2027 Practising Certificate Fee Consultation and Fees Information

Consultation closes 5pm on Monday, 14th September 2026
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Executive Summary

Each year, CILEx Regulation Limited (CRL) and the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives Limited (CILEX) consult upon the proposed Practising Certificate Fee ("PCF") to be charged to CILEX Members and non-CILEX Members who are defined by Section 18(1) of the Legal Services Act 2007 ("LSA") as being "Authorised Persons" permitted to carry out Reserved Legal Activities as defined by Part 3 of the LSA.

The PCF is CRL's primary source of income and accounts for 82% of total income. 18% comes from specific practising fees that are charged in respect of applications to become CILEX fellows and to obtain specialist practice rights.

This consultation sets out the proposals for the 2027 PCF and sets out how both CILEX and CRL will allocate PCF funds for the Permitted Purposes as defined by Section 51 of the LSA in order to perform its Regulatory Objectives as defined by Section 1 of the LSA, and to deliver the strategic priorities set out in CRL's current three-year strategy (2025-2027).

There have been significant changes to the environment in which CRL operates, as well as the expectations placed on frontline regulators. CRL therefore needs to ensure its budget is sufficient so that we deliver effective and proportionate regulation in the public and consumer interest.

The key factors that have informed the 2027 budget are:

- **The cost of responding to the Mazur judgment.** Since the original Mazur judgment in September 2025, over 1,200 Chartered Legal Executives (CLEs) successfully obtained litigation practice rights, enabling them to carry out litigation without the need for supervision. This is an amazing achievement for those CLEs who demonstrated fortitude and perseverance at a time of considerable stress and uncertainty.

- For CRL, the Mazur judgment required the organisation to gear up at pace to a 10-fold increase in practice rights applications within three months as well as preparing guidance and FAQs to support the regulatory community. This required hiring extra staff, recruiting and training additional assessors and purchasing additional IT equipment. This had to be delivered at the same time as ensuring consumers were protected, and the rest of CRL's work programme was not negatively impacted. Whilst fees are charged for each practice rights application, the costs incurred in relation to the Mazur response exceeded the income received through additional application fees. In short, responding to Mazur contributed to CRL's financial deficit.

- **Improving user experience –** we conducted a stakeholder perception survey at the beginning of the year. A 'lessons learnt' review of our response to Mazur has also been recently published. These activities have highlighted the areas of improvement the regulated community and other stakeholders want CRL to focus on. They include:
    i. building trust and confidence through enhanced communication and meaningful engagement
    ii. improving process transparency and operational responsiveness
    iii. building on existing collaboration with CILEX and education/training providers to further simplify and clarify the system
    iv. position CRL as a regulator combining robust standards with accessibility, diversity and professional mobility.

- Our budget for 2027 includes provision to recruit a new post which will be focussed on improving the user experience of CILEX members applying for authorisation.

- **Regulatory expectations -** the Legal Services Board oversees the regulation of legal services in England and Wales. Although a separate levy is charged to fund the LSB, the LSB's priorities have a direct impact on the resources the regulatory bodies require in order to satisfy the LSB requirements and regulatory objectives. For example, this is reflected in the SRA's proposed PCF for 2027 which is expected to be significantly higher than CRL's.

- Over the last 18 months CRL has considered and responded to policy statements that are intended to promote the interests of consumers such as: price and service information transparency, first-tier complaints handling, Professionalism and Ethics and EDI as well initiatives on access to justice and the impact of technology and AI in legal services. Similarly, for Anti Money Laundering (AML), the expectations and demands placed on supervisory bodies have increased. This includes preparing for the transfer of AML supervision to the Financial Conduct Authority. The costs of the LSB and the Office of Legal Complaints (OLC) have increased by approx. £66k (46%) to £209k over the past five years.

- We also continue to work and fund with other regulators the development of the Legal Choices website and Regulatory Information Service. This provides a 'one stop shop' for consumers to help with what their legal issue is and who can help.

- Protecting consumers from harm is our primary objective. In common with many other regulators, we are experiencing an increase in the number and complexity of conduct complaints that are handled by our Enforcement team. The impact has been that we have had to increase our headcount to provide sufficient policy, enforcement and AML supervision resource in order to meet these demands.

- **Redelegation –** we welcome the recent announcements from SRA and CILEX that the plans for the redelegation of the regulation of CLEs from CRL to the SRA, first proposed in 2022, is no longer a priority. We are committed to working collaboratively with CILEX and other stakeholders to improve further the current regulatory arrangements in the public interest in a way that avoids the need for regulatory redelegation. Notwithstanding this, the uncertainty that has existed over the past four and half years has had a significant impact on CRL in terms of time and exceptional costs incurred. For example, we experienced a high turnover of staff resulting in recruitment and associated costs in excess of budget. This in turn has had an impact on CRL's reserves position. It has also impacted our ability to take longer term investment decisions. If we are to streamline our processes and provide simpler routes to authorisation and deliver cost efficiencies there is an element of 'invest to save'.

- **Investment in systems and processes** - the significant increase in practice rights applications resulting from the Mazur judgment highlighted the limitations of CRL's systems and processes. Whilst we were able to quickly adapt and streamline some of our processes to respond to the challenge at pace, our systems limited the scope for automation including the automatic acknowledgement of applications. As CRL operates a shared service agreement with CILEX for the provision of IT services, with both organisations using a common CRM, the uncertainty caused by the CILEX re-delegation proposals meant there has been limited appetite over the past four and half years to take forward IT and system improvement initiatives. As CRL is now able to plan and invest for the longer term, we are looking to move forward with many of the IT improvements that are long overdue.

- **Increase in inflation and employer costs –** like many other businesses, CRL has experienced increases to employer costs as well as the underlying rate of inflation. These include the increase to 15% on employer NI contributions on all salaries over £5,000 and payment of annual leave entitlements for non-employees who are contracted as panel members and assessors.

- **Regulation of the non-authorised CILEX members –** there are approximately 9,000 CILEX members who are either not yet qualified to CILEX Lawyer status or do not hold a Practice Right and cannot practise independently and/or without supervision. These grades which include Chartered Paralegal, CILEX Paralegal and CILEX Student are subject to regulation by CRL but currently do not pay a PCF as they are not permitted to carry out Reserved Legal Activities independently. Therefore, the cost of regulating the unauthorised members has to be met from CRL's existing budget as no direct additional funding is received.

CRL's priorities

The CRL Board considered CRL's priorities for the next three years as part of a broader reset of the organisation's relationship with Chartered Legal Executives. These were to:

- be 'respected' by CILEX and the regulated community
- be financially sustainable
- be responsive to the regulated community while maintaining CRL's role as an independent regulator
- encourage more entities into regulation to improve access to justice and position CRL as the 'regulator of choice' for SMEs
- review CRL's education standards and Code of Conduct
- streamline practice right and authorisation processes
- update enforcement processes and ensure related KPIs are met.

Of these, three priority areas have been identified for the short term in 2027:

- Rebuild relationships with CILEX and regulated community
- Be seen as more responsive
- Engage entities with a view to increasing entity numbers as a means to improving access to justice.

Over many years CRL has been able to hold the Practising Certificate Fee steady thanks to rigorous cost control representing a real term saving to those we regulate since 2019. For example, the fee charged in 2026 is 18.9% below that which could have been charged had inflation (RPI) been added each year from 2019. This represents a saving of £76 per regulated individual.

It is not feasible for CRL to continue to set a PCF which does not fully reflect inflation and increases to our other operating costs. To support the priorities outlined and ensure we achieve our mission to be a high performing and responsive regulator that protects and promotes consumers' interests through strong evidence-based regulation, we are seeking to increase CRL's share of the PCF to £254 (up 9%) from £233 in 2026.

