

Power of Attorney: Registration Fee Refunds



If you paid to register your Power of Attorney (PoA) in England or Wales between 1st April 2013 and 31st March 2017 you could be owed a refund of up to £54! Those who paid the registration fee of £110 in this period can apply for a partial refund as they were charged more than necessary. There are two types of Power of Attorney:

- Property and Financial
- Health and Welfare

If you have registered one PoA, you could be entitled to up to £54. Some will have registered both types of PoA and could therefore claim a refund of up to £108.

Why the money is being refunded

When you registered your PoA, you will have been charged an application fee which is set by the Ministry of Justice but paid directly to the Office of the Public Guardian.

Between 2013 and 2017 the Office of the Public Guardian's operating costs fell, yet the application fee remained the same. In light of this, and as the fee is only supposed to cover the operating costs, the Government has now launched a scheme to repay the difference between the application fee charged and what it should have cost, plus an annual interest of 0.5%.

How much will I be refunded?

When you paid the fee	Refund you will be entitled to if you paid the full £110.00 fee	Refund you will be entitled to if you paid the half price fee £55.00
April to September 2013	£54.00	£27.00
October 2013 to March 2014	£34.00	£17.00
April 2014 to March 2015	£37.00	£18.50
April 2015 to March 2016	£38.00	£19.00
April 2016 – March 2017	£45.00	£22.50

NB: The fee was reduced from £110.00 to £82.00 on the 1st April 2017, therefore if you applied to register your LPA after this date, you cannot reclaim as you will have paid the correct fee.

How to claim your refund

You can make a claim for a refund of the fee if you were the donor or the attorney, but the refund will be paid directly to the donor. You can claim the refund irrespective of whether the PoA has ever been used.

The deadline for applying for the refund is **31st January 2021**.

To apply:

- Claim a refund online by visiting the Office of the Public Guardian's website
- Contact the Office of the Public Guardian on 0300 456 0300 and select option 6

You will not need the PoA itself but the Office of the Public Guardian will require the following details:

- The donor's name, address and date of birth
- Their UK bank account number and sort code
- The name of one of the attorneys on the LPA

You can also claim for Enduring Powers of Attorney if they were registered in this period.

If the donor is deceased, but you know that their LPA was registered in this period, you will still be able to claim but you will need their death certificate and a Grant of Representation (either probate or letters of administration) or a will.