

PUBLIC SOLICITOR'S FEES

Pursuant to section 30(2) of the Legal Aid and Legal Services Ordinance and with effect from 1 March 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 any person for police station representation.
3. Fees shall not be charged to St Helena tax payers for:
 - a. Criminal court representation
 - b. Public Children law 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 for Saint Helena tax payers 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:

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.

‘Expatriate worker’ is defined as any person (or the partner/dependent over 18 of same) who does not have Saint status, is working in St Helena under a contract of employment, whose habitual residence was overseas prior to taking up employment in St Helena and whose income from employment on St Helena exceeds £43,000

‘Saint Helena tax payer’ is any person who is not an Expatriate worker

‘Saint Helena’ includes Ascension Island and Tristan da Cunha