

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR ADOPTION AND FOSTERING

INTER-AGENCY FEES 1 April 2004 – 31 March 2005

The new salary scale on which the inter-agency fees are based has just been agreed by the National Joint Council (NJC) for local government. A 2.75% increase has been agreed for the year from April 1st 2004. The new fees apply to all placements for adoption or permanent fostering made on or after 1 April 2004.

The first third covers the work until prospective adopters are approved; the middle third covers the work the family's agency does with them to prepare them for a particular child, until the date of placement; the final third covers support by the family's agency to the family until an adoption order is made or for one year, whichever comes sooner.

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LOCAL AUTHORITIES	The fee charged by local authorities has traditionally been worked out as 50% of point 31 on the NJC salary scale. The new fee is £11,656.
CONSORTIUM OF VOLUNTARY ADOPTION AGENCIES	This fee is calculated as 65% of point 38 on the NJC salary scale. The new fee is £18,312. . There is an additional 1/6 of the fee to cover a package of post adoption services. This fee is £3,052

Families' agencies in London, both local authority and voluntary, charge an additional 10% on all fees.

The fee for siblings placed together is: x 1½ for 2 children; x 2 for 3 or more children.

The Consortium agencies charge an additional ¼ of the fee for the fourth and each additional child in the sibling group. The Consortium also charge 1/6 of the fee for post adoption services, as detailed above. This fee is charged for each child at the full rate, including those placed in a sibling group.