

Understanding and evaluating plan fees are an important part of a fiduciary's responsibility and this responsibility is an ongoing one. To help meet your fiduciary responsibility and better prepare participants for retirement we've developed this checklist.

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Identify the share class of each fund in the menu to ensure the lowest costing share class	is
being offered.	

Know if any of the funds are paying revenue sh	naring and	if so, ł	now muc	n and w	hat is k	being
done with that revenue sharing.						

## □ ON-GOING EXPENSES

- ☐ Calculate the total on-going cost of the plan. This should include the following:
  - Recordkeeping fees
  - Custodial fees
  - Investment advisory fees
  - Mutual fund expense ratios
  - Participant education expenses
- ☐ Know how each of the on-going costs are being paid, by the participants or organization.
- ☐ Know how fees are being assessed (per head or basis point) and document why this is appropriate for your participant base.
- ☐ Benchmark fees to similar sized plans based on participant count and total assets. Compare to services received and document the appropriateness of the fees.

## □ DOCUMENTATION

- ☐ Have the most recent fee disclosure report for your files.
- □ Document, perhaps in your Investment Policy Statement, how fees are assessed and the rationale for that decision along with how any revenue sharing is being handled.
- □ Review the fee information with all Committee members and document in meeting minutes. Below is an example of how you might want to document your fees.



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## Plan Expenses

	Fee	Paid by
Custodian/Trustee  Direct cost for custodial/trustee services	<b>0.05%</b> \$11,219	Plan Sponsor
Record Keeping  Direct cost for Plan administration	<b>0.15%</b> \$35,448	Plan Sponsor
Investment Advisory Direct cost for investment advisory services	<b>0.10%</b> \$24,092	Participant
Mutual Fund Expenses Individual mutual fund fees	<b>0.15%</b> \$36,447	Participant

**TOTAL ANNUAL FEES** 

0.45% **\$107,206** 