CRL's approach for 2027 has been to:

- Continue into 2027 with the current 2026 headcount plus additional posts outlined in the 2026/2027 resourcing plan with an RPI increase to salaries from 1 April 2027. This means CRLs total headcount will be 31 staff plus 5 Board members
- Base its budget for 2027 on a paying membership of 7,803
- Reflect the post-Mazur membership increase in CRL's recurring fees
- Consider that the post-Mazur applications for Practice Rights was a one-off and that activity levels in applications will return to pre-Mazur levels
- Include an RPI increase as well as holiday pay impact for all external third-party assessor and panel member costs
- Include an uplift in Shared Services costs from CILEX
- Continue to move towards cost recovery for the additional fees and services we charge
- Maintain vigorous cost control including a freeze on Board salaries and a reduction in office costs by closing Wrest Park to become a wholly virtual organisation.

We are therefore proposing a 1.0% increase in CRL's share of the overall PCF.

CILEX is proposing a 1.1% decrease in its share of the PCF.

Executive Summary cont.

The LSB and OLC regulatory levies are estimated to rise by 10%. These are set independently of CRL and CILEX and we have no control over them.

CILEX Fellows PCF rate £432

RECIPIENT	COST OF PCF 2027 (% of PCF)	COST OF PCF 2026 (% of PCF)	MOVEMENT & % INCREASE
CILEx Regulation	£254 (58.8%)	£233 (57.8%)	+£21 (9.0%)
CILEX	£142 (32.9%)	£137 (34.0%)	+£5 (3.6%)
Regulatory Levies*	£36* (8.3%)	£33 (8.2%)	+£3 (9.1%)
Total PCF	**£432**	**£403**	**+£29 (7.2%)**
CILEX Discount		-£16	
Total PCF (minus discount)		**£387**	

***Estimate awaiting confirmation from LSB**

CILEX Associate Prosecutors PCF rate £320

RECIPIENT	COST OF PCF 2027 (% of PCF)	COST OF PCF 2026 (% of PCF)	MOVEMENT & % INCREASE
CILEx Regulation	£188 (58.8%)	£172 (57.8%)	+£16 (9.3%)
CILEX	£105 (32.8%)	£101 (34.0%)	+£4 (4.0%)
Regulatory Levies	£27 (8.4%)	£25 (8.2%)	+£2 (8.0%)
Total PCF	**£320**	**£298**	**+£22 (7.4%)**

In this consultation we would welcome your views on the following:

The proposed increase in the PCF to £432 from £403

CRL's proposed £21 (9.0%) increase

CILEX's proposed £5 (3.6%) increase

CRL's proposed 12.5% increase to its application and other non-PCF fees.

July 2026

Introduction

CILEX and CRL are required by the Legal Services Board to provide, as part of the consultation process, the following information:

- how we calculate the PCF;
- how the PCF is apportioned between CILEX and CRL;
- a summary of the 2026 PCF, to show how we have used the fee so far this year;
- the percentage of PCF funds attributed to the provision of regulation of individual authorised persons;
- the percentage of PCF funds attributed to the provision of regulation of and authorised firms;
- how we intend to use PCF in 2027 to perform our Regulatory Objectives.

The apportionment of PCF funds to CILEX and CRL has been clearly delineated within this Consultation and both CILEX and CRL have provided separate detailed reporting for the year to date (1 January 2026 to 31 May 2026), and as anticipated for 2027.

In addition to the PCF, we have also included within this Consultation information on all other fees charged by CILEX and CRL for additional products and services and have indicated where these (if any) are subject to an increase or review.

By setting out the information in this way, we hope encourages effective engagement with the Consultation.

We have included an equality and diversity questionnaire as part of this Consultation in order to adequately consider the impact across the regulated community and for the consumer.

Section 1 - CRL

CILEx Regulation Limited PCF Consultation 2027

1. The purpose of Section 1 of the Consultation is to provide some background information on CRL, the community we regulate and the different grades of CILEX Membership that we regulate.

2. We will also outline how CRL has allocated its share of the PCF in the first 5 months of 2026 and to set out its proposals for the 2027 PCF.

3. In addition, CILEX and CRL have provided full and accurate information on all of the Fees we charge and whether those fees are subject to review, increase or both.

About CILEx Regulation Limited ("CRL"):

4. CRL is the Delegated Regulatory Body of the Approved Regulator, the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEX). CRL provides regulation across all grades of CILEX membership, CILEX Regulated firms, and CILEX-ACCA Regulated probate firms.

5. CRL takes a risk-based and outcome focused approach to regulation, by working constructively with our regulated community to ensure that they deliver the best outcomes for clients. We have set clear principles within the CILEX Code of Conduct and the CILEX-ACCA Code of Conduct to inform the public of the standards they can expect. We believe this provides a balanced approach.

Regulatory Objectives of CRL

6. CRL's core function is to perform its obligations under the Regulatory Objectives of the LSA (section 1). We have summarised these below:

a)	protecting and promoting the public interest
b)	supporting the constitutional principle of the rule of law
c)	improving access to justice
d)	protecting and promoting the interests of consumers
e)	promoting competition in the provision of services within subsection (2)
f)	encouraging an independent, strong, diverse and effective legal profession
g)	increasing public understanding of the citizen's legal rights and duties
h)	promoting and maintaining adherence to the professional principles.
i)	promoting the prevention and detection of economic crime

Permitted Purposes

7. In order to carry out its regulatory function and the Objectives outlined in paragraph 6 above, CRL is permitted to use PCF funds to conduct the following Permitted Purposes as defined in Section 51 of the LSA:

a)	the regulation, accreditation, education and training of relevant authorised persons and those wishing to become such persons, including:
i.	the maintaining and raising of their professional standards, and
ii.	The giving of practical support, and advice about practice management, in relation to practices carried on by such persons;
b)	the payment of a levy imposed on the approved regulator under section 173;
c)	the participation by the approved regulator in law reform and the legislative process;
d)	the provision by relevant authorised persons, and those wishing to become relevant authorised persons, of reserved legal services, immigration advice or immigration services to the public free of charge;
e)	the promotion of the protection by law of human rights and fundamental freedoms;
f)	the promotion of relations between the approved regulator and relevant national or international bodies, governments or the legal professions of other jurisdictions.

Regulated Community & Authorised Persons

8. As at 31 March 2026, there are approximately 15,973 CILEX Members of which 7,803 are qualified as Authorised Persons who pay the annual PCF in order to practise.

9. There are currently seven grades of CILEX Membership:
   - Fellow
   - Chartered Paralegal
   - CILEX Paralegal
   - CILEX Student
   - CILEX Affiliate
   - CILEX Associate Prosecutor
   - CILEX Advanced Paralegal

10. The Grade of "Advanced Paralegal" is no longer available to existing and new CILEX Members. Those Members holding Advanced Paralegal Status will continue to exist however under the new qualification pathways, it is only possible to qualify as either a Chartered Paralegal or CILEX Paralegal. A CILEX Paralegal will have the same status as the previous grade of Advanced Paralegal.

11. All of the 7,803 Authorised Persons may operate as Commissioner of Oaths and 916 CILEX Fellows hold an additional or multiple Practice Right in order to perform a Reserved Legal Activity (see paras 15-20 below).

12. There are currently two grades of CILEX Membership which contribute towards payment of the PCF:

- Fellows (Chartered Legal Executives); and
- CILEX Associate Prosecutors.

Unauthorised Persons subject to CRL Regulation

13. There are approximately 8,170 CILEX Members across the remaining grades of CILEX Membership who are either not yet qualified to CILEX Lawyer status or do not hold a Practice Right and cannot practise independently and/or without supervision. All of these grades of membership are subject to regulation by CRL:

    - Chartered Paralegal
    - Trainee CILEX Lawyer
    - CILEX Paralegal
    - CILEX Student
    - CILEX Affiliate
    - CILEX Companion

14. Unauthorised persons do not currently pay a PCF fee in order to practise as they are not permitted to carry out Reserved Legal Activities independently.

