STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024 (Alternative Dispute Resolution) (Fees) Regulations 2026

Made - - - -	*11th March 2026*
Laid before Parliament	*16th March 2026*
Coming into force - -	*6th April 2026*

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 300(1) and (2)(c) of the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024(**a**).

The Secretary of State has had regard to the matters in section 300(3) of that Act in making these Regulations.

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024 (Alternative Dispute Resolution) (Fees) Regulations 2026.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 6th April 2026.

(3) These Regulations extend to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

"the Act" means the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024;

"the ADR authority" means—

(a) any person on which functions are conferred by regulations made under section 307 (power to confer functions) of the Act; or

(b) where there is no such person, the Secretary of State.

Application for accreditation fee

3.—(1) The fee referred to in section 296(1)(b) (application for accreditation) of the Act is £6,151.

(2) The fee is payable to the ADR authority.

(**a**) 2024 c. 13.

Application for variation of accreditation fee

4.—(1) The fee referred to in section 296(5) (application for variation of accreditation) of the Act is £950.

(2) The fee is payable to the ADR authority.

Periodic fees

5.—(1) The fee referred to in section 299(1) (fees payable by accredited ADR providers) of the Act is £1,318.

(2) The fee is payable to the ADR authority—

(a) for the first time, before the end of the period of one month, beginning with the relevant date; and

(b) thereafter, before the end of the period of one month, beginning with the end of each successive period of six months following the relevant date.

(3) In this regulation, "the relevant date" means the last day of the period of six months beginning with the date on which the accreditation of the ADR provider(**a**) takes effect.

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Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
Department for Business and Trade

11th March 2026

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make provisions about fees payable by providers of alternative dispute resolution under Chapter 4 of Part 4 of the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024 (c. 13) ("the Act").

Regulation 3 sets out the fee to be paid by applicants for accreditation under section 296(1) of the Act. Regulation 4 sets out the fee to be paid by applicants for the variation of their accreditation under section 296(5) of the Act. Regulation 5 sets out the periodic fees to be paid under section 299(1) of the Act and the times at which the fees are to be paid.

An impact assessment has not been produced for these Regulations as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors is foreseen. An impact assessment was produced for the Act and is available from the Department for Business and Trade at Old Admiralty Building, Admiralty Place, London SW1A 2DY. An Explanatory Memorandum is published alongside these Regulations on www.legislation.gov.uk.

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(**a**) See section 291(6) of the Act for the definition of "ADR provider".

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