



New burdens payments

HM Land Registry (HMLR) is committed to making new burdens payments to local authorities (LAs). This is to support the work they are required to undertake in transferring their statutory local land charges function to HMLR.

What is a new burden?

The New Burdens Doctrine states: “broadly, a new burden is defined as any policy or initiative which increases the cost of providing local authority services, and only applies where central government requires or exhorts local authorities to do something new or additional.”

It is current government policy to ensure all new burdens on LAs are properly assessed and fully funded by the relevant department, in compliance with the doctrine.

There are two components to the new burdens payment:

- 1. Migration stage:** This accounts for work done by LAs up to the point at which their LLC service is transferred to HMLR. This can include:
 - carrying out project administration tasks to complete the transfer of the service to HMLR
 - extracting data from current digital systems
 - preparing data for migration over and above current statutory responsibilities
 - providing HMLR with information to create spatial extents where none exist
 - providing updates to the register during migration, notice period and before go-live
 - resolving enquiries and payment for other costs arising from contractual arrangements for outsourced services.
- 2. Live service burdens:** These account for work done by LAs once the Chief Land Registrar has become the registering authority for a local authority area. This payment is intended to provide transitional assistance for local authorities whilst systems, practice, and procedures to apply in registering new charges, and in varying or cancelling registrations, are adapted.

Assessment and payment process

LAs do not need to keep specific records of meetings or migration activities. HMLR will carry out a formal burdens assessment when a LA successfully transfers their service to the national register. The LA's Delivery Manager will confirm the payment amount. Once payment has been made, HMLR will confirm this in writing to the LA's CEO. Please speak with your Delivery Manager if you have any queries.