

The Fines (Payment and Recovery) Act 2014

The [Fines \(Payment and Recovery\) Act 2014](#) was enacted in April 2014, the provisions for which were commenced on the 11th January 2016.

The Act has introduced a number of new features including the ability to pay a fine by instalment over 12 months, in addition to other measures including attachment of earnings for unpaid fines, community service and the appointment of receivers.

The Fines (Payment and Recovery) Act 2014 has three main objectives:

1. to support the administration of justice when fines are imposed by the courts;
2. to ensure that the fines imposed by the courts are collected; and
3. to reduce, to the minimum possible, the number of people committed to prison each year for the non-payment of a fine.

In seeking to comply with the provisions of the Act and to encourage maximum compliance for the payment of fines, the Courts Service sought to put arrangement in place to make it as convenient as possible to pay court imposed fines. To this end a competitive procurement process was conducted across two Lots for the provision of the following services:

- Lot 1 - Payment Channels for Court Imposed Fines
- Lot 2 - Printing and Distribution/Posting of important Legal documents

An Post and PrintPost Ltd were awarded the contract for Lot 1 & 2 respectfully.

The Courts Service is in the process of putting Service Level Agreements in place with the Service Providers for both Lots.