Reserved Legal Activities and Practice Rights

15. As indicated above, CILEX Fellows (or Chartered Legal Executives) are authorised as Commissioners for Oaths. They must hold a separate Practice Right, in order to qualify as an Authorised Person to provide [Reserved Legal Activities](#).

16. We have summarised below the Reserved Legal Activities as defined by the LSA and in the second column, we have given examples of the CILEX Regulated activity or professional:

	Reserved Activity	***CILEX Professionals***
a)	The exercise of a right of audience	*Advocates*
b)	The conduct of litigation	*Civil litigation / Criminal litigation / Family litigation*
c)	Reserved Instrument activities	*Conveyancing*
d)	Probate activities	*Administering Trusts and Grant of Probate*
e)	Notarial activities	*CILEX and CRL do not currently regulate notarial activities*
f)	The administration of oaths	*CILEX Fellows*

17. CRL also regulates the practice area of Immigration. Whilst Immigration is not a Reserved Activity, CRL undertakes the regulation of Immigration Practice Rights holders. Only CILEX Fellows, CILEX Chartered Legal Executives and eligible Non-Members may apply to either qualify and/or hold an Immigration Practice Right.

18. There are other grades of CILEX Membership as well as non-CILEX Members who can be defined as an Authorised Person to provide Reserved Legal Activities which are those who hold a “Practice Right” in two specific areas of law (conveyancing & probate only). A

supplemental Practice Right Fee is payable to CRL which is a source of non-PCF Income for CRL.

19. Eligible grades of Paralegal may only hold a standalone Practice Right in two specific areas of law (conveyancing & probate). Eligible Non-Members may also apply to hold and maintain a Practice Right:

    (a) CILEX Practitioners with Practice Rights (including eligible Paralegals)
    (b) and non-CILEX Members holding Practice Rights.

20. As at 31 March 2026, there are currently 916 Practice Rights holders.

What is the PCF?

21. The Practising Certificate Fee is the annual fee payable by Individual CILEx Members and Non-CILEX Members defined as Authorised Persons under Section 18(1) of the LSA.

22. The two grades of CILEX Membership that are contributing towards payment of the PCF, are:

    (a) CILEX Fellows (Chartered Legal Executives); and
    (b) CILEX Associate Prosecutors.

23. The total of PCF Funds are distributed between CILEX and CRL based on their requirement to achieve break-even budgets in their delivery of Core Regulatory functions and Strategic Objectives through the Permitted Purposes.

24. The PCF funds:

    - the majority of CRL's activities;
    - some activities of CILEX;
    - the cost of the Legal Services Board, Legal Ombudsman; and

How is the PCF calculated and apportioned between CILEX and CRL?

25. CRL submits its budget for the following year to the CRL Board for approval every July. CRL's budget provides detail of its anticipated income to be generated from the PCF ("PCF Income") and the other sources of income it expects to receive ("Non-PCF Income") - for example, fees paid by entities and by individuals applying to be authorised.

26. Please see below a summary of CRL's budget for PCF and non-PCF income in 2026 and 2027:

	2027	**2026**	**Percentage Increase**
PCF Income	£2,059,081	£1,798,760	14.5%
Non-PCF Income	£527,656	£468,230	12.7%
Totals	**£2,586,736**	**£2,266,990**	**14.1%**

27. The PCF rate must take into account the regulatory levies of the Legal Services Board and Office for Legal Complaints. In the Legal Services Board's consultation on its

business plan for 2026/27, they have increased their levy by 11% and stated that their proposed budget reflects the resources they need to meet the scale of the challenges facing the legal sector. Please refer to the following link to the LSB's website.

28. In 2026, CRL's agreed share of the PCF, payable by an Authorised Person, was 57.8% of the full fee. Our proposal for 2027 will see CRL's share of the PCF increase by one percent to 58.8%.

29. The distribution percentages between CILEX and CRL of the proposed PCF Fee to be charged to Authorised Persons is as follows:

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Other Fees Charged by CRL (non-PCF Income)

Practice Rights Fees

30. CRL charges an annual Practice Right fee to CILEX Fellows (Chartered Legal Executives holding Practice Right(s)) and to other grades of CILEX Membership who qualify to hold a Practice Right in their chosen area of law and are therefore qualified in the provision of specific Reserved Legal Activities. Other grades of CILEX membership may currently only hold a standalone Practice Right in two specific areas of law (conveyancing & probate). Eligible Non-Members may also apply to hold and maintain a Practice Right:

(a) CILEX Practitioners with Practice Rights
(b) and non-CILEX Members holding Practice Rights.

Fee Type	Member Grade/Non-Member	Fee Charge 2026	Proposed Fee Charge 2027
Practice Rights top up	CILEX Fellow with additional practice rights (per right)	£62	£70 (increase at 12.5%)
Practice Rights top up	Other CILEX members with additional practice rights (per right)	£62	£70 (increase at 12.5%)
Practice Rights	Non-Member with Practice Rights	£453	£510 (increase at 12.5%)
ACCA-Probate Practice Rights	Non-Member with Practice Rights	£103	£116 (increase at 12.5%)

Application Fees (Individual Members & Non-Members)

31. CRL charges fees to CILEX Members and non-Members wishing to become Authorised Persons as follows. Any increase to the fees shown below received Board approval at the Board Meeting of 14 July 2026. The Board believes that fees charged should move towards full cost recovery where possible.

Fee Name	Fee Charge 2026	Fee Charge 2027	Increase/Review
Work Based Learning (Legacy Standards)	£450	£507	Increased wef 1 January 2027 with Board approval at 12.5%
Certificate of Eligibility	£300	£338	Increased wef 1 January 2027 with Board approval at 12.5%
Specialist Pathway Practice Rights	£450	£507	Increased wef 1 January 2027 with Board approval at 12.5%
Qualifying Experience	£92	£104	(increase at 12.5%)
Advocacy Certificate Renewal (CILEX Fellow Members only)	£155/156	£175	(increase at 12.5%)
Foreign Lawyer Application	£309	£348	(increase at 12.5%)

Entity Annual Practice Fees

32. CRL currently regulates 21 firms and 35 CILEX-ACCA firms. The application charges and annual renewal fees are based on a firm's turnover and whether any client money is held. Further information on Annual Practice Fees charged to CILEX Regulated entities can be found on our website.

CILEX Entity	2026 Fee Charge		2027 Fee Charge (increase at 12.5%)	
Turnover	CRL (Client Money)	CRL (No Client Money)	CRL (Client Money)	CRL (No Client Money)
£0 - £100,000	£1,138	£632	£1,280	£711
£100,001 - £250,000	£1,396	£947	£1,571	£1,066
£250,001 - £500,000	£1,655	£1,241	£1,862	£1,396
£500,001 - £1m	£3,310	£2,482	£3,724	£2,792
£1m - £3m	£4,964	£3,516	£5,585	£3,956
£3m +	£6,629	£4,561	£7,458	£5,131

CILEX-ACCA Entities and Practitioners (Probate only)

CILEX-ACCA Annual Practice Fees	Fee Charge 2026	Fee Charge 2027 (increase at 12.5%)
CILEX Practitioner (ACCA-Probate)	**£103**	**£116**
CILEX-ACCA Probate firms	**£206**	**£232**

Entity Compensation Fund Contributions

33. CRL is responsible for maintaining a Compensation Fund to which all of its regulated entities contribute on an annual basis. Further information on compensation fund contributions can be found on our website.

34. In October 2025 the CRL Board approved a review of the CRL Compensation Fund arrangements. The review is being overseen by the CRL Strategic Risk Committee and will report back to the Board in the Autumn 2026. In view of this ongoing review the compensation fund levies will remain unchanged for 2027.

