Chapter 3

Application, Notification and Vetting Fees



3.1 Introduction

Application

- 3.1.1 This chapter applies to every *person* set out in column 1 of the Table of application, notification and vetting fees in ■ FEES 3.2.7 R and every person set out in the annexes to ■ FEES 3 referred to in column 1 of the Table of application, notification and vetting fees in ■ FEES 3.2.7R.
- 3.1.1A A reference to firm in this chapter includes a fee-paying payment service provider, a CBTL firm, a fee-paying electronic money issuer, a designated finance platform, a designated credit reference agency and a data reporting services provider.
- G 3.1.2 [deleted]

G 3.1.3 The purpose of this chapter is to set out the FCA fee paying requirements on the persons set out in ■ FEES 1.1.2R (1).

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- 3.1.4 G Most of the detail of what fees are payable by the persons referred to in ■ FEES 3.1.3 G is set out in ■ FEES 3 Annex 1AR - ■ FEES 3 Annex 16R.
- 3.1.5 G [deleted]
- 3.1.5A The fees for funds reflect the estimated costs to the FCA of assessing applications and notifications. The level of fees payable in respect of an application or a notification will vary depending upon the provision of the Act under which it is made. This fee is adjusted when the scheme concerned is an umbrella.
- 3.1.5B Application fees for recognised bodies are calculated from a tariff structure intended to reflect the estimated cost of processing an application of that type and complexity.
- 3.1.6 G [deleted]

- Fees for applications and notifications under the *Payment Services***Regulations are set out in FEES 3 Annex 8R. The fee depends on the type of payment services a firm wishes to provide and whether it will be a small payment institution or an authorised payment institution. The fee may also depend on the number of agents it has.
- **3.1.6B** G Fees for applications and notifications under the *Electronic Money Regulations* are set out in FEES 3 Annex 10 R. The fee depends on whether the firm is an *authorised electronic money institution* or a *small electronic money institution*.
- 3.1.6C ☐ Application fees for registration under article 8(1) of the *MCD Order* are set out in FEES 3 Annex 10AR. The fee depends on whether the *firm* holds an existing *Part 4A permission* or has previously registered as a *CBTL firm* and that registration has been revoked under article 13 of the *MCD Order*.
- 3.1.6D G (1) Fees for designated credit reference agencies and designated finance platforms are set out at FEES 3 Annex 10B.
 - (2) These fees are charged under regulation 21 of the *Small and Medium Sized Business (Credit Information) Regulations* and regulation 18 of the *Small and Medium Sized Business (Finance Platforms) Regulations*.
- (1) Application fees for authorisation under regulation 7 of the DRS Regulations, and for operators of trading venues seeking verification of their compliance with Title V of MiFID under regulation 8 of the DRS Regulations and for variation of an authorisation under regulation 12 of the DRS Regulations are set out in the table at FEES 3.2.7R.
 - (2) The fee depends on the number of *data reporting services* for which the *firm* is making an application.
- A potential applicant for *Part 4A permission* has the opportunity to discuss its proposed application with the *FCA* before submitting it formally. If an applicant for *Part 4A permission* does so, the *FCA* will be able to use that dialogue to make an initial assessment of the fee categorisation and therefore indicate the authorisation fee that should be paid.
- **3.1.8 G** [Deleted]
- 3.1.8A G Application fees for applications for and variations of *Part 4A permission* in respect of *credit-related regulated activities* are also set out in FEES 3 Annex 1AR and FEES 3 Annex 16R.

[Note: *PRA-authorised persons* may also pay regulatory transaction fees to the *PRA* set out in Chapter 4 of the Fees Part of the *PRA* Rulebook.]