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## 2024 Fidelity Fund Certificates – application portal open

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 2024 Fidelity Fund Certificate:

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

The requirements for obtaining a 2024 Fidelity Fund Certificate in terms of the Legal Practice Act, are:

- payment of the annual contribution of R395 (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 2024 Fidelity Fund Certificate.

Province	Contact Details
Eastern Cape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PMT and FFC Payments – Yamisa Mbukuqu: <a href="mailto:yamisam@lpc.org.za">yamisam@lpc.org.za</a> - 043 050 1025 Ext 1205</li><li>• FFC – Sithembele Zenzile – <a href="mailto:sithembelez@lpc.org.za">sithembelez@lpc.org.za</a> – 043 050 1025 Ext 1209</li><li>• Audits – Kwanele Shezi – email: <a href="mailto:kwaneles@lpc.org.za">kwaneles@lpc.org.za</a> 043 050 1025 Ext 1210 and Marli Allers – <a href="mailto:marlia@lpc.org.za">marlia@lpc.org.za</a> – 043 050 1025 Ext 1220</li></ul>
Free State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FFC - Lebo Moeketsi <a href="mailto:proaffairsfs@lpc.org.za">proaffairsfs@lpc.org.za</a> and Thato Rampooane <a href="mailto:riskcompliancefs@lpc.org.za">riskcompliancefs@lpc.org.za</a>.</li><li>• PMT - Christelle Fourie <a href="mailto:christellef@lpc.org.za">christellef@lpc.org.za</a></li><li>• Audit - Louise Links <a href="mailto:FSauditreports@lpc.org.za">FSauditreports@lpc.org.za</a></li></ul>
Gauteng	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kulani Sambo(Mr) - Email: <a href="mailto:kulanis@lpc.org.za">kulanis@lpc.org.za</a> - Tel: (012) 338 5822</li><li>• Florence Clemens (Ms) - Email: <a href="mailto:florence@lpc.org.za">florence@lpc.org.za</a> - Tel: (012) 338 5861</li><li>• Fikile Mhlabane(Ms) - Email: <a href="mailto:fikilem@lpc.org.za">fikilem@lpc.org.za</a> - Tel: (012) 338 5926</li></ul>

<b>KwaZulu</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audits – Melanie dos Santos – <a href="mailto:melanied@lpc.org.za">melanied@lpc.org.za</a> – 033 345 1304 ext 2207</li> <li>• Theran Naidoo – <a href="mailto:therann@lpc.org.za">therann@lpc.org.za</a> – 033 345 1304 ext 2125</li> <li>• FFC Sinethemba Khuzwayo – <a href="mailto:sinethembak@lpc.org.za">sinethembak@lpc.org.za</a> – 033 345 1304 ext 2221</li> </ul>
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PMT – Amanda Zitha @ <a href="mailto:amandaz@lpc.org.za">amandaz@lpc.org.za</a> - 017 200 2487 Audits</li> <li>• Candith Mashego: <a href="mailto:receptionmp@lpc.org.za">receptionmp@lpc.org.za</a> - 017 200 2487</li> <li>• FFC – Amanda Zitha: <a href="mailto:amandaz@lpc.org.za">amandaz@lpc.org.za</a> - 017 200 2487</li> </ul>
<b>Limpopo</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PMT and FFC payments - Ms. Clementine Thema: <a href="mailto:Clementinet@lpc.org.za">Clementinet@lpc.org.za</a></li> <li>• Audits- Ms Khomotso Makhura: <a href="mailto:Makhurak@lpc.org.za">Makhurak@lpc.org.za</a> or 015 590 1406/1415</li> </ul>
<b>North West</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audits- Mokgadi Mohale: <a href="mailto:mokgadim@lpc.org.za">mokgadim@lpc.org.za</a> or 018 011 0093</li> <li>• FFC and payments – Tshegofatso Tshabalala: <a href="mailto:tshegofatsot@lpc.org.za">tshegofatsot@lpc.org.za</a> or 018 011 0093 and Mthokozisi Mfusi: <a href="mailto:mthokozisim@lpc.org.za">mthokozisim@lpc.org.za</a> or 018 011 0093</li> <li>• PMT – Bakang BM. Monaise <a href="mailto:bakangm@lpc.org.za">bakangm@lpc.org.za</a> or 018 011 0093</li> </ul>
<b>Northern Cape</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FFC, PMT &amp; Payments, Refunds and Audits - Nomsa Lethole <a href="mailto:nomsal@lpc.org.za">nomsal@lpc.org.za</a> or 053 0500 508/9</li> </ul>
<b>Western Cape</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PMT - <a href="mailto:recordswc@lpc.org.za">recordswc@lpc.org.za</a> and copy in <a href="mailto:infowc@lpc.org.za">infowc@lpc.org.za</a> or 021 443 6700</li> <li>• Audits email <a href="mailto:auditswc@lpc.org.za">auditswc@lpc.org.za</a></li> <li>• FFC Payments <a href="mailto:recordswc@lpc.org.za">recordswc@lpc.org.za</a></li> </ul> <p>(From 22 December to 31 December 2023 all queries to Thergesari Roberts <a href="mailto:thergesarir@lpc.org.za">thergesarir@lpc.org.za</a>)</p>

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 **14 December 2023 and reopen on 03 January 2024**. 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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