Turnover	Client Money	No Client Money
Litigation and Immigration		
Up to £250,000	£700	£500
£250,001 - £500,000	£1,400	£1,000
£500,001 to £1M	£2,100	£1,500
£1M + - £3M	£3,500	£2,500
£3M +	£5,075	£2,538
Probate and Conveyancing		
Up to £250,000	£750	£500
£250,001 - £500,000	£1,500	£1,000
£500,001 to £1M	£2,500	£1,500
£1M + - £3M	£4,000	£2,500
£3M +	£6,090	£2,538

Other Entity Charges

35. CRL charges the following annual entity fees:

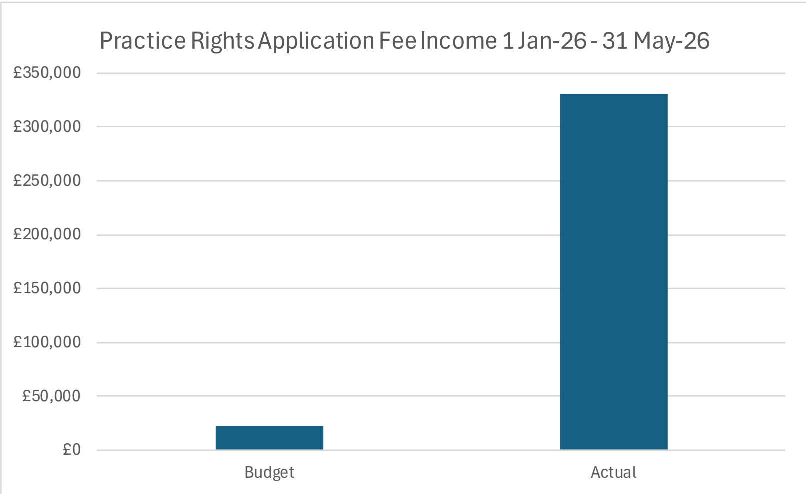
Fee Type	Fee Charge 2026	Fee Charge 2027	Increase/Review
CILEX-ACCA Application Fee	£206	£232	(increase at 12.5%)
AML Supervision Application Fee	£155	£175	(increase at 12.5%)
AML Supervision Renewal Fee	£103	£116	(increase at 12.5%)

January to May 2026, CRL’s Regulated Community at a glance:

	➢ 15,850 CILEX members ➢ 8,594 Fellows ➢ 126 Associate Prosecutors ➢ 39 non-Fellow CILEX Practitioners ➢ 333 CILEX Member Practice Rights Holders (**conveyancing**) ➢ 8 Non-Member Member Practice Rights Holders (**conveyancing**) ➢ 157 CILEX Member Practice Rights Holders (**probate**) ➢ 8 Non-Member Practice Rights Holders (**probate**) ➢ 41 Non-Member Practice Rights Holders (**ACCA-Probate**) ➢ 900 CILEX Member Practice Rights Holders (**civil litigation**) ➢ 50 CILEX Member Practice Rights Holders (**criminal litigation**) ➢ 16 CILEX Member Practice Rights Holders (**immigration**) ➢ 31 Paralegals with Practice Rights: ➢ 7 Paralegals with Practice Rights (**probate**) ➢ 24 Paralegals with Practice Rights (**conveyancing**) ➢ 179 Advocates (CILEX Members with Rights of Audience)
	We provide regulation across 21 firms. Those firms conduct Litigation, Conveyancing, Probate and Immigration services. Within those 21 regulated firms, there are 15 Authorised Persons who pay an individual PCF to CILEX/CRL. There are a further 26 Approved Managers within those firms. We also regulate 35 ACCA-Probate firms. Within those firms there are 44 non-Members who hold a Practice Right in Probate only.
	We have reviewed the new CILEX qualification routes and have started assessing portfolios under the new pathways. We have rolled out stand-alone litigation Practice Rights.
	We have received 224 work-based learning applications We have received 247 qualifying employment applications We have received 454 practice rights applications
	As part of the CPD Sampling Exercise We have sampled 275 CILEX members CPD records
	We have received 195 new prior conduct declarations, 72 of which were cancelled leaving 123 substantive cases. We have received 36 reports of misconduct
	We have conducted: 2 Disciplinary Tribunals 0 Appeals Panel Hearing 2 Admissions and Licensing Committees 2 Strategic Risk Committee; and 3 Prior Conduct Panel Hearings

PCF Income January to May 2026 – CILEx Regulation Limited

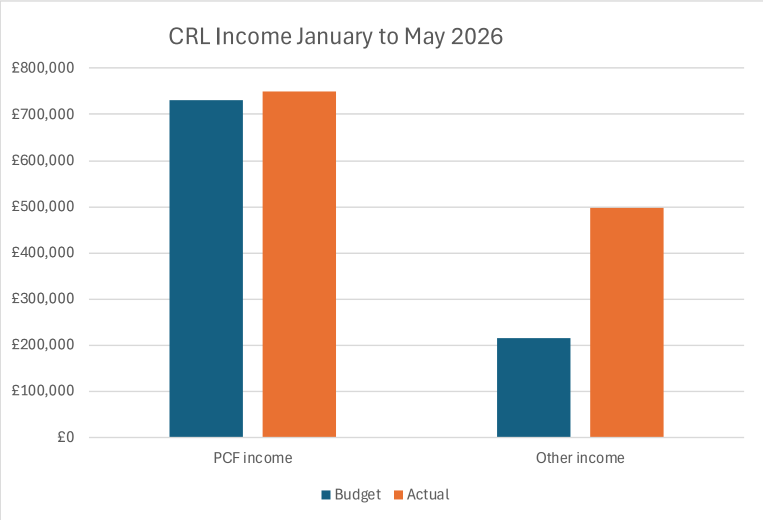
36. Overall, CRL's actual income and expenditure are performing to budget for 2026 are performing as anticipated and CRL's operations are predicted to breakeven at the end of 2026. Mazur has had an impact on non-PCF Practice Application Fees and, whilst this has resulted in increased income in Authorisation per the graph below, additional 3rd party assessor & associated costs as well as increased staff costs have been incurred.

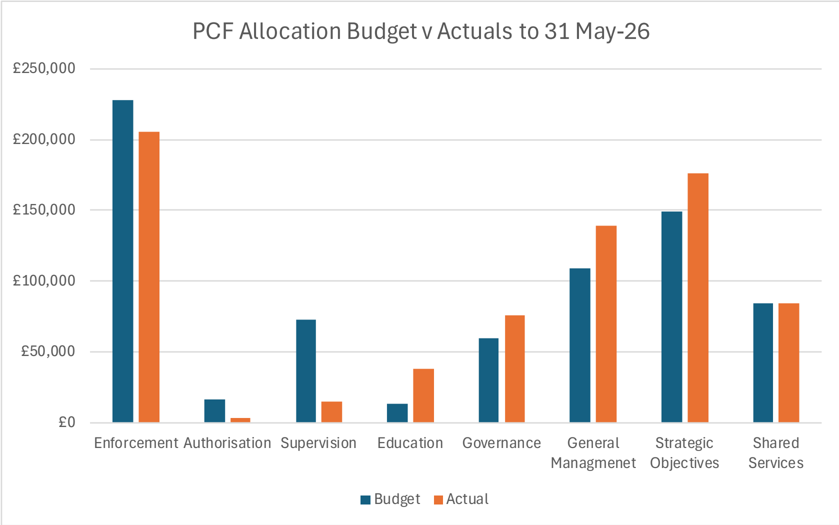


37. CRL continues to experience increases in VAT (loss of relief). Entity applications and renewals continue to be lower than anticipated (largely owing to issues with access to PII and compensation arrangements).

38. Staff costs are more than budgeted for the year to date to additional headcount required to support the Practitioner, Authorisation & Supervision (PAS) and Enforcement functions was put in place after approval of the 2026 budget. This has required using CRL's reserves.

2026 Budget v Actuals for 2026 at 31 May





CRL’s performance in 2026 under the Corporate Plan and Strategic Objectives

Core Regulatory Objectives to 31 May 2026

39. CRL’s Corporate Plan for 2026 was published in December 2025. This plan sets out the delivery of the second year of CRL’s 2025-2027 Corporate Strategy. Our progress is summarised below. More information can be found in the Corporate Plan Deliverables Progress Report, updated and presented to the Board in July 2025. CRL’s work on its core regulatory activities accounts for an approximate spend of 64.6% of PCF funds received.

