

Civil/crime news: change to variable monthly payments

Starting on 1 July 2019 all variable monthly payments for contract work will be paid to the penny instead of rounded to the nearest pound.

Why is this happening now?

Recent IT changes mean we can now make these payments to the penny. This change will take effect for all contract payments issued after 1 July 2019.

Are there any other changes?

There are no other changes to the current arrangements. You should continue to make your monthly submissions in the usual way.

First payment under new arrangements

The first contract payment issued after 1 July 2019 will require an adjustment and may appear a few pence away from the expected figure.

This is because of the transition from rounding the payment to the nearest pound to paying to the penny. So, we will need to add or subtract a few pence from the first payment.

Further information

[Legal Aid Agency payments to providers](#)

The Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

This instrument makes drafting amendments to six Northern Ireland Statutory Rules (SRs) in order to ensure operability of those SRs as a result of the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union. It also amends four Northern Ireland EU Exit Statutory Instruments (SIs). It does not introduce any changes to policy and simply ensures the continuity of a functioning statute book in Northern Ireland.

The Environment and Rural Affairs (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

2.1 This instrument corrects a number of minor errors in other instruments, and makes some additional amendments to correct deficiencies in domestic legislation arising as a result of the UK's exit from the European Union. It amends:

- the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/25) ("the EIA (EU Exit) Regulations"), which relates to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), in the fields of agriculture and marine works;
- the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/39) ("the EPR (EU Exit) Regulations");
- the Waste (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/188) ("Waste (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations");
- the Waste (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/620) ("the Waste (EU Exit) Regulations").

New National Angling Strategy aims to get more people fishing

The [National Angling Strategy](#) (2019-2024) was launched today by Environment Agency Chair Emma Howard Boyd, with members of the angling community, and representatives of the Angling Trust at Get Hooked on Fishing's Northala Fields venue in Northolt, West London.

The strategy will be implemented by a new partnership body – the National Angling Strategy Partnership Board, coordinated by the Angling Trust with representatives from the Environment Agency, Angling Trades Association, Get Hooked on Fishing and Canal and River Trust.

The strategy was developed by technology and research company Substance after widespread consultation with the angling community and using feedback from the national angling survey that was conducted in 2018 which received 35,000 responses. The responses included the need to make more information available on where and how to fish and the need to emphasise the mental health and physical fitness benefits of fishing.

Environment Agency Chair Emma Howard Boyd said:

The National Angling Strategy aims to get more people out to experience angling – because we know that getting outdoors and experiencing nature is good for health and wellbeing.

I'm really pleased that the Environment Agency is working with partners and anglers on this exciting vision for growing the sport and delivering the best possible angling experience in England.

Aims and Objectives of the National Angling Strategy

- Objective 1 – Develop awareness and knowledge of angling. A marketing campaign, backed by research, with new information on how and where to fish.
- Objective 2- Increase participation in angling An increase in angling participation by 2024 and increases in females, young people and BAME communities taking part.
- Objective 3 – Develop social benefits through angling An increase in people getting physically active through angling, delivery of angling for health programmes; and an angling volunteer programme.
- Objective 4 – Develop Sustainable Places to Fish Involve anglers more in environmental improvement work and science, develop more local and accessible places for people to fish and develop more community waters.
- Objective 5 – Increase Angling's Economic Impact Deliver a trade-backed market development plan, new funding for developing the angling sector and tackle shop and angling tourism support.
- Objective 6 – Understand angling data and evidence Develop an angling research programme to inform future actions, stakeholders and angling commerce interests, and to evaluate the strategy's success.

New National Angling Strategy aims to get more people fishing

A new National Angling Strategy has been launched to encourage greater participation in the sport by focusing on the health and well-being benefits that angling can bring.