

Information Released under Freedom of Information Act

Subject: Information on how Companies House calculates the financial cost of Late Filing Penalties

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Summary of request: Request for information on how Companies House calculates the financial cost of Late Filing Penalties

Information released:

You have enquired how Companies House calculates the financial cost of this penalty fine.

I have inserted the following table which outlines the late filing penalty scales prior to the increases made to the regime on 1 February 2009.

Length of delay, measured from the date the accounts are due	Private company	Public company
3 months or less	£100	£500
3 months and one day to 6 months	£250	£1,000
6 months and one day to 12 months	£500	£2,000
More than 12 months	£1,000	£5,000

If I may explain that the size of the penalty levied is a fixed amount set within legislation and it is not negotiable. It is calculated on the delay between the time limit for filing and the date the accounts are actually received, in an acceptable format, by the Registrar.