

Taking Control of Goods

The Taking Control of Goods (Fees) Regulations 2014

On 6th April 2014 the Government introduced important changes to the law on how Enforcement Agents collect payment of outstanding debts including Council Tax and Non Domestic Rates. If you fail to make full payment, your outstanding debt may be enforced under these new regulations.

Enforcement Agents will still have the power to take and sell your goods to settle your debt. The changes to the law say how this must be done and how much can be charged at each stage.

To avoid Enforcement Action, the possible removal of your goods and incurring the costs outlined below, it is important that you make full payment or contact the council to make suitable arrangements for payment of your outstanding debt. If further action is taken to recovery your debt you will be charged a Compliance fee of **£75.00** per liability order, **plus** a minimum of **£235.00** if the Enforcement Agent has to visit your home or premises.

Fee Stage	Fixed Fee	Percentage fee (regulation 7): percentage of sum to be recovered exceeding £1500
Compliance stage	£75.00	0%
Enforcement stage	£235.00	7.5%
Sale or disposal stage	£110.00	7.5%

Compliance Stage - The fee covers all the activities of the enforcement agent from receipt of the instruction to recover the debt, up until but not including the first attendance at the premises

Enforcement Stage - The fee covers all activities of the enforcement agent from the first attendance at the premises up to but not including the commencement of the sale or disposal stage.

Sale or Disposal Stage – The fee covers all activities of enforcement from the first attendance at the property for the purpose of transporting goods to the place of sale or commencing the preparation for sale, if the sale is to be held on the premises, until completion of the sale or disposal.