

## Guideline Rates

### Guideline Hourly Rates for 2011

The Advisory Committee on Civil Costs has recommended an increase to the Guideline Hourly Rates for 2011 to be in line with earnings.

However, the Master of the Rolls has requested the Committee to conduct further research in relation to the increase before reaching a final decision on the Guideline rates for 2011.

In the interim, while the Committee is considering the recommendation, the Guideline Hourly Rates for 2010 will remain in effect for 2011.

### Guideline Hourly Rates for 2010

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D
<b>London 1</b>	409	296	226	138
<b>London 2</b>	317	242	196	126
<b>London 3</b>	229 – 267	172 – 229	165	121
<b>National 1</b>	217	192	161	118
<b>National 2</b>	201	177	146	111

The rates for London 3, Bands A and B are presented as ranged following the format of The Guide to the Summary Assessment of Costs. These ranges go some way towards reflecting the wide range of work types transacted in these areas.

### Guideline Hourly Rates for 2009

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D
<b>London 1</b>	402	291	222	136
<b>London 2</b>	312	238	193	124
<b>London 3</b>	225 – 263	169 – 225	162	119
<b>National 1</b>	213	189	158	116
<b>National 2/3</b>	198	174	144	109

The rates for London 3, Bands A and B are presented as ranged following the format of The Guide to the Summary Assessment of Costs. These ranges go some way towards reflecting the wide range of work types transacted in these areas.

### Guideline Rates for Summary Assessment January 2008

London Bands	Grade *			
	A**	B	C	D
<b>City of London:</b> EC1, EC2, EC3, EC4	396	285	219	134
<b>Central London:</b> W1, WC1, WC2, SW1	304	231	189	121
<b>Outer London:</b> (All other London post codes (W, NW, N, E, SE, SW); Bromley, Croydon, Dartford, Gravesend and Uxbridge)	219-256	165-219	158	116

Band One	Grade *			
	A**	B	C	D
Aldershot, Farnham, Bournemouth (included Poole)	203	180	151	110
Birmingham Inner				
Bristol				
Cambridge City, Harlow				
Canterbury, Maidstone, Medway & Tunbridge Wells				
Cardiff (Inner)				
Chelmsford South, Essex, and East Suffolk				
Chester				
Fareham, Winchester				
Hampshire, Dorset, Wiltshire, Isle of Wight				
Kingston, Guildford, Reigate, Epsom				
Leeds Inner (within 2 km radius of the city Art Gallery)				
Lewes				
Liverpool, Birkenhead				
Manchester Central				
Newcastle – City Centre (within a 2 mile radius of St Nicholas Cathedral)				
Norwich City				
Nottingham City				
Oxford, Thames Valley				
Southampton, Portsmouth				
Swindon, Basingstoke				
Watford				

Band Two	Grade*			
	A**	B	C	D
Guideline Rates	191	168	139	105
Bath, Cheltenham and Gloucester, Taunton, Yeovil				
Bury				
Chelmsford North, Cambridge County, Peterborough, Bury St E, Norfolk, Lowestoft				
Cheshire & North Wales				
Coventry, Rugby, Nuneaton, Stratford and Warwick				
Exeter, Plymouth				
Hull (City)				
Leeds Outer, Wakefield & Pontefract				
Leigh				
Lincoln				
Luton, Bedford, St Albans, Hitchin, Hertford				
Manchester Outer, Oldham, Bolton, Tameside				
Newcastle (other than City Centre)				
Nottingham & Derbyshire				
Sheffield, Doncaster and South Yorkshire				
Southport				
St Helens				
Stockport, Altrincham, Salford				
Swansea, Newport, Cardiff (Outer)				
Wigan				
Wolverhampton, Walsall, Dudley, Stourbridge				
York, Harrogate				

Band Three	Grade*			
	A**	B	C	D
Birmingham Outer	174	156	133	99
Bradford (Dewsbury, Halifax, Huddersfield, Keighley & Skipton)				
Cumbria				
Devon, Cornwall				
Grimsby, Skegness				
Hull Outer				
Kidderminster				
Northampton & Leicester				
Preston, Lancaster, Blackpool, Chorley, Accrington, Burnley, Blackburn, Rawtenstall & Nelson				
Scarborough & Ripon				
Stafford, Stoke, Tamworth				
Teesside				
Worcester, Hereford, Evensham and Redditch				
Shrewsbury, Telford, Ludlow, Oswestry				
South & West Wales				

