



CAC Increases Service Fees Effective August 1, 2025: What You Need to Know

Description

The **Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC)** has officially announced an **upward review of several post-incorporation service fees**, which will take effect from **August 1, 2025**.

This fee adjustment, however, **does not affect the cost of registering a new business or company**. The revised rates apply strictly to services rendered after incorporation, such as striking off a company, relisting, due diligence searches, and obtaining certified documents.

In its public notice, CAC explained that the review was necessary to reflect current economic conditions, rising administrative costs, and to support its ongoing efforts to improve digital service delivery.

Why the Fee Review Matters

The Corporate Affairs Commission is empowered by law to regulate the formation, management, and dissolution of companies and allied entities in Nigeria.

This fee revision will impact:

- **Registered companies** (Limited, Public, GTE)
- **Business Names**
- **Incorporated Trustees** (e.g., NGOs, religious bodies)
- **Limited Liability Partnerships**

While the changes may appear modest, businesses that rely on frequent CAC filings or documentation services should take note, as costs will increase in key areas.

Summary of Key Changes

Here is a simplified table showing the revised fees and how they compare to previous charges:

Service Description	Old Fee (₦)	New Fee (₦)	Remarks
Voluntary striking-off (small companies)	25,000	50,000	Cost has doubled
Voluntary striking-off (public companies)	25,000	100,000	Now four times the previous fee
Relisting of company (Ltd/GTE)	Not applicable	50,000	New fee introduced
Relisting of public company	Not applicable	100,000	New fee introduced
Extension to hold AGM (private/NGO)	Not applicable	50,000	New fee introduced
Extension to hold AGM (public companies)	Not applicable	100,000	New fee introduced
Self-service due diligence search	Not applicable	50,000	Now attracts a fee
Historical search report	20,000	30,000	Increased by ₦10,000

Service Description	Old Fee (₦)	New Fee (₦)	Remarks
Certified true copies of documents (per page)	5,000	5,000	No change
Restriction of address of a director/proprietor	Not applicable	25,000	New fee introduced

Legal and Business Implications

From a compliance and legal perspective, these changes require attention from:

- **Company secretaries and legal departments**, who handle routine filings and AGM scheduling;
- **Investors and transaction advisors**, who depend on CAC records for due diligence;
- **NGOs and trustees**, who may need to relist or update their corporate records;
- **Directors and entrepreneurs**, who must ensure timely filings to avoid penalties or unnecessary costs.

Businesses planning to voluntarily strike off a company, apply for an extension to hold their annual general meetings (AGMs), or obtain certified documents should do so before **August 1, 2025** to avoid paying the higher rates.

Practical Steps to Take Now

1. **Complete outstanding filings** (especially strike-offs or relistings) before the new rates take effect.

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2. **Review your company's compliance calendar**, especially if you plan to postpone an AGM.
 3. **Download or request necessary CAC documents** while the current fees are still in place.
 4. **Inform your board or management team** about the upcoming changes so they can plan appropriately.
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Implementation Timeline

Effective Date	What Happens
Now - July 31, 2025	Existing service fees remain valid
From August 1, 2025	New service fees become applicable

Final Note

The CAC's revised fee schedule is designed to improve service delivery, particularly in line with its digital transformation agenda. While the changes may increase filing costs, they are intended to promote efficiency and faster access to corporate records and services.

To avoid unnecessary expenses, **business owners, directors, and legal advisors are encouraged to engage corporate law experts like ica.ng to take timely action** ahead of the implementation date.

For more information or to view the full fee schedule, visit the CAC's official website at www.cac.gov.ng or go directly to <https://www.cac.gov.ng/resources>.

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