

NEW FEE STRUCTURE FROM 1ST JANUARY 2019

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why has the BPS introduced a new fee structure?

We wish to ensure that;

- ✓ our fees reflect the streamlined assessment processes introduced;
- ✓ all candidates to know exactly what their fee covers;
- ✓ our independent gold standard qualifications are priced to give good value in a competitive market.

How will it work?

Candidates will pay a one-off, non-refundable enrolment fee of £75 (ex VAT) so that we can assess their suitability to undertake the qualification.

Type of fee	Payment deadline	Detail
Enrolment	With enrolment application	*£75

*Excluding VAT

When the enrolment is approved there is a single fee which will cover one chance for the candidate to sit and pass each element of the assessment, examination or viva. Any additional submissions will be charged by individual element before the work is accepted for marking.

What are the fees for the qualification I am interested in?

QUALIFICATION	FEE (Excl. VAT)
NEW COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY 2018	£5,137
FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY	£4,630
HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY	£3,901
CLINICAL NEUROPSYCHOLOGY	£3,901
NEW OCCUPATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY 2019	£4,757
SPORT AND EXERCISE PSYCHOLOGY	£4,477
EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST (SCOTLAND)	£1,103

PLEASE NOTE YOU MUST ADD ON THE FEES FOR ENROLMENT, AEC AND RE-SUBMISSIONS TO THE QUALIFICATION FEES STATED ABOVE.

What extra payments are there?

Some of our qualifications accredit existing competence (AEC). Details can be found in the candidate handbook. The table below details the extra payments.

Type of fee	Payment deadline	Detail
Accreditation of Existing Competence (AEC)	With enrolment application (depends on whether qualification will allow)	*£250
Re-submission	30 days prior to submitting for assessment	Varies according to qualification
Extension to enrolment	With request for extension to enrolment	*£300
Re-enrolment	With application to re-enrol	*£300

*Excluding VAT

If my AEC application is accepted, will there be any reduction in qualification fees?

If as a result of AEC approval you have met the competencies which mean that you do not need to complete the **full** piece of work for example, essay or report or case study or research assignment or core role, then you would be eligible for a reduction for the price of assessing that piece of work.

If however the AEC granted, applies across a number of pieces of work, but you still need to complete the individual pieces of work and have it assessed alongside the AEC contribution, there will not be a price reduction.

Why are the new fees different?

Each candidate will get **one** submission for each piece of work covered by the fees.

If resubmissions are required when enrolled on the new fee structure effective from January 2019, these will be billed to the individual as required.

Senate House fees are no longer included in the qualification fees but you can access Senate House through the membership department.

What if I want to enrol before January?

You will be given the opportunity to delay your start date until the 1st January 2019 if you wish to pay the new fees.

What if I enrolled earlier in 2018?

If you enrolled and have submitted any work, you will not be able to transfer to the new fee structure in January 2019 as you will already have incurred additional costs.

If you have enrolled but not submitted any work, you may contact the qualifications team for advice. If you wish to delay your start until January 2019, you will be able to transfer onto the new fee structure.

Note: This may also mean transferring onto a new qualification structure, if one has been agreed for your specialism, for example Counselling and Occupational Psychology.

How can I pay for the qualification?

You may pay the fees fully in advance and will be invoiced for the full cost plus VAT.

You can pay monthly by direct debit (interest free); payments are accepted over 12, 24, 36 or 48 months, depending on the duration of your qualification.

I started my qualification before 2018, can I benefit from the new fee structure?

You would need to withdraw from your current enrolment and enrol on the qualification as a brand new candidate. Please note that this will result in you losing fees already paid and work that you may have already completed. You will need to go through the full enrolment process.

Contact the Qualifications team on 0116 252 9505 or qualifications@bps.org.uk and they will be able to answer your questions