## Guideline Rates for Summary Assessment January 2007

London Bands	Grade*			
	A**	B	C	D
<b>City of London:</b> EC1, EC2, EC3, EC4	380	274	210	129
<b>Central London:</b> W1, WC1, WC2, SW1	292	222	181	116
<b>Outer London:</b> (All other London post codes (W, NW, N, E, SE, SW); Bromley, Croydon, Dartford, Gravesend and Uxbridge)	210-246	158-210	152	111

Band One	Grade*			
	A**	B	C	D
Aldershot, Farnham, Bournemouth (included Poole)	195	173	145	106
Birmingham Inner				
Bristol				
Cambridge City, Harlow				
Canterbury, Maidstone, Medway & Tunbridge Wells				
Cardiff (Inner)				
Chelmsford South, Essex, and East Suffolk				
Chester				
Fareham, Winchester				
Hampshire, Dorset, Wiltshire, Isle of Wight				
Kingston, Guildford, Reigate, Epsom				
Leeds Inner (within 2 km radius of the city Art Gallery)				
Lewes				
Liverpool, Birkenhead				
Manchester Central				
Newcastle – City Centre (within a 2 mile radius of St Nicholas Cathedral)				
Norwich City				
Nottingham City				
Oxford, Thames Valley				
Southampton, Portsmouth				
Swindon, Basingstoke				

Watford				
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Band Two	Grade*			
	A**	B	C	D
Bath, Cheltenham and Gloucester, Taunton, Yeovil	183	161	133	101
Bury				
Chelmsford North, Cambridge County, Peterborough, Bury St E, Norfolk, Lowestoft				
Cheshire & North Wales				
Coventry, Rugby, Nuneaton, Stratford and Warwick				
Exeter, Plymouth				
Hull (City)				
Leeds Outer, Wakefield & Pontefract				
Leigh				
Lincoln				
Luton, Bedford, St Albans, Hitchin, Hertford				
Manchester Outer, Oldham, Bolton, Tameside				
Newcastle (other than City Centre)				
Nottingham & Derbyshire				
Sheffield, Doncaster and South Yorkshire				
Southport				
St Helens				
Stockport, Altrincham, Salford				
Swansea, Newport, Cardiff (Outer)				
Wigan				
Wolverhampton, Walsall, Dudley, Stourbridge				
York, Harrogate				

Band Three	Grade*			
	A**	B	C	D
Birmingham Outer	167	150	128	95
Bradford (Dewsbury, Halifax, Huddersfield, Keighley & Skipton)				
Cumbria				
Devon, Cornwall				
Grimsby, Skegness				
Hull Outer				
Kidderminster				
Northampton & Leicester				
Preston, Lancaster, Blackpool, Chorley, Accrington, Burnley, Blackburn, Rawtenstall & Nelson				
Scarborough & Ripon				
Stafford, Stoke, Tamworth				
Teesside				
Worcester, Hereford, Evensham and Redditch				
Shrewsbury, Telford, Ludlow, Oswestry				
South & West Wales				

## Guideline Rates for Summary Assessment – January 2005

London Bands	Grade*			
	A	B	C	D
City of London **	359	259	198	122

# Guidance Note

Central London	276	210	171	110
Outer London: (including Bromley, Croydon, Dartford, Gravesend & Uxbridge)	198-232	149-198	144	105

Band One	Grade *			
	A	B	C	D
Aldershot, Farnham, Bournemouth	184	163	137	100
Birmingham Inner				
Bristol (reclassified into Band 1 in 2004)				
Cambridge City Centre				
Canterbury, Maidstone, Medway & Tunbridge Wells				
Cardiff (Inner)				
Kingston/Guilford/Reigate/Epsom				
Leeds Inner (within 1 Kilometre radius of the City Art Gallery)				
Lewes				
Liverpool, Birkenhead				
Manchester Central				
Newcastle – City Centre (within a 2 mile radius of St Nicholas Cathedral)				
Norwich				
Nottingham City				
Southampton, Portsmouth				
Swindon, Basingstoke				

