

The Fair Payment Code - One Year On

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Foreword

On 3rd December 2024 the new Fair Payment Code was announced by the UK Government. A year on the Code has over 400 signatories including some big household names including Aviva, AstraZeneca, British Telecoms, BAE Systems, Heathrow Airport, NatWest and Lloyds Banking group.

Code Awardees are leaders in fair and quick payments, getting money moving through the economy, and encouraging growth and stability in supply chains. But this is just the start, I want to see more businesses applying to the Code so we can continue to build a positive payment culture where paying on time is simply seen as the right thing to do.

As we celebrate this fantastic milestone for the Fair Payment Code with businesses across the UK I encourage business of any size to apply and show their commitment to fair payment.

**Emma Jones, Small Business
Commissioner**



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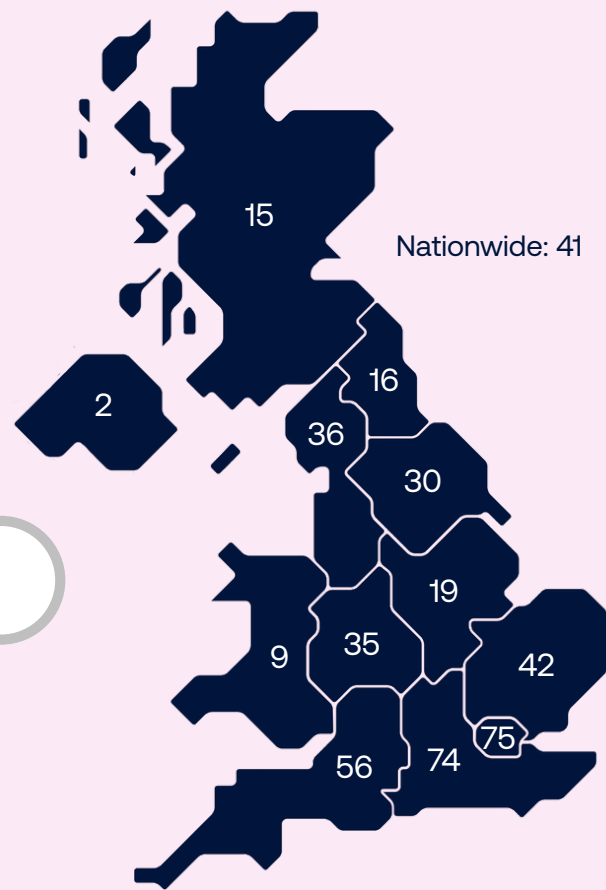
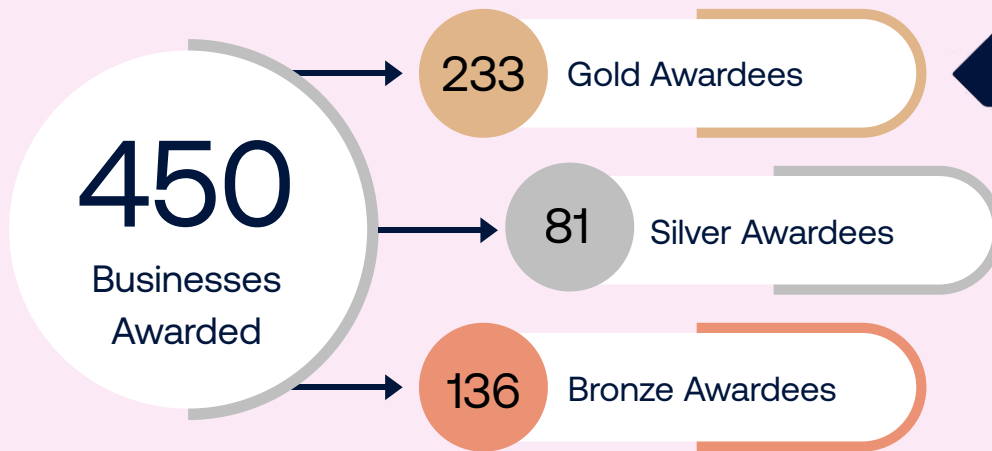


“For those who pay small suppliers quickly, we think the launch of a strong and credible Fair Payment Code is a major step to strive for best practice; a competitive race for the top, rather than the bottom, that boosts GDP and cuts back on wasted time and needless stress.”

