

25 November 2022

Reminder - 2023 Fidelity Fund Certificates

The Legal Practice Council (LPC) would like to remind all legal practitioners (attorneys and advocates with trust accounts) that the Fidelity Fund Certificate application portal is open.

Section 85 of the Legal Practice Act, states that:

- (1) (a) A legal practitioner who is obliged in terms of section 84(1) to be in possession of a Fidelity Fund certificate must apply to the Council for such a certificate as determined in the rules.**

Legal Practitioners can click on the link below to and apply for their 2023 Fidelity Fund Certificate:

<https://ffc.fidfund.co.za/login/>

The requirements for obtaining a 2023 Fidelity Fund Certificate in terms of the Legal Practice Act, are:

- payment of the annual contribution of R345 (VAT included) for the issuing of the Certificate;
- proof of completion of the Legal Practice Management course (refer to Section 85(1)(b) and Rule 47.7.1);
- timeous submission of an unqualified trust account audit report;
- the completed online application (<https://ffc.fidfund.co.za/login/>)

A Fidelity Fund certificate is valid until 31 December of the year in respect of which it was issued. Practitioners can contact the following LPC provincial officials for queries and information relating to their application for the 2023 Fidelity Fund Certificate.

Province	Contact Details
Eastern Cape	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PMT – Yamisa Mbukuqu: yamisam@ipc.org.za and Bongive Zamubuntu: bongiwez@ipc.org.za - 043 050 1025• Audits and FFC Payments – Noluthula Sobekwa: nokuthulas@ipc.org.za or 043 050 1025
Free State	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PMT – Christelle Fourie: christelle@ipc.org.za or 051 447 3237• Audits and FFC Payments – Louise Link: fsauditreports@ipc.org.za – 051 447 3237• Risk and Compliance – Thabo Rampooane: riskandcompliance@ipc.org.za
Gauteng	<p>FFC and PMT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NtombizodwaM@ipc.org.za alternatively 012 338 5800 ext. 5922• FezekaS@ipc.org.za alternatively 012 338 5800 ext. 5929• anettev@ipc.org.za alternatively 012 338 5800 ext. 5915

	<p>AUDIT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lydiad@lpc.org.za alternatively 012 316 1606 • goodness@lpc.org.za alternatively 012 316 1613
KwaZulu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PMT extensions – Collette Morrison – collettem@lpc.org.za – 033 345 1304 ext 219 or Anita Willoughby – anitaw@lpc.org.za – 033 345 1304 ext 221 • Audits – Melanie dos Santos – melanied@lpc.org.za – 033 345 1304 ext 207 or Theran Naidoo – therann@lpc.org.za – 033 345 1304 ext 118 • Payments – Shana Harryparsad – shanah@lpc.org.za – 033 345 1304 ext 223 or Collette Morrison – collettem@lpc.org.za – 033 345 1304 ext 219
Mpumalanga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PMT – Nomvula Ngwenya: nomvulan@lpc.org.za - 017 200 2487 • Audits – Candith Mashego: receptionmp@lpc.org.za - 017 200 2487 • FFC – Amanda Zitha: amandaz@lpc.org.za - 017 200 2487
Limpopo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PMT, Audits and FFC payments - Ms. Catherine Tshetlo: Catherinet@lpc.org.za or 015 590 0388
North West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audits, FFC payments – Mr Sphehile Zuma: Sphehilez@lpc.org.za or 018 011 0093 • PMT – Bakang BM. Monaise bakangm@lpc.org.za or 018 011 0093
Northern Cape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PMT & Payments and Audits - Aldert Jacobs: recordsnc@lpc.org.za or 053 0500 508/9
Western Cape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PMT - recordswc@lpc.org.za and copy in infowc@lpc.org.za or 021 443 6700 • Audits email auditswc@lpc.org.za • FFC Payments Carmen Mitchell email collectionswc@lpc.org.za

Legal Practitioners can direct any queries, issues or challenges regarding the FFC applications to their respective provincial offices – this includes any difficulty funding trust account audits.

Assistance with Fidelity Fund Applications during December

During the month of December, the LPC offices (national and provincial offices) will be closed from **21 December 2022 (at 12:00) and reopen on 03 January 2023**. However, the staff that deals with the Fidelity Fund Certificates (FFC) will work throughout the month of December (except on weekends and public holidays) to assist with FFC applications and queries.

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