

# **Independent Healthcare Services**

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Fees Information 2026/27

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## Independent Healthcare Services

Healthcare Improvement Scotland has responsibility for the regulation of the Independent Health Care Services passed from the Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care (Care Commission) to Healthcare Improvement Scotland with effect from 1 April 2011.

## Fees policy

The maximum fees that may be imposed by Healthcare Improvement Scotland for 2026/27 are prescribed in Scottish Statutory Instrument (SSI) 2024/130. [The Healthcare Improvement Scotland \(Fees\) Regulations 2024](#)

## Fees structure

The fee structure that will apply to 2026/27 is summarised in the table below.

Type	Fee
Application for registration – Independent Hospitals	£5,708
Application for registration – Independent Clinics	£3,996
Application for registration – Independent Medical Agencies (IMAs)	£3,996
Annual continuation – Independent Hospitals	£286 per surgical or inpatient place
Annual continuation – Independent Clinics carrying out surgical procedures	£3,928
Annual continuation – Independent Clinics carrying out weight loss using controlled drugs	£3,928
Annual continuation – Independent Clinics carrying out non-surgical procedures (with staff, incl practicing privileges, additional directors, admin staff)	£1,907
Annual continuation – Independent Clinics carrying out non-surgical procedures (single-handed practitioner)	£1,372
Annual continuation – Independent Clinics providing dental services (including dental hygiene services)	£3,928
Annual continuation – Independent Medical Agencies (IMAs)	£1,907
Variation or removal of condition(s)	No charge* * This is currently under review and may change in future years.

Cancellation of service	No charge
New certificate	No charge

Please note that the following conditions also apply.

### Application for registration

If you need to register a new service, you must complete a pre-registration form so that we can provide access to the online portal where you can complete your registration form. Once we receive your completed registration form, we will issue a request for payment.

**No payment should be made until the registration fee request has been issued by the team.**

Please note that your application cannot be processed until the correct payment has been received. The registration fee must be paid in full on submission.

You must ensure that you are fully aware of all the requirements that must be met to register a service before submitting your application. The requirements that must be met are set out on the [‘Register a new service’](#) page of our website. The registration fee reflects the costs associated with assessing a registration application and determining a service’s suitability to register with us. This will **not be refunded** if you decide to withdraw the application or if the service cannot meet the requirements of registration during the registration process. Healthcare Improvement Scotland will support services to register, wherever possible.

### Continuation fees

The fee covers a variety of areas of regulatory activity such as inspection, reviewing annual returns, risk assessment, information gathering, complaints investigation and enforcement.

### Variation or removal of conditions

Although there is no fee payable to vary your conditions of registration, you will still be required to submit a formal variation application to Healthcare Improvement Scotland. This must be done by submitting a notification through the [Healthcare Improvement Scotland portal](#) to request a change to your current registration conditions.

### Cancellation

If you request a voluntary cancellation of your registration, you will be informed of the documentation you need to return to enable this to be processed. Please do not delay in making such an application.

Remember, if you fail to cancel your registration before the annual continuation fee is due then it is payable in full. **No refunds of the continuation fee are available for services that only operate for part of a year.**

### Discounts

There are no discounts for any fees.

### New certificate

The fee for new certificates has been set at zero.

## Invoicing arrangements for continuation fees

All services already on the register will receive a full year invoice covering the period **1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027**.

If you register a service between 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027, you will receive an invoice that will cover the period **from the date of registration up to 31 March 2027**. This means the invoice will not cover a full year but will be calculated on a pro-rated basis according to your registration date. For example, if your registration date is 14 July 2026, you will receive an invoice covering 14 July 2026 – 31 March 2027.

Although we aim to send invoices as close as possible to 1 April, or to your registration date, there may be times when they are issued later. This does not affect the period the invoice covers, the dates will remain the same.

## Payment methods for continuation fees

There are a variety of payment methods available as summarised below.

### Standing Order – continuation fee

This is the recommended payment option. This is the easiest and most cost effective for all services and with this option you may choose to pay by either a one-off payment or by four consecutive instalments. **You will find the details required to set these up on your invoice.**

Below is an example of the standing order instalment schedule for annual continuation fees:

Continuation fee due	Single payment	Four instalments
1 April	30 April	30 April, 31 May, 30 June, 31 July

### BACS

Should you wish to pay by bank transfer, you will find the details required on your invoice.

### Credit/debit card

Services can pay for their registration and continuation fees by credit/debit card via the [Healthcare Improvement Scotland portal](#). The link on the portal connects to the Gov.UK Pay website where payments can be securely made.

Please note that payment must be made for the full and correct amount, which can be found on the invoice. The invoice number (at the top right of the invoice) must be entered for Healthcare Improvement Scotland to confirm payment has been made. **You cannot pay by instalments using a credit card.**

### Cheque

We are no longer able to receive cheques as a form of payment.

## Contact information

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Should you require any information about fees, invoicing, or payment options, please contact the Finance Team at [his.finance@nhs.scot](mailto:his.finance@nhs.scot).

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