**Craig Beaumont, Executive Director
at the Federation of Small
Businesses**

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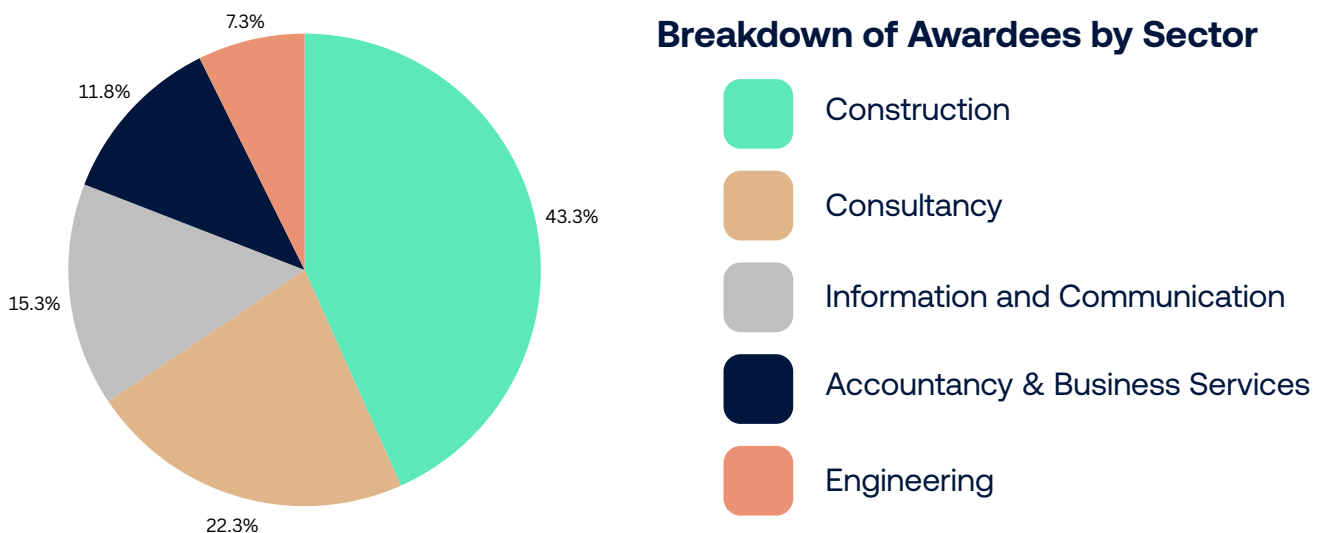
Key Statistics



Breakdown of Awardees by Size



Breakdown of Awardees by Sector



Aviva



“For Aviva achieving Gold status is more than a badge—it’s a commitment to doing the right thing. Fair payment strengthens supplier relationships, supports economic resilience, and reflects our values. I encourage every business to consider how they can embed fair payment practices into their operations and apply for a Fair Payment Code Award.”

Jonathan Lee, Director of Finance and Investment operations

Ask The Boss

“Joining the Fair Payment Code aligns perfectly with our other commitments as a business. It’s about trust, integrity, and doing business the right way. We’d encourage all businesses – big and small – to sign up for the Fair Payment Code and demonstrate their commitment to doing business better. Because when businesses are paid fairly and on time, everyone wins!”

Antoniya Beyriyska, Practice Manager



Regal Evolve



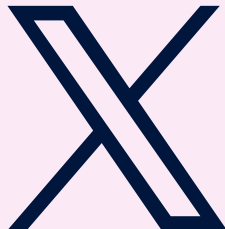
“As we continue to grow globally, fair payment will remain a cornerstone of how we operate. We know that our success is intrinsically linked to the success of our partners, and by honouring our commitments we help to ensure shared growth and long-term value. We are proud to carry the Fair Payment Gold Award as a mark of integrity — and as a promise to every partner we work with that fairness will remain at the heart of Regal Evolve.”

James Rowlands, CRO

How to Apply



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