

## CHARTERED FORENSIC PRACTITIONER

### How do we calculate charges?

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#### An overview of costs

We are often told that people feel that the process is expensive! – The Society, as a registered Charity, is a not for profit organisation funded wholly by its activities and so all our processes, including ChFP must be financially sustainable in the longer term. The financial outlay for Chartered Forensic Practitioner is substantial, but the Society does not aim to make a profit from running the ChFP assessments. Some candidates have asked for a breakdown of costs, so that employers providing financial assistance can be assured of this. Please see a breakdown below

CSFS is a relatively small organisation with around 3000 members yet we manage to keep costs similar to other much larger membership organisations. Over three years it would cost a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry about £750 to achieve chartered status. A Fellow of CSFS would pay £900. We do, however need to be mindful that the RSC has more than 50,000 members and there are always economies of scale.

Our process involves

- A sift by member(s) of the Expert Panel
- Time and effort of the administration by members of the CSFS team to manage both the assessors and candidates, book venues/organise remote sessions, planning and communicating before and after the assessment phase.
- Preparation time for the range of case scenarios and also the questions for both Panels. The estimate for this is 1.5 days per discipline. We are routinely running 3 disciplines per day (so there are costs of approx. 4.5 days at £250 per day).
- The assessment day requires 6 assessors, 3 per panel plus office administrative support (the Society as a Charity pay all assessors, irrespective of their role the same – trustees of CSFS are not paid for any trustee work but they are paid if they act as assessors. They are all paid £250 per day, plus the time of a CSFS administrator, with extra costs of the venue (when we don't run remotely), plus travel and subsistence for the panel member as required, these costs are reduced by running assessments remotely wherever we can.

The entire process costs the Society in the region of £4000 for each assessment diet which can manage a maximum of 6 candidates (often from a range of disciplines) plus, there are still the standard membership costs associated with providing S&J and all of the other membership benefits, discounts etc

The pass rate currently sits at approx. 4 in every 6, so in a 3-year cycle the Society brings in approximately £4200 per assessment diet for every 6 ChFP candidates assessed.