

Inter-agency fees

1 April 2005 – 31 March 2006

The new salary scale on which the inter-agency fees are based has been agreed by the National Joint Council (NJC) for local government. The new fees apply to all placements for adoption or newly arranged permanent fostering placements made on or after 1 April 2005.

The first third covers the work until prospective families 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.

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 £12,000.

Consortium of voluntary adoption agencies

This fee is calculated as 65% of point 38 on the NJC salary scale. The new fee is £18,853. There is an additional $\frac{1}{6}$ of the fee to cover a package of post adoption services. This fee is £3,142.

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

The fee for siblings placed together is: x $\frac{1}{2}$ for 2 children; x 2 for 3 or more children.

The Consortium agencies charge an additional $\frac{1}{4}$ of the fee for the fourth and each additional child in the sibling group. The Consortium also charge $\frac{1}{6}$ 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.

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