

2010 Standard Civil Contract - Specification

Civil and Family Mediation Specifications

Payment Annex 2010

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This Payment Annex forms part of the Civil and Family Mediation Specifications of the 2010 Standard Civil Contract Unified Contract. It applies from 1 October 2010, subject to the commencement and 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 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 Court Duty Scheme – see Section 6.

Category	Schedule Authorisation		Tolerance	
	Standard Fee	Exceptional Threshold	Standard Fee	Exceptional Threshold
Actions Against the Police	£266	£798	£154	£462
Clinical Negligence	£217	£651	-	-
Community Care	£296	£888	£179	£537
Consumer General Contract	£177	£531	£149	£447
Debt	£200	£600	£123	£369
Education	£302	£906	£152	£456
Employment	£230	£690	£150	£450
Housing	£174	£522	£138	£414
Miscellaneous	£88	£264	-	-
Personal Injury	£226	£678	£154	£462
Public Law	£288	£864	£207	£621
Welfare Benefits	£167	£501	£136	£408

2 Family Public Law

Table 2 (a): Legal Help

National
£147

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

National
£405

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

Party	Court	No. of Clients	Midlands	North	London and South	Wales
Child	Other	1	£2,165	£1,775	£2,485	£2,426
Child	Other	2+	£3,247	£2,662	£3,728	£3,639
Child	High Court	1	£2,879	£2,361	£3,305	£3,226
Child	High Court	2+	£4,319	£3,542	£4,957	£4,838
Joined Party	Other		£1,148	£887	£1,334	£1,445
Joined Party	High Court		£1,527	£1,180	£1,774	£1,922
Parent	Other	1	£2,840	£2,359	£3,230	£2,925
Parent	Other	2	£3,551	£2,948	£4,037	£3,657
Parent	High Court	1	£3,777	£3,137	£4,296	£3,891
Parent	High Court	2	£4,721	£3,922	£5,369	£4,864

3 Family Private Law

Table 3 (a): Legal Help

National
£96

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

National
£162

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

Table 3 (e): Higher Standard Fee Schemes – Children

Region	Court	Family Help (Higher) Standard Fee	Legal Representation Standard Fee
London	Other	£471	£335
	High Court	£565	£402
Non-London	Other	£392	£279
	High Court	£471	£335

Table 3 (f): Higher Standard Fee Schemes - Finance

Region	Court	Family Help (Higher) Standard Fee	Family Help (Higher) Settlement Fee	Legal Representation Standard Fee
London	Other	£523	£105	£416
	High Court	£628	£125	£499
Non-London	Other	£436	£87	£346
	High Court	£523	£105	£416

Table 3 (g): Higher Standard Fee Schemes – Domestic Abuse Proceedings

Region	Court	Legal Representation Standard Fee
London	Other	£675
	High Court	£810
Non-London	Other	£563
	High Court	£675

4 Immigration

Table 4 (a): Immigration Standard Fees

	Stage 1 (Legal Help)	Stage 2a (CLR)	Stage 2b (CLR)
Asylum	£459	£252	£630
Immigration Non-Asylum	£260	£252	£504

Table 4 (b): Additional payment – Home Office Interview

Representation at Home Office Interview	£296
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Table 4 (c): Additional payments – Advocacy Services

Oral Case Management Review Hearing	£184
Telephone Case Management Review Hearing	£100
Substantive Hearing in the IAT	Asylum £336 Immigration £263
Additional Day Substantive Hearing	£179

Table 4 (d): Immigration Removal Centres Standard Fees (Exclusive Schedule holders only)

On Site Surgery – advising 5 or more Clients	£400
On Site Surgery – advising 4 Clients or less	£200
Fast Track Standby Payment	£37.80

5 Mental Health

Table 5 (a): Basic Fees

Basic Fees	Value
Non-MHRT	£281
Level 1 (MHRT)	£143
Level 2 (MHRT)	£357
Level 3 (MHRT)	£327

Table 5 (b): Additional Fees

Additional Fees	Value
Adjourned Hearing Fee	£130
Remote travel payment: Level 1 (MHRT)	£77
Remote travel payment: Non-MHRT Level 2 (MHRT) Level 3 (MHRT)	£153

6 Housing Possession Court 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 Exceptional Cases, Mental Health, Actions Against the Police Etc, Public law, Education and Community Care

Activity	London Rate	Non-London Rate
Preparation, attendance and advocacy	£58.50 per hour	£53.60 per hour
Travel & Waiting time	£30.90 per hour	£30.00 per hour
Routine letters out and telephone calls	£4.50 per item	£4.20 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	£54.15 per hour	£51.05 per hour
Travel & Waiting time	£28.60 per hour	£28.60 per hour
Routine letters out and telephone calls	£4.20 per item	£4.05 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	£62.40 per hour	£58.40 per hour
Travel and Waiting time	£30.90 per hour	£30.05 per hour
Routine letters out and telephone calls	£4.50 per item	£4.20 per item

Table 7 (d): Immigration Hourly Rates Cases

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 (e): All other categories and all tolerance work

Activity	London Rate	Non-London Rate
Preparation, attendance and advocacy	£51.70 per hour	£48.75 per hour
Travel & Waiting time	£27.35 per hour	£27.35 per hour
Routine letters out and telephone calls	£4.00 per item	£3.85 per item

