



New burdens

New burdens – migration

We are required to consider the impact of implementing this project and provide funding to cover the costs to local authorities in line with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities' (DLUHC) new burdens doctrine.

Our new burdens working group has considered what work, activities and other costs could be defined as a new burden and how to assess these costs. The group consists of representatives from HMLR, DLUHC, the Local Government Association, the Local Land Charges Institute and six local authorities.

Activities eligible for burdens payments include:

- carrying out project administration tasks to complete the transfer of the service to HMLR. These may include agreed fixed and periodic meetings with us and our suppliers during the migration process;
- extracting data from current digital systems, where a local authority has these;
- preparing data for migration over and above current statutory responsibilities;
- providing us with information to create spatial extents where none currently exist;
- providing updates to the register during both migration and the notice period before go-live; and
- resolving enquiries during the migration process.

The New Burdens working group has also considered any burdens that could be payable once a local authority area is live on the Local Land Charges register held by HM Land Registry. Post go-live payments will be made to local authorities for activities once they have migrated to HM Land Registry to cover the following:

- additional activities undertaken in the period immediately after a local authority goes live
- work in applying to add, vary and cancel charges that is additional to that required under the previous process

Further information on the activities eligible for burdens payments can be found on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) [here](#).

Following the completion of an LAs Service Assessment, an estimate of the likely burdens payment can be provided, on request.

LAs no longer need to keep specific records of meetings or migration activities as this info is not required for the purpose of calculating a burdens payment. HMLR will carry out a formal burdens assessment once an LA has successfully migrated to HMLR's LLC service. The LA's delivery manager will inform the LA of the payment

amount, which will follow a short time after go-live. Once the payment has been made, HMLR will write to the LAs CEO confirming both the burdens payment and thanking them for working collaboratively with HMLR.

HM Land Registry will work with suppliers to integrate the Application Programming Interface (API) we have developed with local authority systems. This integration will be available to all local authorities, should they wish to automate the process of adding, varying or cancelling charges in live service. This will not be included in the burdens payment. If the local authority undertakes work to develop their own API integration instead of using one provided by a supplier, this work would be included in the burdens payment.

County councils have also been considered as part of the assessment as they will need to change their practice when the LLC service is first implemented in a local authority area that affects them. County councils will be eligible for payments for the same activities as listed above. Additionally, they will receive payment for time they will spend preparing to use the new LLC service, which for local authorities is included in the migration (pre-live) part of the assessment.

Payments will be made via DLUHC alongside the payments for migration (pre-live) burdens.

Any questions?

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