



UK App Developers Could Benefit from a Google Play Store Collective Settlement

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COMPETITION APPEAL TRIBUNAL RULES 2015**

This Notice

This is a legal notice published at the direction of the UK Competition Appeal Tribunal (the “**Tribunal**”) which granted a Collective Proceedings Order on 23 May 2025 (“**CPO**”) in favour of Professor Barry Rodger (“**Prof Rodger**”) to bring collective proceedings against Google¹ on behalf of UK domiciled app developers in respect of commissions charged by Google on transactions made via the Play Store and/or within their apps (the “**Claim**”).

This notice relates to a £260 million settlement (the “**Settlement**”) agreed between Prof Rodger and Google (together, the “**Settling Parties**”). The Settling Parties were required to seek the Tribunal’s approval of the Settlement. A hearing regarding the Settlement took place on 15 and 16 September 2026 with the Tribunal ruling on the same day that the terms of the Settlement are “*just and reasonable*” to Class Members (the “**Tribunal’s Ruling**”).

This notice is for your information so that you can consider whether you wish to opt-out of the Settlement.

A full copy of the application made to the Tribunal regarding the Settlement can be viewed online at <https://www.googleplaystoredeveloperclaim.com/documents/>, along with other information about the claim. The Tribunal’s Ruling on the Settlement will be available on the Tribunal’s website in due course at: <https://www.catribunal.org.uk/cases/16737724-professor-barry-rodger>. This notice gives important information about the Settlement.

You are eligible to receive a share of the £260 million, and are referred to as a Represented Person, if you satisfy the following:

- (i) You are a UK-domiciled Third-Party App Developer who, during the period 22 August 2018 to 31 July 2026, made one or more Relevant Sales; and
- (ii) You did not opt-out of the Claim.

If you are a Represented Person, you may be eligible to submit a claim for a share of the £160 million Class Pot described below.

¹ The collective proceedings were brought against the following Defendants: (1) Alphabet Inc, (2) Google LLC, (3) Google Ireland Limited, (4) Google Asia Pacific Pte Limited, (5) Google Commerce Limited, (6) Google Payment Limited, and (7) Google UK Limited. Those Defendants are collectively referred to in this document as “**Google**”.

A ‘**Relevant Sale**’ means:

- (i) any sale of a Third-Party App via the Play Store; and
- (ii) any sale to an Android Device user within a Third-Party App

on which the Commission is charged, and includes:

- (1) any sale of a Third-Party App via the Play Store in connection with which an Android Device user pays a fee for the app and/or to download the app;
- (2) any one-time sale to an Android Device user within a Third-Party App for which the Android Device user pays a fee; and
- (3) any recurring sale to an Android Device user within or for a Third-Party App for which the Android Device user pays a fee.

A copy of the original CPO and the subsequent Order varying it, with an explanation of all the capitalised terms above, can be viewed online at:

<https://www.googleplaystoredeveloperclaim.com/documents/>

The Settlement

The Settlement is entered into without any admission of liability by Google. The terms of the Settlement, which has been approved, are as follows:

- (a) **Settlement value:** Google has agreed to pay £260 million in full and final settlement of the Claim (the “**Settlement Sum**”). This will comprise:
 - A £160 million Class Pot which will be made available for distribution to eligible Class Members.
 - £100 million Stakeholder Pot available to meet the costs, fees, disbursements and other contractual entitlements arising from the funding and conduct of the claim.
- (b) **Timing of payment:** Google is to pay in full the settlement sum into an escrow account within 50 days of the Tribunal making an order approving the Settlement. The money will then be held on trust on behalf of Prof Rodger until the claims and distribution process is completed and the Tribunal has approved the proposed distribution.
- (c) **Distribution:** Class Members will be given the opportunity to claim a portion of the Class Pot during a four-month claim period. Class Members will be notified when the claim period opens. The Class Representative’s distribution plan sets out how the Class Pot will be distributed. Payments to Class Members will be determined by reference to their qualifying sales during the Relevant Period. Before any payments are made, the Tribunal will be asked to approve the proposed distribution arrangements. Class Members do not need to pay anything to participate in the distribution process.
- (d) **Payment of costs, fees and disbursements:** The claim has been funded and supported by a third-party funder, insurers and lawyers who agreed to bear risk in bringing the claim.

Insurance was obtained to protect the Class Representative against the risk of being ordered to pay Google's legal costs if the claim was unsuccessful, and the legal team agreed to act on discounted conditional rates. Under the relevant funding, insurance and legal agreements, the funder, insurers and legal team are entitled to certain payments if the claim is successful, including deferred fees and, in some cases, success-based payments. These costs, fees and disbursements will be paid from the Stakeholder Pot in the first instance.

- (e) **Undistributed funds:** If at the end of the distribution process not all of the funds in the Class Pot have been distributed to eligible Class Members, the Tribunal will determine how those funds are to be applied. If the Stakeholder Pot has been insufficient to meet the Class Representative's costs, fees and disbursements in full, the Class Representative may ask the Tribunal to permit those undistributed amounts to be used to pay any outstanding amounts to the funder, insurers and legal team. Any such use would require the Tribunal's approval. The Tribunal will invite submissions from Class Members, Google and any other interested party before the Tribunal makes a decision about the application of any such undistributed funds.

Opting out of the Settlement

The Settlement binds all Represented Persons unless they choose to opt out of the Settlement. If you opt out of the Settlement, you will not be bound by its terms and will not be eligible to submit a claim for your share of the Settlement Sum.

If you would like to opt out of the Settlement, you must do so by three months from notice date. You can opt out by completing an opt-out form that is found at <https://www.googleplaystoredeveloperclaim.com/opt-out/> and can be posted to the claims administrator at PO Box 5551, Radstock, BA3 9DL or emailed to optout@googleplaystoreclaim.co.uk.

You do not have to give a reason for opting out of the Settlement, but you do need to provide your full name, postal address, email address, telephone number and Google developer ID (where applicable).

Any Represented Person can apply to the Tribunal for an extension to the Settlement opt-out deadline. For further information, see paragraph 9 of the Tribunal's order dated 18 September 2026, available here: <https://www.catribunal.org.uk/cases/16737724-professor-barry-rodger>

How to make a claim

If you meet the conditions to be a Represented Person, and have not opted out of the Settlement, you can make a claim for a share of the Settlement once the claim period opens at <https://www.googleplaystoredeveloperclaim.com/about-the-claim/>

Class Members can register for email updates on the distribution process, including the start of the claim period, here: <https://www.googleplaystoredeveloperclaim.com/register/>.

More information

If you have questions about making a claim, opting out, or the Settlement more generally, you can contact Prof Rodger in any of the following ways:

- Through the online General Enquiries form available at <https://www.googleplaystoredeveloperclaim.com/contact/>

- By email to enquiries@googleplaystoreclaim.co.uk