Enforcement 27.9% of PCF Allocation	**Business Planning, Risk Management & Compliance 10.3% of PCF Allocation**	**General Management 18.9% of PCF Allocation**
Recruitment of Regulatory Support Lead and additional Investigation officer. Enforcement rules review project commenced and due to go out for consultation in summer 2026. Lay and Professional Panel member recruitment and induction completed. Development of KPI tracker due to launch in July.	Responded to the following consultations: • LSB and LEO Business Plan consultations • MoJ Interest on Lawyers’ Client Account • LSB EDI Policy Statement • House of Lords inquiry	Clean audit for 2025 accounts and improved cash collection through additional electronic member notifications. Commenced review of the Compensation Fund arrangements
Misconduct cases have increased but are at a lower rate than at the end of 2023.	Stakeholder engagement with LSB Business Plan, PERL and FTCH	Development of 2027 budget and overhaul of PCF application process/timetable.
Panel Training held in July 2026.	Implementation of actions from the Board Effectiveness Review Publication of biennial diversity data report	Pay and grading reviews in April 2026 2026/27 Resourcing Plan

Authorisation 0.4% of PCF Allocation	Supervision 2.0% of PCF Allocation	Education 5.2% of PCF Allocation
1150 litigation practice rights authorised. Approval length of time maintained at 10.5 weeks despite increase in volume. Implementation of process improvements including use of Egress and internal case tracker system for QE and WBL applications	Monitoring of new Transparency requirements for regulated firms Implementation of revised rules for First Tier Complaint handling. Design and implementation of annual CPD sampling strategy Commenced onsite Entity inspections AML Compliance • OPBAS Action Plan • Sectoral risk assessments Supervision reports	Implementation of standalone litigation practice rights including the recruitment and standardisation of external assessors. Working with ULaw to increase capacity and reduce length of time of the assessment route. Development and publication of specific guidance relating to probate and advocacy practice rights
Qualifying Employment and Work Based Learning portfolios continue to be assessed and proceeded in line with KPIs	Development of Risk Assessment and AML Supervision provisions	Procurement of additional training providers to bolster specialist training courses on advocacy
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Strategic Objectives (23.9% of PCF income to 31 May 2026)

40. In November 2024, CRL published a new three-year Strategy for 2025-2027, and CRL have been delivering on the following areas within that Strategy over the past six months. Further information can be found in the Corporate Plan Deliverables Progress Report, published in April 2026:

Standards and Public Trust	Access to Justice and Consumer empowerment	Independence and Sustainability	Be an authoritative, inclusive and capable organisation
Outcome of the review of CRL's enforcement rules due to be consulted on in Autumn 2026. ➢ CRL has engaged with the LSB on its "Professional Ethics and the Rule of Law" (PERL) policy statement	➢ Implementation First Tier Complaint handling rule changes ➢ Legal Choices and Regulatory Information Service (RIS) moved into public beta testing phase ➢ Digital exclusion research undertaken with Bar Standards Board, CLC and ICAEW published ➢ Completion of Consumer focussed regulation Board self-assessment exercise	➢ Established Joint Working Group with CILEX on regulatory improvements. ➢ Engagement with CILEX to resolve the transfer of CRL's contingent reserves in line with the LSB's 2026 PCF decision notice. ➢ Updated resourcing plan reflected in the 2027 draft budget.	➢ EDI strategy and Biennial Diversity data report published. ➢ Implementation of Board effectiveness review actions ➢ Thought leadership through Chair article on the future of regulation and CEO article on learning from Mazur ➢ Mazur lessons learnt review due to report in July ➢ Stakeholder perception survey

CRL's budget for 2027

41. Our total budget for 2027 is £2,586,736, up £319,746 (14.5%) on 2026. The total practising certificate fee budget for 2027 is £2,059,081 an increase of £260,321 (14.5%). The increase is explained as follows:

- Maintaining activity levels of 2026;
- An increase in fee paying membership of 372 Fellows (4.9%) and a reduction of Associate Prosecutors of 24 (17.8%), accounting for £20,868 (1.01%) of the practising certificate fee;
- Direct costs rate increases for assessors and panel members as well as including holiday pay rates for external assessors and panel members;
- Increase in staff costs over 2026 budget of £144,414 (10.4%) reflecting an in-year pay increase for 2027 of 2.63% as well as budgeting for an increase of 3.0 FTE (16.3%) over 2026 budget. The additional headcount includes making permanent the additional Investigation and Enforcement Officer and PAS Administrator post appointed in 2025, the appointment of a new Information Governance/Customer relations post.
- Governance costs up £7,743 on 2026 budget (8.10%); and
- Increase of 9.8% in Shared Services costs to £230,687.

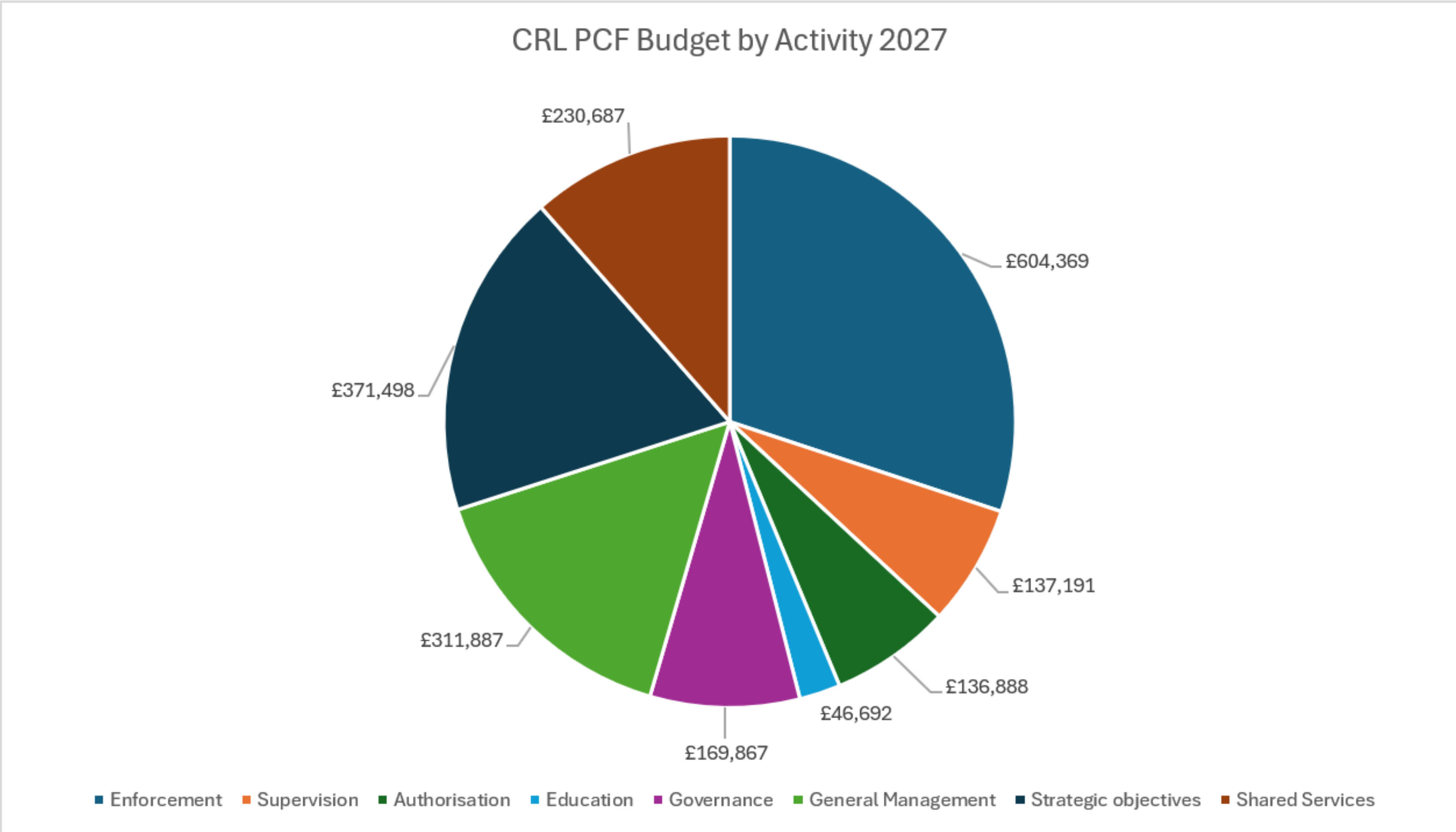
How CRL use our budget

42. As a smaller regulator, with 26.6 FTE staff, 79.5% of the PCF income is spent on our day-to-day regulatory activities (comprising education, authorisation, supervision, enforcement, governance, services we share with CILEX (e.g. IT support)), and general management activities. 18.0% of the PCF income is spent on activities which flow from our strategic objectives and there is a 2.5% surplus.

