

FOS confirms charging structure for claims management companies

The Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) has announced that from 1 April 2025, professional representatives, including claims management companies (CMCs), will be subject to case fees.



This long-awaited change is a step towards a fairer system for both consumers and financial businesses. This reform, coupled with the ongoing live review, is a positive move towards a balanced and effective claims process.

How the charging structure will work

From 1 April 2025, the FOS will introduce the following fee structure:

- **CMC** case fee £250 per referred case.
- Partial credit for upheld cases If a case is upheld in favour of the complainant, £175 will be

credited back to the CMC.

- Reduced fee for financial businesses If a case is not upheld, the case fee for the financial business will be reduced from £650 to £475.
- Free case allowance Professional representatives can submit up to ten cases per financial year free of charge.

This new approach aims to improve case quality, reduce speculative claims and ensure a more equitable distribution of costs across the industry.

The full policy statement can be read here.



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