8 Controlled Legal Representation

Table 8 (a): Immigration – Exceptional Cases

Activity	London Rate	Non-London Rate
Preparation and attendance	£64.25 per hour	£60.10 per hour
Travel and Waiting time	£31.80 per hour	£30.90 per hour
Routine letters out and telephone calls	£4.60 per item	£4.30 per item
Advocacy	£73.10 per hour	£73.10 per hour

Table 8 (b): Immigration – Upper Tribunal Cases where Permission Granted to Client (non Fast Track)

Activity	London Rate	Non-London Rate
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): Immigration – Other Hourly Rates Cases

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
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 (d): Representation at Mental Health Tribunal

Activity	London Rate	Non-London Rate
Preparation and Attendance	£64.25 per hour	£60.10 per hour
Travel and waiting time	£31.80 per hour	£30.90 per hour
Letters and telephone calls	£4.60 per item	£4.30 per item
Advocacy	£73.10 per hour	£73.10 per hour
Attending tribunal with counsel	£34.20 per hour	£34.20 per hour

Hourly Rates – Licensed Work

9 Family Prescribed Rates

Table 9 (a): Care Proceedings

Activity	Higher Courts	County Court and Family Proceedings 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 Family Proceedings 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 with Schedule Authorisation

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 without Schedule Authorisation

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): First-tier Tribunal

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 Advocacy Scheme

11 Public Law Advocacy Fees

Table 11 (a) s31 Care Proceedings Graduated Fees

Court	Hearing Unit 1 (up to 1 hour)	Hearing Unit 2 (up to 2.5 hrs)	Conference fee	Opinion fee	Advocates' meeting fee	Final hearing fee (per day)
FPC	£96.35	£240.90	£141.90	£117.40	£142.40	£562.50
County Court	£106.00	£264.95	£141.90	£117.40	£156.65	£618.75
High Court	£127.20	£317.95	£141.90	£117.40	£188.00	£742.50

Table 11 (b) Other Public Law Graduated Fees

Court	Hearing Unit 1 (up to 1 hr)	Hearing Unit 2 (up to 2.5hrs)	Conference Fee	Opinion fee	Advocates' meeting fee	Final hearing fee (per day)
FPC	£84.25	£210.65	£141.90	£117.40	£142.40	£515.90
County Court	£92.65	£231.70	£141.90	£117.40	£156.65	£567.50
High Court	£111.20	£278.00	£141.90	£117.40	£188.00	£681.00

Table 11 (c): Public Law Bolt-on Fees

Bolt-on Fee	Payable for	Fee Payable
Client – Allegations of Harm	Hearings	25% of Hearing Unit Fee
Client – Lack of Understanding etc	Hearings	25% of Hearing Unit Fee
Expert’s Cross Examination	Hearings	25% of Hearing Unit Fee
Court Bundle Payments	Hearings	See Table 11(d) below
Exceptional Travel Fee	Hearings, Advocates’ Meetings and Conferences	£35.60

Table 11(d): Public Law Court Bundle Payments

	CB1 (350-700 pages)	CB2 (701-1,400 pages)	CB3 (Over 1,400 pages)
Interim hearing	£ 66.00	£ 99.00	
Final hearing	£177.00	£266.00	£354.00

12 Private Law Advocacy Fees

Table 12 (a): Private Law Children Graduated Fees

Court	Hearing Unit 1 (up to 1 hour)	Hearing Unit 2 (up to 2.5 hours)	Conference fee	Opinion fee	Final hearing fee (per day)
FPC	£69.65	£174.15	£139.30	£104.50	£441.15
County Court	£76.60	£191.55	£139.30	£104.50	£485.25
High Court	£91.95	£229.85	£139.30	£104.50	£582.30

Table 12(b): Domestic Abuse Graduated Fees

Court	Hearing Unit 1 (up to 1 hour)	Hearing Unit (up to 2.5 hours)	Final hearing fee (per day)
FPC	£90.55	£226.40	£401.30
County Court	£90.55	£226.40	£401.30
High Court	£90.55	£226.40	£401.30

Table 12(c): Private Law Finance Graduated Fees

Court	Hearing Unit 1 (up to 1 hour)	Hearing Unit 2 (up to 2.5 hours)	FDR Hearing Unit 1	FDR Hearing Unit 2	Early Resolution Fee
County Court	£70.20	£175.50	£112.30	£280.80	£140.40
High Court	£84.25	£210.60	£134.80	£336.95	£168.50

Court	Conference Fee	Opinion fee	Final hearing fee (per day)
County Court	£140.40	£105.30	£493.00
High Court	£140.40	£105.30	£591.60

Table 12 (d): Private Law Bolt-on Fees

Bolt-on Fee	Payable for	Fee Payable
Client – Allegations of Harm	Private Law Children Hearings	25% of Hearing Unit Fee
Expert’s Cross Examination	Private law Children Hearings	20% of Hearing Unit Fee
Early Resolution Fee	Private Law Finance Hearings	See Table 12(c) above
Court Bundle Payments	Private Law Children or Finance Hearings	See Table 12(e) below
Exceptional Travel Fee	Hearings and Conferences	£35.60

Table 12(e): Private Law Court Bundle Payments

	CB1 (350-700 pages)	CB2 (701-1,400 pages)	CB3 (Over 1,400 pages)
Interim hearing	£ 66.00	£ 99.00	
Final hearing	£177.00	£266.00	£354.00

Family Mediation

13 Family Mediation Fees

Table 13 (a): Willingness Test

Activity	
Willingness Test	£25

Table 13 (b): Assessment Meetings

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

Table 13 (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