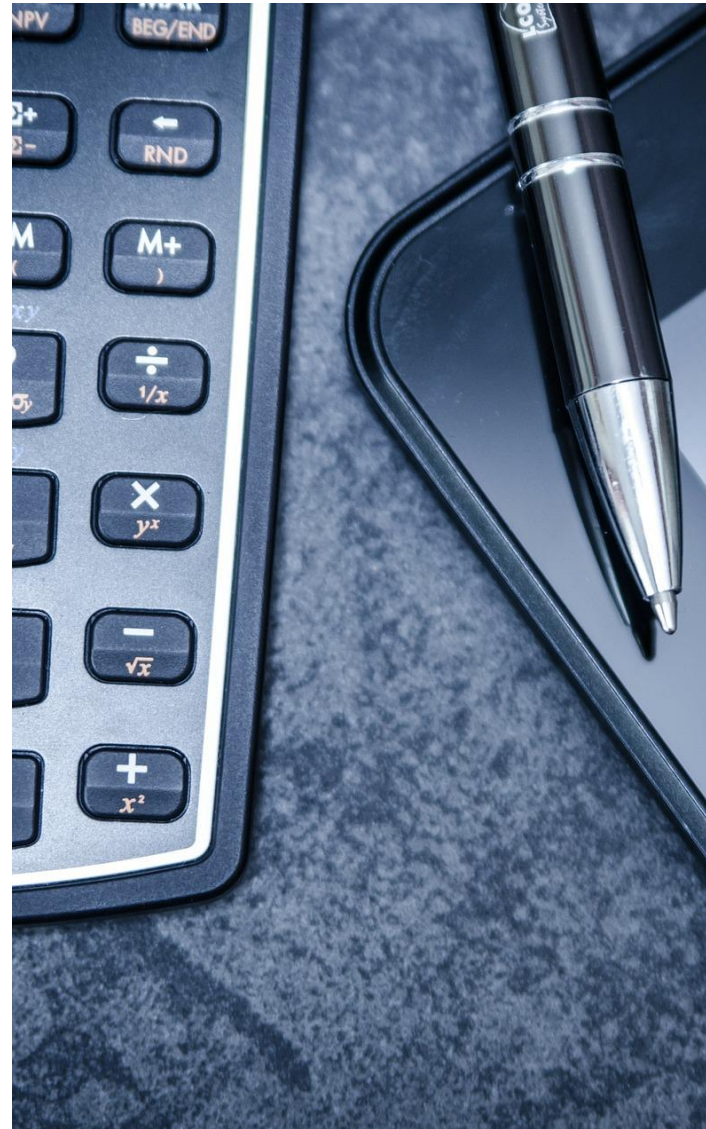


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## 2026 practising fee: Proposed 2026 budget

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# Budget for the 2026 practising year

Category	Budget provision (£)
Staff costs	146,565
Travel and subsistence	7,000
Rent and room hire	3,752
Telephone	534
Printing, postage and stationery	300
Equipment	1,000
Levies and contributions (LSB, LeO, Legal Choices)	29,880
Licences, subscriptions and fees	4,086
Office services	2,911
Consultancy services	23,000
IT services	6,828
Business Plan priorities	16,500
Miscellaneous	1,500
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>243,337</b>
Transfer to reserves	2,500
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>245,837</b>
<i>Practising fee</i>	312
<i>Estimated number of renewals</i>	730
Renewal income	227,760
Other practising fee income (reinstatements, new qualifiers and late payment fees)	10,680
<b>ESTIMATED INCOME</b>	<b>238,440</b>
In-year surplus/deficit	-7,397
2024 surplus	7,025
Final surplus/deficit	-372