

Unified Contract

Civil and Family Mediation Specifications

Part B: Payment Annex

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This Payment Annex forms part of the Civil and Family Mediation Specifications of the Unified Contract. It applies from 1 October 2007 except for work in the Mental Health Category where the fees apply from 1 January 2008, subject in all cases to transitional provisions contained in the main provisions of the Specifications.

All fees in this Payment Annex are exclusive of VAT. See the General and Category Specific provisions of the Specifications for all remuneration rules, including any enhancement provisions.

Civil Standard and Graduated Fees

1 Legal Help and Help at Court

Note: Fees for these services in the Family, Immigration and Mental Health Categories are set out in section 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this Payment Annex. The fees below for Housing do not apply for the Housing Possession Duty Scheme – see Section 6.

Category	Under SQM		Tolerance	
	Fixed Fee	Exceptional Threshold	Fixed Fee	Exceptional Threshold
Actions Against the Police	£261	£783	£151	£453
Clinical Negligence	£213	£639	-	-
Community Care	£290	£870	£175	£525
Consumer General Contract	£174	£522	£146	£438
Debt	£196	£588	£121	£363
Education	£296	£888	£149	£447
Employment	£225	£675	£147	£441
Housing	£171	£513	£135	£405
Miscellaneous	£86	£258	-	-
Personal Injury	£204	£612	-	-
Public Law	£282	£846	£203	£609
Welfare Benefits	£164	£492	£133	£399

2 Family Public Law

Table 2 (a): Legal Help

National
£144

Table 2 (b): Family Help (Lower) – s31 Care Proceedings Only

National
£347

Table 2 (c): Legal Representation – s31 Care Proceedings Only

Party	Court	No. of Clients	Midlands	North	London and South	Wales
Child	Other	1	£2,405	£1,972	£2,761	£2,695
Child	Other	2+	£3,608	£2,958	£4,142	£4,043
Child	High	1	£3,199	£2,623	£3,672	£3,584
Child	High	2+	£4,799	£3,935	£5,508	£5,376
Joined Party	Other		£1,276	£986	£1,482	£1,606
Joined Party	High		£1,697	£1,311	£1,971	£2,136
Parent	Other	1	£3,156	£2,621	£3,589	£3,250
Parent	Other	2	£3,945	£3,276	£4,486	£4,063
Parent	High	1	£4,197	£3,486	£4,773	£4,323
Parent	High	2	£5,246	£4,358	£5,966	£5,404

3 Family Private Law

Table 3 (a): Legal Help

National
£94

Table 3 (b): Legal Help – Divorce Petition Only

National
£159

Table 3 (c): Family Help (Lower) – Children

	Fee	Settlement Fee
London	£256	£153
Non-London	£221	£132

Table 3 (d): Family Help (Lower) - Finance

	Fee	Settlement Fee
London	£268	£161
Non-London	£231	£139

4 Immigration and Asylum

Table 4 (a): Immigration and asylum scheme graduated fees

	Stage 1 (Legal Help)	Stage 2a (CLR)	Stage 2b (CLR)
Asylum Graduated Fee	£450	£240	£600
Immigration Graduated Fee	£255	£240	£480

Table 4 (b): Additional payments for immigration and asylum cases

Representation at the Home Office Interview (Asylum and Immigration cases within scope)	£290
Representation at oral CMRH	£175
Representation at telephone CMRH (pilot only at present)	£95
Representation at substantive AIT hearing	Asylum £320 Immigration £250
Additional hearing: part heard or re-list	Asylum £170 Immigration £170
All disbursements (interpreters & translators, expert reports, travel expenses)	Separate payments outside of Graduated Fee Scheme, subject to cost thresholds.

5 Mental Health

Table 5 (a): Basic Fees

Basic Fees	Value
Non-MHRT	£275
Level 1 (MHRT)	£140
Level 2 (MHRT)	£340
Level 3 (MHRT)	£311

Table 5 (b): Additional Fees

Additional Fees	Value
Adjourned Hearing Fee	£124
Remote travel payment: Level 1 (MHRT)	£75
Remote travel payment: Non-MHRT Level 2 (MHRT) Level 3 (MHRT)	£150

6 Housing Possession Duty Scheme

Table 6: Standard Fee

London	£84.00
Non- London	£79.50

Hourly Rates – Controlled Work

7 Legal Help, Help at Court and Family Help (Lower)

Table 7 (a): Immigration, Mental Health, Actions Against the Police Etc, Public law, Education and Community Care

Activity	London Rate	Non-London Rate
Preparation, attendance and advocacy	£57.35 per hour	£52.55 per hour
Travel & Waiting time	£30.30 per hour	£29.45 per hour
Routine letters out and telephone calls	£4.40 per item	£4.10 per item

Table 7 (b): Family and Housing (except as in 7(c), below), and Employment

Activity	London Rate	Non-London Rate
Preparation, attendance and advocacy	£53.10 per hour	£50.05 per hour
Travel & Waiting time	£28.05 per hour	£28.05 per hour
Routine letters out and telephone calls	£4.10 per item	£3.95 per item

Table 7 (c) : Legal Help or Help at Court provided in relation to a review under section 202 of the Housing Act 1996 and to a defendant to a possession claim in the County Court; Family Help (Lower) and related Legal Help in relation to s31 Care Proceedings.