Band Two	Grade*			
	A	B	C	D
Bath, Cheltenham and Gloucester	173	152	126	95
Bury				
Chelmsford North, Cambridge County, Peterborough, Bury St E, Norfolk, Lowestoft				
Chelmsford South				
Hampshire, Dorset, Wiltshire, Isle of Wight				
Hull (City)				
Leeds Outer, Wakefield & Pontefract				
Leigh				
Luton, Bedford, St Albans, Hitchin, Hertford				
Manchester Outer/Oldham/Bolton/Tameside				
Oxford (Inner/Outer), Reading, Slough				
Milton Keynes, Aylesbury				
Sheffield and South Yorkshire				
Southport				
St Helens				
Stockport/Altrincham/Salford				
Swansea, Newport, Cardiff (Outer)				
Watford				
Wigan				
York, Harrogate				

Band Three	Grade*			
	A	B	C	D
Birmingham Outer	158	142	121	90
Bradford (Dewsbury, Halifax, Huddersfield, Keighley & Skipton)				
Chester & North Wales				

Coventry, Rugby, Nuneaton, Stratford and Warwick				
Cumbria				
Devon, Cornwall, Exeter, Taunton & Yeovil				
Grimsby				
Hull Outer				
Kidderminster				
Lincoln				
Newcastle (other than City Centre)				
Northampton & Leicester				
Nottingham & Derbyshire				
Plymouth				
Preston, Lancaster, Blackpool, Chorley, Accrington, Burnley, Blackburn, Rawtenstall & Nelson				
Scarborough & Ripon				
Stafford, Stoke, Tamworth				
Teesside				
Trowbridge				
Weston				
Wolverhampton, Walsall, Dudley & Stourbridge				
Worcester, Hereford, Evesham and Redditch				
Shrewsbury, Telford, Ludlow, Oswestry				
South & West Wales				

\*There are four grades of fee earner:

1. A. Solicitors with over 8 years of post qualification experience including at least 8 years litigation experience
2. B. Solicitors and legal executives with over 4 years post qualification experience including at least 4 years litigation experience
3. C. Other solicitors and legal executives and fee earners of equivalent experience
4. D. Trainee Solicitors, paralegals and fee earners of equivalent experience

\*\* An hourly rate in excess of the guideline figures may be appropriate for Grade A fee earners in substantial and complex litigation where other factors, including the value of the litigation, the level of complexity, the urgency or importance of the matter as well as an international element would justify a significantly higher rate to reflect higher average costs

## **Guideline Rates for Summary Assessment – January 2003**

London Bands	Grade*			
	A	B	C	D
City of London **	342	247	189	116
Central London	263	200	163	105
Outer London: (including Bromley, Croydon, Dartford, Gravesend & Uxbridge)	189-221	142-189	137	100

Band One	Grade*			
	A	B	C	D
Aldershot, Farnham, Bournemouth	175	155	130	95
Birmingham Inner				
Cambridge City Centre				
Canterbury, Maidstone, Medway & Tunbridge Wells				

# Guidance Note

Cardiff (Inner)				
Kingston/Guildford/Reigate/Epsom				
Leeds Inner (within 1km radius of the City Art Gallery)				
Lewes				
Liverpool, Birkenhead				
Manchester Central				
Newcastle - City Centre (within a 2 mile radius of St Nicholas Cathedral)				
Norwich				
Nottingham City				
Southampton, Portsmouth				
Swindon, Basingstoke				

