

# **Guidance on claiming Housing and Debt and Asylum and Immigration Fee Uplifts for matters started on or after 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025**

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## 1. Introduction

This guide sets out the new Standard Fees, Hourly Rates and Escape Fee thresholds for Housing and Debt and Asylum and Immigration Controlled Work for matters opened on or after 22 December 2025.

It also sets out the Single Fee Codes that should be used when you submit claims using the Submit a Bulk Claim (SaBC), when it is available, to ensure that the correct fee is paid.

This guidance should be read in conjunction with the '*Guidance on SaBC Claims*', which sets out all the reporting fields that need to be completed to make a civil Controlled Work claim under SaBC. *The Guidance on SaBC Claims*, and other guidance on submitting claims on SaBC, is available at [Submit a Bulk Claim \(SaBC\) - GOV.UK](#).

For Housing Loss Prevention Advice Service (HLPAS) claims for in-court work, updated guidance can be found here: [Housing Loss Prevention Advice Service \(HLPAS\) - GOV.UK](#)

## 2. Regulations

The Standard Fees, Hourly Rates and Escape Fee Thresholds can be found here:

[The Civil Legal Aid \(Remuneration\) Regulations 2013](#) - for matters opened pre 22 December 2025.

[The Civil Legal Aid \(Procedure and Remuneration\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2025](#) for matters opened on or after 22 December 2025.

## 3. Housing and Debt

The references to Tables below are references to the Tables found in the Civil Legal Aid (Remuneration) Regulations 2013 (as amended).

### Standard Fees

*Table 1 (amended) - Housing and Debt Standard Fees*

Category	Fee code	Legal Help Fee (matters opened before 22 Dec 2025)	Escape Fee Threshold (matters opened before 22 Dec 2025)	Legal Help Fee (matters opened on or after 22 Dec 2025)	Escape Fee Threshold (matters opened on or after 22 Dec 2025)
Housing	HOUS	£157	£471	£223	£669
Debt	DEBT	£180	£540	£256	£768

*Table 6(a) (replaced) Housing Loss Prevention Advice Service (HLPAS)*

Fee	Fee code	Fee (matters opened before 22 Dec 2025)	Escape Fee Threshold (matters opened before 22 Dec 2025)	Fee (matters opened on or after 22 Dec 2025)	Escape Fee Threshold (matters opened on or after 22 Dec 2025)
HLPAS Stage One: Early Legal Advice	ELA	£157	£471	£223	£669
HLPAS Stage Two: In-court (London rate)	N/A	£75.60	N/A	£108	N/A
HLPAS Stage Two: In-court (non London rate)	N/A	£71.55	N/A	£102	N/A

### Hourly rates

*Table 7 (aa) (new)-Housing and Debt Hourly Rates. This replaces Housing rates in Tables 7(b) and 7(c) and the Debt Rates in Table 7(e)*

Fee	Fee Codes	London rates (matters opened before 22 Dec 2025)	Non-London rates (matters opened before 22 Dec 2025)	London rates (matters opened on or after 22 Dec 2025)	Non-London rates (matters opened on or after 22 Dec 2025)
Preparation, Attendance and Advocacy	HOUS HOUS DEBT	£48.74 (7b) £56.16 (7c) £46.53 (7e)	£45.95 (7b) £52.65 (7c) £43.88 (7e)	£69.30	£65.35
Travel and waiting time	HOUS HOUS DEBT	£25.74 (7b) £27.81 (7c) £24.62 (7e)	£25.74 (7b) £27.05 (7c) £24.62 (7e)	£34.65	£32.70
Routine Letters Out and Telephone Calls	HOUS HOUS DEBT	£ 3.78 (7b) £ 4.05 (7c) £ 3.60 (7e)	£ 3.65 (7b) £ 3.78 (7c) £ 3.47 (7e)	£ 5.35	£ 5.20

*\*Note – for the pre-22 December rates there were 3 potential rates payable, 1)Housing – Table 7(b), 2)Housing 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 and 3) Debt Table 7(e)*



## 4 Immigration

The references to Tables below are references to the Tables found in the Civil Legal Aid (Remuneration) Regulations 2013 (as amended).