43. Our budget for 2027 is partly funded by the PCF paid by Chartered Legal Executives and Associate Prosecutors and partly funded by the fees paid by others we regulate (including CILEX Practitioners, CILEX firms and ACCA individuals and firms, as well as from application fees we receive).

CRL's budget for 2027 (cont.)

44. For 2027, our budget by activity breaks down as follows:



CRL Planned programme of activity for 2027

45. The CRL Board has considered CRL's priorities for the next three years as part of a broader shift to reset how the organisation operates and its relationship with the regulated community. The threat of regulatory redelegation, which was proposed by CILEX in 2022, has hung over CRL for far too long and has had a significant impact on CRL's ability to take longer term decisions to improve how we regulate in the interests of consumers. The seven priority areas and outcomes are:

    a) To be respected by CILEX and the regulated community
    b) To be financially sustainable
    c) To be responsive to the regulated community while maintaining CRL's role as an independent regulator
    d) To support more entities into CRL regulation, with a focus on SMEs
    e) To review CRL's education standards and Code of Conduct
    f) To streamline our authorisation processes and improve the user experience
    g) To modernise our enforcement rules and processes and put in place suitable KPIs

46. Of these, three have been identified as a higher priority in the sort term. They are:

    a) Rebuilding relationships with CILEX and the regulated community
    b) To be more responsive
    c) To engage with entities with a view to increasing entity numbers.

Core Regulatory Activities

Enforcement 29.4% of PCF Allocation	Business Planning, Risk Management & Compliance 8.2% of PCF Allocation	General Management 15.1% of PCF Allocation
Continue process improvements to reduce the overall case load and length of time to conclude cases Implementation of changes to the CRL Enforcement rules including regulatory rule change application to the LSB	Respond to consultations including LSB and LeO annual business plans LSB Regulatory performance assessment Develop new Service Legel Agreements with CILEX as part of joint project	Preparation for 2028 budget, PCF and compensation applications Implementation of Strategic Risk Committee's recommendations on the CRL Compensation arrangement
Implement revised KPIs and develop a performance monitoring dashboard for misconduct cases	Implement strategic communications plan Corporate complaints reporting	
	Chair and Board Recruitment, including associate member	Develop with CILEX the existing CRM to improve business processes and user experience
Authorisation 6.6% of PCF Allocation	**Supervision 6.7% of PCF Allocation**	**Education 2.3% of PCF Allocation**
Process the Qualifying Experience, Work Based Learning and Practice Rights applications authorisation in line with agreed KPIs	Design and implementation of 2026/2027 CPD sampling strategy	Review of authorisation pathways as part of joint regulatory reform project with CILEX
Further automate and integrate application systems. Implement Mazur lessons learnt actions to improve overall user experience	Review risk assessment of CRL firms bases on annual returns submitted by CRL entities in 2026	Review of new education standards to ensure they are accessible and remain rigorous
	AML compliance • AML sectoral risk assessment • AML supervision reports • Engagement with FCA on the transition of professional body supervision arrangements	Implementation of internal and external Quality Assurance strategy.

Strategic Objectives (18.2% of PCF income)

Standards and Public Trust	Access to Justice and Consumer empowerment	Independence and Sustainability	Be an authoritative, inclusive and capable organisation
➢ Implementation of review of enforcement rules ➢ Action plan in response to LSB's statement of policy on Professionalism and ethics ➢ Publish guidance on the safe and effective use of AI ➢ Implement actions from Mazur lessons learnt review.	➢ Monitoring of firm compliance with first tier complaints handling rules ➢ Implement actions from Board consumer focussed regulation self-assessment including: research and data gap analysis and use of LSCP tracker data ➢ Continue to support the development of Legal Choices ➢ Delivery of the Regulatory Information Service(RIS) ➢ Continued monitoring of compliance with CRL's revised transparency rules. ➢ Evaluation of Transparency Rules changes ➢ Increase number of CRL regulated entities	➢ Update resources plan to ensure CRL continues to invest in those areas of operation which are most important to consumers, the regulated community and regulated entities. ➢ Collaborate with CILEX to progress a joint work programme focussing on: • Improving regulation • Finance • Service delivery ➢ ➢ Digital transformation plan – develop SharePoint case management/application management systems and utilisation of existing AI capabilities	➢ Stakeholder Perception Survey Action Plan including: • In-person engagement events • Development of communication materials to support to go alongside practising certificates. ➢ Implement of 2026-2028 EDI Strategy CRL research plan ➢ Collaborate with other regulators on joint horizon scanning and risk identification

CILEX

Section 2 - CILEX

CILEX Limited PCF Consultation 2027

47. The purpose of Section 2 of the Consultation is to provide some background information on CILEX.

48. We will also outline how CILEX has allocated its share of the PCF in the first 5 months of 2026 and to set out its proposals for the 2026 PCF.

49. In addition, CILEX and CRL have provided full and accurate information on all of the Fees it charges and whether those fees are subject to review, increase or both.

About CILEX Limited (“CILEX”):

50. CILEX believes in creating more accessible opportunities to build careers in the legal profession. By providing a range of flexible routes to qualification, campaigning for better working permissions for CILEX legal professionals, as well as ongoing support and representation for members post-qualification, CILEX is working to build a more inclusive legal sector which ultimately delivers a better service for clients

    CILEX stands tall as a trailblazer and innovator in the legal world, establishing elevated benchmarks for professionalism and ethics. An advocate for diversity, CILEX propels positive change within the profession, enriching society as a whole. The focus of CILEX-qualified professional lies in the meticulousness of their training, the versatility of their practical skillset and the depths of their specialised experts. In essence, they are not just practitioners, they are champions of excellence.

January to May 2026, CILEX's Regulated Community at a glance:

Total Members: 15,850
Made up of:

- 7,729 Fellows (incl. Dual Qualified and Legal Accountancy Fellows)
    - All 7,729 are Authorised Persons
- 865 Fellows (non-practising)
    - 0 are Authorised Persons
- 126 Associate Prosecutors
    - All 126 are Authorised Persons
- 4,937 Members (incl. Chartered Paralegals, Advanced Paralegals and Paralegals)
    - 30 are Authorised Persons
- 1,632 Students
    - 16 are Authorised Persons
- 522 Affiliates
    - 0 are Authorised Persons
- 39 Non-CILEX Members regulated by CILEx Regulation
    - All 39 are Authorised Persons

CILEX members work in over 4,600 employers nationwide.

Members are supported by over 20 different education providers.

8 Recognised degrees at universities across the country.

CPQ Foundation Stage – 1,536 exams sat, pass rate 84%.

CPQ Advanced Stage – 786 exams sat, pass rate 80%.

CPQ Professional Stage – 189 exams sat, pass rate 92%.