Activity	London Rates	Non-London Rates
Preparation, attendance and advocacy	£61.20 per hour	£57.25 per hour
Travel and Waiting time	£30.30 per hour	£29.45 per hour
Routine letters out and telephone calls	£4.40 per item	£4.10 per item

Table 7 (d): All other categories and all tolerance work

Activity	London Rate	Non-London Rate
Preparation, attendance and advocacy	£50.70 per hour	£47.80 per hour
Travel & Waiting time	£26.80 per hour	£26.80 per hour
Routine letters out and telephone calls	£3.90 per item	£3.75 per item

8 Controlled Legal Representation

Table 8 (a): Immigration – All Matters not subject to an Order under section 103D NIA 2002

Activity	London Rates	Non-London Rates
Preparation and attendance	£61.20 per hour	£57.25 per hour
Travel and Waiting time	£30.30 per hour	£29.45 per hour
Routine letters out and telephone calls	£4.40 per item	£4.10 per item
Advocacy	£69.60 per hour	£69.60 per hour

Table 8 (b): Immigration – Applications under section 103A NIA 2003 where an Order under section 103D has been granted

Activity	London Rates	Non-London Rates
Preparation and attendance	£82.62 per hour	£77.29 per hour
Travel and Waiting time	£40.91 per hour	£39.76 per hour
Routine letters out and telephone calls	£5.94 per item	£5.54 per item
Advocacy	£93.96 per hour	£93.96 per hour

Table 8 (c): Representation at Mental Health Review Tribunal

Activity	London Rate	Non-London Rate
Preparation and Attendance	£61.20 per hour	£57.25 per hour
Travel and waiting time	£30.30 per hour	£29.45 per hour
Letters and telephone calls	£4.40 per item	£4.10 per item
Advocacy	£69.60 per hour	£69.60 per hour
Attending tribunal with counsel	£32.55 per hour	£32.55 per hour

Hourly Rates – Licensed Work

9 Family Prescribed Rates

Table 9 (a): Care Proceedings

Activity	Higher Courts	County Court and Magistrates' Court
Writing routine letters	£ 4.70 per item	£ 4.10 per item
Receiving routine letters	£ 2.35 per item	£ 2.05 per item
Routine telephone calls	£ 4.70 per item	£ 4.10 per item
Preparation and attendance	£77.85 per hour (London Rate) £ 73.15 per hour (Non-London Rate)	£68.20 per hour (London Rate) £ 64.90 per hour (Non-London Rate)
Attending at court or conference with counsel	£ 41.25 per hour	£ 36.30 per hour
Advocacy	£77.85 per hour (London Rate) £ 73.15 per hour (Non-London Rate)	£ 71.50 per hour
Travelling and waiting time	£ 35.75 per hour	£ 32.45 per hour.

Table 9 (b): Other Family Proceedings

Activity	Higher Courts	County Court and Magistrates' Court
Routine letters out	£ 7.05 per item	£ 6.00 per item
Receiving routine letters	£ 3.50 per item	£ 3.00 per item
Routine telephone calls	£ 7.05 per item	£ 6.00 per item
Preparation and attendance	£78.40 per hour (London Rate) £73.05 per hour (non London Rate)	£66.00 per hour (London Rate) £61.00 per hour (Non London Rate)
Attending court or conference with counsel	£41.25 per hour	£36.00 per hour
Advocacy	£78.40 per hour (London Rate) £73.05 per hour (Non-London Rate)	£66.00 per hour (London Rate) £63.00 per hour (Non-London Rate)
Travelling and waiting time	£ 35.75 per hour	£ 32.00 per hour (London Rate) £31.00 per hour (Non-London Rate)

10 Non-Family Prescribed Rates

Table 10 (a): Higher Courts, County Courts and Magistrates' Courts for work carried out within an SQM Category

Activity	Higher Courts	County Court and Magistrates' Court
Routine letters out	£7.50 per item	£6.60 per item
Routine telephone calls	£4.15 per item	£3.65 per item
Preparation and attendance	£79.50 per hour (London Rate) £75.00 per hour (Non-London Rate)	£70.00 per hour (London Rate) £66.00 per hour (Non-London Rate)
Attending court or conference with counsel	£37.00 per hour	£32.50 per hour
Advocacy	£75.00 per hour	£66.00 per hour
Traveling and waiting time	£33.25 per hour	£29.20 per hour

Table 10 (b): High Court, County Court and Magistrates' Court for work not carried out within an SQM Category

Activity	Higher Courts	County Court and Magistrates' Court
Routine letters out	£7.40 per item	£6.50 per item
Routine telephone calls	£4.10 per item	£3.60 per item
Preparation and attendance	£78.50 per hour (London Rate) £74.00 per hour (Non-London Rate)	£69.00 per hour (London Rate) £65.00 per hour (Non-London Rate)
Attending court or conference with counsel	£36.40 per hour	£32.00 per hour
Advocacy	£74.00 per hour	£65.00 per hour
Traveling and waiting time	£32.70 per hour	£28.75 per hour

Table 10 (c): Other Tribunals

Activity	London Rate	Non-London Rate
Preparation and attendance	£61.20 per hour	£57.25 per hour
Routine letters out and telephone calls	£4.40 per item	£4.10 per item
Advocacy	£69.60 per hour	£69.60 per hour
Attending tribunal or conference with counsel	£32.55 per hour	£32.55 per hour
Travelling and waiting time	£30.30 per hour	£29.45 per hour

Family Mediation

11 Family Mediation Fees

Table 11 (a): Willingness Test

Activity	
Willingness Test	£25

Table 11 (b): Assessment Meetings

Activity	
Assessment alone	£87
Assessment separate	£87
Assessment together	£130

Table 11 (c): Mediation Fees

Category of Work	Single Session	Multi Session	Agreed Proposal
AIM Sole	£168	£756	£252
AIM Co	£230	£1064	£252
PF Sole	£168	£588	£189
PF Co	£230	£834	£189
Child Sole	£168	£462	£126
Child Co	£230	£647	£126