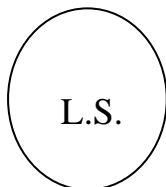


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CIVIL LITIGATION (COSTS) ORDINANCE, 2025

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Pursuant to section 4 of the Civil Litigation (Costs) Ordinance 2025, the Governor on the advice of the Executive Council issues the following Notice:

First appointment

1. No fee charged by a legal service provider for the purposes of an initial thirty minute appointment, with a client or potential client, in relation to a new matter shall be recoverable.

Travel and accommodation

2. Travel is recoverable at an hourly rate not exceeding £40 per hour or a daily rate not exceeding £200 per day, whichever is lower.
3. All travel costs, including vehicle rental, are recoverable at the relevant economy rate.
4. Accommodation is recoverable at the rate of standard rooms.

Disbursements

5. Reasonable disbursement fees are recoverable in any matter.

Conditional fee agreements

6. No fee charged for the purposes of discussing or explaining a conditional fee agreement shall be recoverable.

7. No fee charged for the purposes of preparing any documents for a client relating to a conditional fee agreement shall be recoverable.

Solicitors, legal executives etc.

8. Fees shall be recoverable at the following hourly rates based on the experience of the fee earner.
9. The applicable rates are as follows—

Fee Earner	Rate
Solicitors and legal executives with over 8 years' experience	£220
Solicitors and legal executives with over 4 years' experience	£195
Other solicitors or legal executives and fee earners of equivalent experience	£150
Trainee solicitors, paralegals and other fee earners	£105

Counsel

10. Fees shall be recoverable at the following hourly rates based on the experience of counsel.
11. In respect of brief fees and other fees which have to be agreed before the number of hours required for the work in question is known, the fee shall be calculated on the basis of a reasonable estimate of the number of hours likely to be required.

12. The applicable rates are as follows—

Fee earner	Rate
King's Counsel More than 10 years as a KC	£270
King's Counsel Fewer than 10 years as a KC	£235
London Chambers Counsel with 10+ years call	£150
London Chambers Counsel with 5-10 years call	£125
London Chambers Counsel with less than 5 years call	£100
Non-London Chambers Counsel with 10+ years call	£137.50
Non-London Chambers Counsel with 5-10 years call	£112.50
Non-London Chambers Counsel with less than 5 years call	£75
Junior Juniors (2 nd six pupils)	£31.25
Junior Juniors (tenants)	£56.25
Junior Juniors (3 rd six pupils)	£56.25

Experts

13. Expert fees shall be calculated by reference to hourly rates.
14. The hourly rate recoverable in relation to an expert may not, save in exceptional circumstances, exceed 130% of the London hourly rate payable to such an expert as set out in Schedule 5 to the Civil Legal Aid (Remuneration) Regulations 2013, as amended or replaced from time to time.

Tax

- 15.** All rates and fees are exclusive of any relevant tax payable.

Exceptional circumstances

- 16.** The court may, in exceptional circumstances, allow recovery of rates in excess of those provided for above.

Made by the Governor on the advice of the Executive Council this 30th day of June 2025.

Nigel Phillips CBE
Governor