352 exams were sat within the Level 6 Single Subject Certificate/Professional Higher Diploma in Law and Practice/Graduate Fast Track Diploma. Average pass rate across 21 units was 61%.

Apprenticeships on programme – 296

Apprentices in Gateway sitting EPA awaiting results – 35 Apprenticeships completed in the period - 31

8 consultations responded to in the period

11 outstanding consultations to respond to in coming months

78 Referrals to the regulator in the period

How CILEX has used its share of the 2026 practising fee between January and May 2026:

- CILEX's share of the practising fee can only be used to fund activities which are permitted under the Legal Services Act. CILEX uses these funds to provide the following services to chartered legal executives:

  - Operations (including Education)
  - Policy and Governance
  - Communications
  - Central Resources and Admin

51. Please see below a summary of CILEX's budget for PCF and non-PCF income in 2026:

	2025 £k	**2026 £k**
PCF Income	£928	£884
Non-PCF Income	£9,866	£10,339
Totals	**£10,794**	**£11,223**

Nature of activities to be used by CILEX by category

- The CILEX share of the PCF as allocated to each of these activities is as follows:

Area of activity	**Actions**
Membership/Sales & Development/Operations (including Education)	Supporting Chartered Legal Executives and Associate Prosecutors by: • Provision of customer service function: Liaising with regulated members to provide advice and guidance on application and renewal, and requirements and obligations relating to regulatory requirements and practising certificate • Support Fellows to understand and apply for regulatory authorisation • Practice advice and support for Fellows Supporting those seeking to become Chartered Legal Executives by: • Providing support to assure the quality of the academic qualifications; • Ensuring training and assessment leading to authorisation is fit-for-purpose; • Providing assessment results for candidates by centre and learner; • Providing relevant committee meeting minutes for quality assurance; • Liaison with Ofqual (including, providing details of alleged misconduct, attending stakeholder meetings, and attending professional institute forums) • Qualification: regulation, compliance, development activities; • Accreditation of training providers and courses provision Regulatory work • Maintaining the Fellow, Associate Prosecutor, and member database, • Issuing the PCF invoices and reminder notices, • Issuing practising certificates, • Maintaining CPD records, • Providing information to CILEx Regulation about Authorised Persons and members.
Policy and Governance	Supporting Chartered Legal Executives and Associate Prosecutors by: • Providing representation for authorised persons amongst key stakeholders and forums; • Liaison and support in the areas of law reform, policy, lobbying, equality and diversity, pro bono and judicial appointments; Regulatory work • Managing the relationship with the LSB, OPBAS, other Approved Regulators and government.
Communications	Supporting Chartered Legal Executives and Associate Prosecutors by: • Providing the Journal online

	• Editorial support • Publication of educational articles, case studies and guidance documents • Direct mailings to Authorised Persons • Press releases • Publication of the newsletter Regulatory work • CILEx Regulation publications • Journal publication of disciplinary decisions
Central Resources and Admin	Regulatory work • Proportion of contribution of overhead costs including Board and Senior Leadership resource spent on activities as Approved Regulator

CILEX's budget for 2027

- Our total budget for 2027 is projected to be £11.422m; In addition to the PCF, CILEX receives income from other sources (e.g., the Law School, sale of assessments etc.).

- Our total practising certificate fee budget for 2027 is £1,093k, an increase of £82k (8.1%) compared to the pre-CILEX discount figure for 2026. The increase reflects the following key factors:

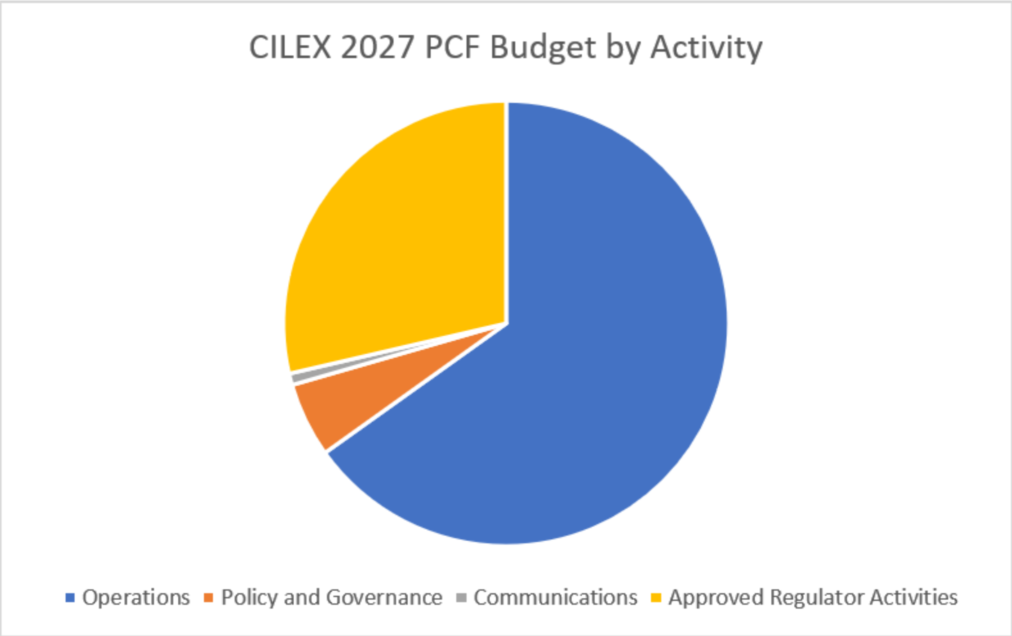
    - costs of running CPQ and legacy qualifications concurrently start to ease and costs of running only CPQ are included in 2027
    - roll-out and delivery of new Charter lawyer Apprenticeships and work required to change delivery of apprenticeships to meet new funding rules.
    - Inflationary pressures are being felt across our staff and non-staff cost base.

- CILEX's share of the 2026 practising fee was £137, before a £16 CILEX discount was applied as a one off in 2026. In light of the increase explained above, CILEX's proposal for 2027 is to increase its share of the fee to £142.

CILEX's share of the PCF as a percentage of its total income is as follows:

2027 CILEX Income Projection	£k
Income to be generated excluding PCF	10,329
PCF (9.57% of total income)	**1,093**
Total income	11,422

How we use our PCF budget at CILEX



Area of activity	Actions	Benefit
Membership/Sales & Development/Operations (including Education)	Supporting Chartered Legal Executives and Associate Prosecutors by: • Provision of customer service function: Liaising with regulated members to provide advice and guidance on application and renewal, and requirements and obligations relating to regulatory requirements and practising certificate • Support Fellows to understand and apply for regulatory authorisation • Practice advice and support for Fellows Supporting those seeking to become Chartered Legal Executives by: • Providing support to assure the quality of the academic qualifications; • Ensuring training and assessment leading to authorisation is fit-for-purpose; • Providing assessment results for candidates by centre and learner; • Providing relevant committee meeting minutes for quality assurance; • Liaison with Ofqual (including, providing details of alleged misconduct, attending stakeholder meetings, and attending professional institute forums) • Qualification: regulation, compliance, development activities; • Accreditation of training providers and courses provision Regulatory work • Maintaining the Fellow, Associate Prosecutor, and member database,	• Giving of practical support, and advice about practice management, in relation to practices carried on by such persons • Education and Training that meets regulatory standards • • Preventing any person who is not a relevant authorised person and/or does not hold a current relevant practising certificate, purporting to be such a person or to hold such a certificate • Authorised persons are aware of and meet professional standards and maintain effective records • Data relied upon by CRL is accurate & available.

