

## Pricing Policy

Land & Property Services (LPS) bases its pricing on the principles of the [Information Fair Trader Scheme](#) (IFTS) of the [Office of Public Sector Information](#) (OPSI) and in compliance with the Competition Act of 1998. Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland® (OSNI®) was accredited to the IFTS in June 2004 and has since been successful in each annual review by OPSI. OSNI has now been subsumed by LPS and LPS achieved accreditation in November 2008.

The underlying principle, approved by HM Treasury and by the Department of Finance and Personnel, is that as far as possible the user, rather than the taxpayer, should pay for the Intellectual Property of LPS.

LPS operates under delegated authority from Her Majesty's Stationery Office (HMSO) to licence and safeguard the intellectual property of the Crown with respect to all of its data. This includes land registration information, valuation and rating data, mapping and associated mapping information all within Northern Ireland.

Digital products (subject to Crown Copyright and Database Rights) are licensed to customers under specified terms and conditions with an annual fee.

Paper products are sold to customers but the Intellectual Property Rights that subsist within them remain under the ownership of the Crown i.e. Crown Copyright.

Both digital and paper products are referred to as Intellectual Property (IP) in all policies, documents and contracts produced by LPS.

LPS treats all customers in a fair and transparent manner with regard to the prices they pay.

LPS' current price list together with terms and conditions are available on this website. In the case of commercial agreements (e.g. a Value Added Reseller wishing to incorporate Crown IP in their own finished product) the business model for the arrangement will be constructed to reflect the projected uses, volumes and the degree of Crown IP content. This will be captured in a written agreement signed by the Chief Executive of LPS and the customer. LPS understands that customers may have had dealings with other National Mapping Agencies and Crown bodies, however it should be understood that LPS' business models are independently derived and will not be influenced by prices/models arrived at with any other organisations. The agreements will always be based on an established LPS model and customers will be treated equally where the same circumstances prevail.

As uptake by customers of the various products within the range develops over time, as new products are introduced and new technologies, data processing, production and products become available, LPS will reflect these changes in its business and pricing model.

**Please note: -**

This policy does not apply to the fees and charges levied for land registration as these have their own statutory regulation.