
Feedback on Consultation Paper 18 **2021 Levy Schemes**

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A: Summary

The Channel Islands Financial Ombudsman (CIFO) published Consultation Paper 18: 2021 Levy Schemes on 4 January 2021, with a closing date of 4 February 2021. Notifications of the consultation paper were sent to stakeholder representatives.

The consultation paper sought views on the proposed Financial Services Ombudsman Levy Scheme (Jersey) 2021 [the 2021 Jersey Levy Scheme] and the proposed Financial Services Ombudsman Levy Scheme (Bailiwick of Guernsey) 2021 [the 2021 Guernsey Levy Scheme]. One submission was received from stakeholders in response to this consultation.

B: Consultation overview

The consultation invited comments on the proposed 2021 Jersey Levy Scheme and the proposed 2021 Guernsey Levy Scheme. These include the levy amounts that will be payable by registered providers for 2021. Registered providers are providers that, in relation to them carrying out 'relevant financial services business'¹, are required to register with the Jersey and Guernsey Financial Services Commissions ("the Commissions") or are licensed or hold a certificate or permit under the regulatory laws as specified. The levy amounts are shown in table 1 below in section D.

¹ As defined in article 9 of the Financial Services Ombudsman (Jersey) Law 2014 and section 9 of the Financial Services Ombudsman (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2014, see www.ci-fo.org/resource-room/primary-legislation/

C: Summary of responses

One submission was received from the banking sector in response to the consultation which stated they appreciate and endorse the consultative nature through which changes such as these are made. The levy increases were in line with expectation, and they had no further comment to make.

D: Next steps

During the consultation period, CIFO received and reviewed data from the Financial Services Commissions on registered providers as at 08 January 2021 and reviewed certifications received from new registered providers on their liability for CIFO levies. In light of this information, CIFO has recalculated its assessments of the number of financial services providers that will be due to pay a levy this year. Due to some licence surrenders at the end of 2020, the non-banking levy is more than that proposed in the consultation paper, as detailed in the table below.

The total amount to be raised in levies remains the same.

2021 Levy amounts	Guernsey: Bank Sector	Other Sectors	Jersey: Bank Sector	Other Sectors
Proposed levies in Consultation Paper 18	£12,095	£1,216	£12,095	£1,216
Adjusted final levies	£12,095	£1,248	£12,095	£1,248

The 2021 Jersey Levy Scheme and 2021 Guernsey Levy Scheme were published on 1 March 2021 and come into effect on 2 March 2021. The collection of 2021 levies will be in a staged process, commencing in March with levy notices sent to banks in both islands. Levy notices to other registered providers are planned to be sent between May and July.