	• Issuing the PCF invoices and reminder notices, • Issuing practising certificates • Maintaining CPD records, • Providing information to CILEx Regulation about Authorised Persons and members.	
Policy and Governance	Supporting Chartered Legal Executives and Associate Prosecutors by: • Providing representation for authorised persons amongst key stakeholders and forums; • Liaison and support in the areas of law reform, policy, lobbying, equality and diversity, pro bono and judicial appointments; Regulatory work Managing the relationship with the LSB, OPBAS, other Approved Regulators and government.	• Participation of approved regulator in law reform and legislative process • Establishment and maintenance of effective relationship between the approved regulator and relevant national or international bodies, governments or the legal professions of other jurisdictions • Provision of required information to relevant bodies including LSB, OPBAS and MoJ
Communications	Supporting Chartered Legal Executives and Associate Prosecutors by: • Providing the Journal online • Editorial support • Publication of educational articles, case studies and guidance documents • Direct mailings to Authorised Persons • Press releases • Publication of the newsletter Regulatory work • CILEx Regulation publications • Journal publication of disciplinary decisions	• Increased public understanding of the citizen's legal rights and duties • Increased awareness of legal and regulatory requirements affecting authorised persons • Regulatory information is communicated in an accessible format and in a timely fashion.
Central Resources and Admin	Regulatory work • Proportion of contribution of overhead costs including Board and Senior Leadership resource spent on activities as Approved Regulator	• Participation by the approved regulator in matters of law reform, legislative process & LSB, MoJ & OPBAS interactions. • Access to relevant expertise, system & technical support.

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

FOR CHARTERED LEGAL EXECUTIVES AND ASSOCIATE PROSECUTORS

SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS, QUESTIONS, AND THE FEE FOR 2027:

The proposal is to **increase** the practising fee for 2027 to £432 the allocation of the fee for 2027 is as follows:

CILEX Fellows PCF rate £432

RECIPIENT	COST OF PCF 2027 (% of PCF)	COST OF PCF 2026 (% of PCF)	MOVEMENT & % INCREASE
CILEx Regulation	£254 (58.8%)	£233 (57.8%)	+£21 (9.0%)
CILEX	£142 (32.9%)	£137 (34.0%)	+£5 (3.6%)
Regulatory Levies	£36 (8.3%)	£33 (8.2%)	+£3 (9.1%)
Total PCF	**£432**	**£403**	**+£29 (7.2%)**
CILEX Discount		-£16	
Total PCF (minus discount)		**£387**	

CILEX Associate Prosecutors PCF rate £320

The proposal is to **increase** the practising fee for 2027 to £320, the allocation of the fee for 2027 is as follows:

RECIPIENT	COST OF PCF 2027 (% of PCF)	COST OF PCF 2026 (% of PCF)	MOVEMENT & % INCREASE
CILEx Regulation	£188 (58.8%)	£172 (57.8%)	+£16 (9.3%)
CILEX	£105 (32.8%)	£101 (34%)	+£4 (4.0%)
Regulatory Levies	£27 (8.4%)	£25 (8.2%)	+£4 (19.0%)
Total PCF	**£320**	**£298**	**+£12 (4.2%)**

1. **Do you agree with the proposed CRL share of the practising fee for 2027?**

   Yes/No

   Please give reasons for your answer

2. **Do you agree with the proposed CILEX share of the practising fee for 2027?**

   Yes/No

   Please give reasons for your answer

3. **Do you agree with the increase of £29 to the proposed PCF Fee for 2027?**

   Yes/No

   Please give reasons for your answer

FOR CHARTERED LEGAL EXECUTIVE ADVOCATES and CILEX PRACTITIONERS HOLDING PRACTICE RIGHTS

4. Do you agree that CRL should increase the Practice Rights fee for 2027 at 12.5%?

Yes/No

Please give reasons for your answer

Fee Type	Member Grade/Non-Member	Fee Charge 2026	Proposed Fee Charge 2027
Practice Rights top up	CILEX Fellow with additional practice rights (per right)	£62	£70
Practice Rights top up	Other CILEX members with additional practice rights (per right)	£62	£70
Practice Rights	Non-Member with Practice Rights	£453	£510
ACCA-Probate Practice Rights	Non-Member with Practice Rights	£103	£116

FOR CILEX AUTHORISED ENTITIES

Entity Annual Practice Fees

It is proposed that the 2026 Entity Annual Practice Fees are increased by 12.5%

5. Do you agree with CRL's proposal to increase Entity Annual Practice Fees by 12.5%?

Yes/No

Please give reasons for your answer

CILEX Entity	2026 Fee Charge		2027 Fee Charge	
Turnover	CRL (Client Money)	CRL (No Client Money)	CRL (Client Money)	CRL (No Client Money)
£0 - £100,000	£1,138	£632	£1,280	£711
£100,001 - £250,000	£1,396	£947	£1,571	£1,066
£250,001 - £500,000	£1,655	£1,241	£1,862	£1,396
£500,001 - £1m	£3,310	£2,482	£3,724	£2,792
£1m - £3m	£4,964	£3,516	£5,585	£3,956
£3m +	£6,629	£4,561	£7,458	£5,131

FOR CILEX-ACCA ENTITIES/ACCA PRACTITIONERS

It is proposed that the 2026 CILEX-ACCA Entity/Practitioner Annual Practice Fees are increased by 12.5%

CILEX-ACCA Annual Practice Fees	Fee Charge 2026	Fee Charge 2027
CILEX Practitioner (ACCA-Probate)	**£103**	**£116**
CILEX-ACCA Probate firms	**£206**	**£232**

6. **Do you agree with CRL's proposal to increase CILEX-ACCA Entity/Practitioner Annual Practice Fees by 12.5%?**

Yes/No

Please give reasons for your answer

CRL Entity Fees

7. **Do you agree with CRL's proposal to increase entity fees for 2027 by 12.5%?**

Yes/No

Please give reasons for your answer

Fee Type	Fee Charge 2026	Fee Charge 2027	Increase/Review
CILEX-ACCA Annual Practice Fee	£206	£232	(increase 12.5%)
CILEX-ACCA Application Fee	£206	£232	(increase 12.5%)
AML Supervision Application Fee	£155	£175	(increase 12.5%)
AML Supervision Renewal Fee	£103	£116	(increase 12.5%)

Compensation Fund Contributions

It is proposed that the 2027 compensation fund contributions paid by Entities are held at the same level as in 2026, pending a review of these contributions in 2027.

8. **Do you agree that that the 2027 compensation fund contributions paid by Entities are held at the same level as in 2026 pending a review by CRL and any external experts?**

Yes/No
Please give reasons for your answer

Turnover	Client Money	No Client Money
Litigation and Immigration		
Up to £250,000	£700	£500
£250,001 - £500,000	£1,400	£1,000
£500,001 to £1M	£2,100	£1,500
£1M + - £3M	£3,500	£2,500
£3M +	£5,075	£2,538
Probate and Conveyancing		
Up to £250,000	£750	£500
£250,001 - £500,000	£1,500	£1,000
£500,001 to £1M	£2,500	£1,500
£1M + - £3M	£4,000	£2,500
£3M +	£6,090	£2,538

CRL Application Fees

9. **Do you agree with CRL's proposed increase to application fees for 2027 at 12.5%?**

Yes/No
Please give reasons for your answer

Fee Name	Fee Charge 2026	Fee Charge 2027	Increase/Review
Work Based Learning (Legacy Standards)	£450	£507	Increase 12.5%
Certificate of Eligibility	£300	£338	Increase 12.5%
Specialist Pathway	£450	£507	Increase 12.5%
Qualifying Experience	£92	£104	Increase 12.5%
Advocacy Certificate Renewal (CILEX Fellow Members only)	£155/156	£175	Increase 12.5%
Foreign Lawyer Application	£309	£348	Increase 12.5%

How to respond

Once you have read the consultation document, to submit a consultation response, please select the survey link below relevant to your authorisation category:

- Chartered Legal Executives and CILEX Associate Prosecutors
- Chartered Legal Executive Advocates and CILEX Practitioners
- CILEX Authorised Entities
- CILEX-ACCA Probate Firms and Practitioners

Or, please email your response to CILEx Regulation - consultations@cilexregulation.org.uk.

Submission deadline

Please respond by Monday, 14th September 2026.