months but less than one year before start of registration year		£60		£120 or DD option		