

PUBLIC SOLICITOR'S FEES

Pursuant to section 30(2) of the Legal Aid and Legal Services Ordinance and with effect from 1 January 2020, the following will apply to legal services provided by the Public Solicitor:

1. No fee shall be charged to any person in any matter for the purposes of a thirty minute first appointment.
2. Fees shall not be charged to non-St Helena tax payers for police station representation.
3. Fees shall not be charged to St Helena tax payers for:
 - a. Police station and criminal court representation.
 - b. Public Children law matters
 - c. Clinical or Medical Negligence matters
4. Reasonable disbursement fees shall apply to any matter.
5. Fees for a straightforward will, or amendment to a will, shall be charged at £15 (subject to any dispensation that the Public Solicitor considers reasonable). For more complex wills, fees shall be charged at the below rates (see paragraph 6).
6. Otherwise, fees shall be charged at the following hourly rate based on household income but subject to any fixed fee reasonably devised upon this basis and agreed between the Public Solicitor and client.

Household Income:	Charge out rate:
Below £10,000	No fee
£10,001 - £12,500 pa	£20 per hour
£12,501 - £15,000 pa	£25 per hour
£15,001 - £20,000 pa	£30 per hour
£20,001 - £25,000 pa	£35 per hour
£25,001 - £30,000 pa	£40 per hour
£30,001+	£50 per hour

7. Expatriate workers, businesses and individuals/businesses off the island will be charged up to a maximum of £150 per hour.