Band Two	Grade*			
	A	B	C	D
Bath, Cheltenham and Gloucester	165	145	120	90
Bristol				
Bury				
Chelmsford North, Cambridge County, Peterborough, Bury St E, Norfolk, Lowestoft				
Chelmsford South				
Hampshire, Dorset, Wiltshire, Isle of Wight				
Hull (City)				
Leeds Outer, Wakefield & Pontefract				
Leigh				
Luton, Bedford, St Albans, Hitchin, Hertford				
Manchester Outer/ Oldham/Bolton/Tameside				
Oxford (Inner/Outer), Reading, Slough				
Milton Keynes, Aylesbury				
Sheffield and South Yorkshire				
Southport				
St Helens				
Stockport/Altrincham/Salford				
Swansea, Newport, Cardiff (Outer)				
Watford				
Wigan				
York, Harrogate				

Band Three	Grade*			
	A	B	C	D
Birmingham Outer	150	135	115	85
Bradford (Dewsbury, Halifax, Huddersfield, Keighley & Skipton)				
Chester & North Wales				
Coventry, Rugby, Nuneaton, Stratford and Warwick				
Cumbria				
Devon, Cornwall, Exeter, Taunton & Yeovil				
Grimsby				
Hull Outer				
Kidderminster				
Lincoln				
Newcastle (other than City Centre)				
Northampton & Leicester				

Nottingham & Derbyshire				
Plymouth				
Preston, Lancaster, Blackpool, Chorley, Accrington, Burnley, Blackburn, Rawtenstall & Nelson				
Scarborough & Ripon				
Stafford, Stoke, Tamworth				
Teesside				
Trowbridge				
Weston				
Wolverhampton, Walsall, Dudley & Stourbridge				
Worcester, Hereford, Evesham and Redditch				
Shrewsbury, Telford, Ludlow, Oswestry				
South & West Wales				

## Guideline Rates for Summary Assessment – 2001

### Midland and Oxford Circuit

Locality		Grade of Fee Earner*		
		1	2	3*
Birmingham Inner	22.01.01	158	123	80
Birmingham Outer	22.01.01	131	103	73
Coventry	13.11.00	135	114	80
Northampton	11.11.00	145	112	80
Oxford (Inner/Outer)	11.11.00	140/125	115	80
Nottingham & Derby	30.10.00	135	100	78
Leicester	30.10.00	124	96	74
Lincoln	27.11.00	130	100	78
Stafford	16.11.00	125	100	78

### Northern Circuit

Locality		Grade of Fee Earner*		
		1	2	3*
Liverpool	25.10.00	145	125	95
Birkenhead	3.11.00	145	125	95
Leigh	1.01.01	145	125	95
St Helens	3.11.00	145	125	95
Southport	3.11.00	140	120	90
Wigan	1.01.01	145	125	95
Manchester Central (** Please see note below)	25.10.00	155/123	97	77
Manchester Outer / Oldham / Stockport (** Please see note below)	25.10.00	155/123	97	77
Bolton & Bury / Preston / Kendal / Lancaster / Blackpool		140	112.50	90
Chorley	1.01.01	130	115	85
Cumbria	1.01.01	140	125	110

### Northern Eastern Circuit

Locality		Grade of Fee Earner*		
		1	2	3*
Newcastle - City Centre (within 2 miles radius of St Nicholas Cathedral)	31.10.00	135	110	85
Newcastle (other than City Centre)	31.10.00	122	102	80



Teesside		23.11.00	122	105	80
Leeds		3.11.00	140	120	90
Bradford: (Dewsbury, Halifax & Huddersfield)		1.01.00	125	110	80
Bradford: (Keighley & Skipton)		1.01.00	125	110	80
Sheffield		25.01.01	120-140	105	75
Hull		30.10.00	140-150	120-130	80-90
Grimsby		3.01.01	135	100	78

## Wales & Chester Circuit

Locality		Grade of Fee Earner*		
		1	2	3*
Chester & North Wales		110-140	86-108	55-97.50
Cardiff (Inner)	30.11.00	145	120	85
Swansea - South & West Wales, Cardiff (Outer)	30.11.00	125	115	80

