

REMUNERATION – LEGAL AID

FRANCHISED FIRMS – Franchisee/Specialist Quality Mark/Schedule Authorisation rates began 01.04.96 and are only claimable in respect of those categories of work in which the Franchise/SQM/Schedule Authorisation is held. From 02.04.01 there was *provision to claim said rates from 6 months before the date of the grant of that Franchise/SQM – provision excluded from Standard Contracts (03.10.11/01.02.12 onwards)*.

FAMILY AND CARE (dates of alteration not effective retrospectively)

03.10.88: 01.04.89/90/91/92

27.05.93 (where not previously prescribed)

25.02.94 (where not previously prescribed)

01.04.96 (franchisee rates introduced; and where not previously prescribed): 08.07.96

01.11.97 (inc. transfer of Pt IV FLA 1996 proceedings from civil rates to family County Court rates)

02.04.01 (franchisee only); 01.05.01 (Family Graduated Fees – FGF); 26.07.01 (bill preparation returned to ‘scale item’)

08.04.02 (franchisee only)

02.04.07 (harmonised rates between FPC & CC in private family law)

01.10.07 (Non-advocacy fixed fees for s31 care and supervision proceedings; Wardship and Adoption transferred from civil to family rates; Court of Appeal and House of Lords (Supreme Court) prescribed with High Court at same rate; Non-contentious business prescribed; Bill preparation at hourly rate; Higher rates in private family law for London solicitors and no longer for proceedings in South Eastern Circuit; Non-franchisee/non-SQM holder rates removed; Enhancement restricted to max. of 100%)

09.05.11 (Family Advocacy Scheme – FAS; Care Proceedings Graduated Fee Scheme – CPGFS; and Private Family Law Representation Scheme – PFLRS; Independent Social Work (ISW) outside jurisdiction excluded, ISW rate set in line with CAFCASS rates; Costs & expenses of experts defined, experts’ mileage rate prescribed to max. 45p, experts’ travel rate prescribed to max. £40 p/h)

03.10.11 (experts’ rates codified (i.e. prescribed))

01.02.12 (10% reduction and max. enhancements capped to 100% in SC, CoA and HC and 50% in other proceedings for current providers)

01.04.13 (increase to psychiatrist and psychologist (inc. child) codified rates)

02.12.13 (20% reduction to experts’ codified rates)

22.04.14 (Single Family Court: FAS; CPGFS; and PFLRS. 10% reduction to CPGFS and hourly rates for s31 care and supervision only)

31.07.14 (FAS bundle payments switch from court to advocates’ bundle)

30.11.04	Increase to Homelessness Reviews and Possession Proceedings
01.04.05	Mandatory Tailored Fixed Fee Scheme
01.10.07	Standard Fees, Family Legal Help (Lower) and increase to s.31 pre action work
01.07.08	Increase
03.10.11/01.02.12	10% reduction
01.04.13	Level 3 Mediation

CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS (dates of amendments not effective retrospectively)

01.06.93 (Standard Fees in the Magistrates Courts)

24.04.95

01.04.96

01.01.97 (Graduated and Fixed fees in the Crown Courts)

01.01.08 (Litigator and Advocate graduated fees introduced. *Full lists of the rates applicable under The Criminal Legal Aid (Remuneration) Regulations 2013 can be found at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/> (Title search "Criminal Legal Aid (Remuneration)"), inter alia The Criminal Legal Aid (Remuneration) Regulations 2013 SI 2013 No 435 from 01.04.13, The Criminal Legal Aid (Remuneration) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 SI 2014 No 415 from 20.03.14, and The Criminal Legal Aid (Remuneration etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 SI 2015 No. 1369 from 01.07.15)*)

10.12.18 Updated Advocates' Graduated Fee **Scheme (AGFS)** introduced for cases with a Representation Order dated on or after 31 December 2018.

MOTOR MILEAGE RATES

17.01.86	31.8p
26.11.90	35.7p
24.04.95	36p
02.04.01	45p*

*Beware in Criminal Legal Aid cases mileage allowance may be restricted to 25p per mile if public transport available – see para 16 of Criminal Bills Assessment Manual.

Information correct at February 2019.