

Immigration and Asylum Graduated Fee Scheme: Fee Values

Table 1: immigration and asylum scheme fees (exclusive of VAT)

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

Table 2: additional payments for immigration and asylum cases (exclusive VAT)

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.

Amendments following consultation

Final fees remain broadly the same as those published in the consultation paper but:

- Interpreter and translation allowance removed as now to sit out side graduated fee scheme and be paid as incurred the same as other disbursements.
- The baseline hourly rate used in calculating fees set three quarters between current national and London rates to better reflect the geographical distribution of cases. This represents a slight decrease for London firms and increase for non-London firms in establishing a national fee scheme.
- Amended formula for rounding, which is fairer for providers. For simplicity the fees were previously rounded to nearest £50 but this has been amended to rounding to the nearest £5. This sees a gain for providers on the asylum fees and a smaller loss on the immigration fees.
- The exceptional case escape has been reduced from four times to three times the graduated fee in both immigration and asylum cases; the fees have not been reduced to offset the lower threshold. This represents a clear gain for suppliers.

Cost- neutrality

- The fees have been designed to be budget neutral to the forecast spend for the same volume of cases under the current arrangements. There is no cut to the overall spend for immigration and asylum controlled work.