

Dear ACL LAG Member

Firstly, on behalf of myself and colleagues on the ACL LAG, we wish you a merry Christmas and a happy healthy and prosperous 2023.

Yesterday the LAA chose to send out a communicant which is as follows –

The Government response to the consultation on immigration legal aid fees has been published and can be found here:

[Immigration Legal Aid: A consultation on new fees for new services - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/immigration-legal-aid-a-consultation-on-new-fees-for-new-services)

The feedback on two of the proposals resulted in two amendments being made to the original proposals:

1. The bolt-on fixed fee for advice on referral into the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) has been doubled from £75 to £150; and
2. The escape threshold for legal help cases has been decreased to two times the value of the fixed fee to match the escape threshold for controlled legal representation work as proposed in the consultation.

All other proposals will be taken forward without changes, however, the MoJ and LAA continue to work together to take forward the operational suggestions made as part of the consultation. Comments for other teams such as HMCTS or the Home Office have been passed to them to consider.

The Government also intends to lay the statutory instrument necessary today to enact two of the proposals – fixed fees for online system appeals and the bolt-on fixed fee for advice on referral into the NRM shortly and I will send the link to that once it is published.

If you have any queries in relation to the LAA please contact Nikki Daniels

Some of you will have an interest in this and if you have any queries, please contact Nikki Daniels as suggested. Her email is nikki.daniels@justice.gov.uk and I am sure she will be pleased to hear with any issues.

Best wishes

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