

Application to join the Legal Aid Review Panel 2020

EXERCISE C: INDEPENDENT COSTS ASSESSOR (Civil)

This exercise should be completed by candidates applying for the role of Independent Costs Assessor (ICA) in civil work.

It need not be completed by candidates whose area of expertise is crime only.

For the following questions please:

- a) state the relevant guidance to justify your decision
- b) state whether you would refuse, allow or part allow the items appealed
- c) if allowing in part, please confirm the amount allowed

Question 1

A process server's invoice included a claim for 60 minutes to undertake a health and safety review which was provisionally assessed to nil by the LAA.

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Question 2

The time claimed by a provider for completing a 'non-merits tested CCMS application' for funding was provisionally assessed from 2.5 hours to 30 minutes.

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Question 3

The time claimed by a provider for completing the bill on CCMS was reduced from 3 hours to 1.5 hours. The bill contains 40 items.

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Question 4

The time claimed by a provider to prepare the client's 2-page statement was assessed from 2 hours to 24 minutes.

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