## South Eastern Circuit

Locality		Grade of Fee Earner*		
		1	2	3*
City of London RCJ	1.01.01	265	175	95
City of London CC ***	17.11.00	180-335	135-180	850-100
Central London RCJ Central	1.01.01	215	155	95
London CC ***	17.11.00	150-280	105-150	80-90
Outer London RCJ	1.01.01	170	125	90
Outer London CC ***	17.11.00	125-200	90-125	60-85
Lewes	1.12.00	150	130	85
Kingston, Guildford, Reigate, Epsom		135	120	75
Luton, Milton Keynes		120	100	75
Watford		135	112.50	85
Chelmsford North: Cambridge	21.11.00	125	120	86.50
Cambridge City Centre	21.11.00	130	125	90
Norwich	21.11.00	130	105	70
Chelmsford South	1.11.00	135	115	90
Croydon	1.11.00	150	130	90
Canterbury, Dartford, Gravesend, Maidstone, Medway	1.02.01	150	140	85

## Western Circuit

Locality		Grade of Fee Earner*		
		1	2	3*
Devon, Cornwall & Exeter		120	100	75
Bristol, Taunton	1.12.00	145	125	80
Winchester	7.11.00	145	110	90

\* There are three grades of fee earner:

1. Solicitors with over 4 years post qualification experience.
2. Other Solicitors and legal executives and fee earners of equivalent experience.
3. Trainee Solicitors and fee earners of equivalent experience.

Note:- "legal executive" means a fellow of the Institute of Legal Executives.

## Guideline Rates for Summary Assessment – 1999

### Midland and Oxford Circuit

Locality	Grade of Fee Earner*		
	1	2	3*
Birmingham Inner	153	108	84
Birmingham Outer	125	95	69
Coventry	135	114	80
Northampton	145	112	80
Oxford	115-135	105	75 prov
Nottingham	124	96	74
Lincoln	120	96	74
Stafford	120	95	74

### Northern Circuit

Locality	Grade of Fee Earner*		
	1	2	3*
Liverpool	140	120	90
Birkenhead	140	120	90
Leigh	125	95	75
St Helens	120-140	100-120	80-90
Southport	140	120	90
Wigan	125	95	75
Manchester Central	120	95	75
Manchester Outer / Oldham / Stockport	140	112.50	90
Bolton & Bury	140	112.50	90
Preston	120	105	80
Kendal/Lancaster/Blackpool/Chorley	120	105	80
Carlisle	120	85.50	71 prov

### Northern Eastern Circuit

Locality	Grade of Fee Earner*		
	1	2	3*
Newcastle - City Centre (within 2 miles radius of St Nicholas Cathedral)	120	150	75
Newcastle (other than City Centre)	112.50	97.50	75
Teesside	120	105	75
Leeds	140	120	90
Bradford: (Dewsbury, Halifax & Huddersfield)	110	100	75
Bradford: (Keighley & Skipton)	120	105	75
Sheffield	125	100	75 prov
Hull	140-150	120-130	80-90

### Wales & Chester Circuit

Locality	Grade of Fee Earner*		
	1	2	3*
Chester & North Wales	110-140	86-108	55-97.50
Cardiff	110-140	75-110	55-75
Swansea	120	108	75

## South Eastern Circuit

Locality	Grade of Fee Earner*		
	1	2	3*
City of London RCJ	260	175	95 prov
City of London CC	180-335	135-180	85-100
Central London RCJ	215	155	85 prov
Central London CC	150-280	105-150	80-90
Outer London RCJ	162	110	80
Outer London CC	125-200	90-125	60-85
Lewes	145	120	85
Kingston, Guildford, Reigate, Epsom	135	120	75 prov
Luton, Milton Keynes	120	100	75
Watford	135	112.50	85
Chelmsford North: Cambridge	120.50	115.50	86.50
Cambridge City Centre	125	120	90
Norwich	125	100	65
Chelmsford South	130	110	90
Croydon	150	130	90
Canterbury, Dartford, Gravesend, Maidstone, Medway	140	130	70

## Western Circuit

Locality	Grade of Fee Earner*		
	1	2	3*
Devon, Cornwall & Exeter	120	100	75
Bristol	125	94	63
Winchester	135	110	90

### Key to Grades:

1. Solicitors with over four years post qualification experience;
2. Other Solicitors and legal executives and fee earners of equivalent experience;
3. Trainee Solicitors and fee earners of equivalent experience. 'Prov' denotes provisional figures which have not yet been finally agreed.

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