



Important ASIC Levy & FASEA timeline updates

We have some updates in regard to ASIC & FASEA.

Firstly the cross bench Senator Rex Patrick has bowed to the pressure and agreed not to hold up the extension to FASEA timelines which have now been passed into law. This now extends the deadline for the completion of the adviser exam until 31/12/2021 and whilst we still believe that advisers should tackle the exam as soon as possible it can wait until face to face sessions are again available.

It also extends for a further 2 years the education requirements. It is important to note that we would still suggest that advisers who intend to continue in 2026 commence and work through the studies required but it does allow for those who do not wish to continue to plan now for succession for their businesses.

It is appropriate to note that the direct lobbying by the Financial Services Union on behalf of the AIOFP and its members to Senator Patrick and other key senators played a significant role in gaining the extension. InterPrac has been a long term member of the AIOFP and they have certainly done more in gaining this extension than the FPA and AFA combined. We also have a number of advisers and staff who are members of the FSU who provide political leverage for gaining access to Politicians.

ASIC have released their 2020 Cost Recovery indicative amounts for the year ended 30/6/2020 and have indicated that the Levy will rise to \$1571 per adviser which is payable in January 2021.

We will commence collecting the amount on a monthly payment commencing from the July Mid Month commission with a payment of \$265 p.m.

This fee will accrue for all advisers on the FAR register as at 30/6/2020 and if you have someone in your business that is included in the FAR register but may not need to be speak to Compliance about whether it is worthwhile removing them and not incurring the cost. As the fee is generated as at 30/6/2020 it must be paid in full even if you leave after 1/7/2020 or move to a new AFSL after that date.

This is also a final reminder about ensuring any CPD that has been undertaken has been notified to CPD@interprac.com.au.

Kind regards,

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