### Standard Fees

*Table 4(a) (replaced) - Immigration and Asylum Standard Fees Stage 1 Legal Help*

Category	Fee code	Legal Help Fee (matters opened before 22 Dec 2025)	Escape Fee Threshold Fee (matters opened before 22 Dec 2025)	Legal Help fee (matters opened on or after 22 Dec 2025)	Escape Fee Threshold (matters opened on or after 22 Dec 2025)
Asylum	IALB	£413	£826 if case started on or after 1/4/23 and £1,239 if before 1/4/23	£559	£1,118
Immigration non-asylum	IMLB	£234	£468 if case started on or after 1/4/23 and £702 if before 1/4/23	£317	£634

*\*Note that the Escape Fee Thresholds are not set out in the Regulations but have been included to assist with correct claims.*

*Table 4(a) (replaced) - Immigration and Asylum fees Stage 2(a) and 2 (b) – Controlled Legal Representation (CLR)*

Category	Fee code	Stage 2(a) – CLR (matters opened before 22 Dec 2025)	Stage 2a- CLR fee (matters opened on or after 22 Dec 2025)	Fee code	Stage 2b – CLR fee (matters opened before 22 Dec 2025)	Stage 2b CLR fee (matters opened on or after 22 Dec 2025)
Asylum	IACA	£227	£274	IACB	£567	£685
Immigration non-asylum	IMCA	£227	£274	IMCB	£454	£549

*Table 4(aa) replaced - Immigration and Asylum Standard Fees online procedure appeals*

Category	Fee code	Stage 2(d) - CLR (matters opened before Dec 2025)	Stage 2 (d) – CLR fee (matters opened on/after 22 Dec 2025)	Fee code	Stage 2(e) - CLR (matters opened before 22 Dec 2025)	Stage 2 (e) CLR fee (matters opened on/after 22 Dec 2025)
Asylum	IACE	£669	£808	IACF	£1,009	£1,219
Immigration non-asylum	IMCE	£628	£759	IMCF	£855	£1,003

*Table 4(b) (replaced) Additional Payment UKVI Interview*

Category	Matters opened before 22 Dec 2025	Matters opened on/after 22 Dec 2025
Representation at UKVI interview	£266	£360

*Table 4(ba) (replaced)- Additional Payment – National Referral Mechanism*

Category	Matters opened before 22 Dec 2025	Matters opened on or after 22 Dec 2025
National Referral Mechanism Advice	£150	£203

*\*Note that this fee cannot currently be claimed as the relevant sections of the Nationality and Borders Act 2022 were never brought into force*

*Table 4(c) (replaced) - Additional Payments for Advocacy (including Online Procedure Advocacy) Services*

Category	Matters opened before 22 Dec 2025	Matters opened on or after 22 Dec 2025
Oral Case Management Review Hearing	£166	£183
Telephone Case Management Review Hearing	£90	£ 99
Substantive Hearing in the Immigration and Asylum - Asylum	£302	£332
Substantive Hearing in the Immigration and Asylum - Immigration	£237	£261
Additional Day Substantive Hearing - Asylum	£161	£177

*\*Note there are no separate Single Fee Codes for these additional payments, they are included as part of the claim for the Asylum or Immigration appeal*

*Table 4(d) (replaced) - Immigration Removal Centres Standard Fees*

Category	Fee code	Surgeries/rota slots before 22 December 2025	Surgeries/rota slots opened on or after 22 December 2025
On Site Surgery – advising 4 clients or fewer	IDAS1	£180	£249
On Site Surgery – advising 5 or more clients	IDAS2	£360	£497
Detained Asylum Casework (DAC) Standby Payment	IAXL	£34.02	£ 47

## Hourly Rates Controlled Work

*Table 7(aa) (new) - Immigration and Asylum Hourly Rates - Legal Help*

Fee	Fee Codes		London Rate (matters opened before 22 December 2025)	London rate (Matters opened on or after 22 December 2025)	Non-London rate (matters opened before 22 December 2025)	Non-London (Matters opened on or after 22 December 2025)
	Asylum	Imm				
Preparation, Attendance and Advocacy	IAXL IA100 IALB	IMXL IA100 IMLB	£52.65	£69.30	£48.24	£65.35
Travel and waiting time			£27.81	£34.65	£27.00	£32.70
Routine Letters Out and Telephone Calls			£ 4.05	£ 5.35	£ 3.78	£ 5.20

*Note that these rates apply to both escape fee cases and those other hourly rates matters payable under para 8.101 of the 2024 Standard Civil Contract Immigration Specification.*

*Table 8(a (replaced) : Immigration and Asylum – Escape Fee Cases*

### *Controlled Legal Representation*

Fee	Fee Codes		London Rate (matters opened before 22 December 2025)	London rate (Matters opened on or after 22 December 2025)	Non-London rate (matters opened before 22 December 2025)	Non-London (Matters opened on or after 22 December 2025)
	Asylum	Imm				
Preparation and Attendance	IACA IACB IACE IACF	IMCA IMCB IMCE IMCF	£57.83	£69.30	£54.09	£65.35
Travel and waiting time			£28.62	£34.65	£27.81	£32.70
Routine Letters Out and Telephone Calls			£4.14	£ 5.35	£3.87	£ 5.20
Advocacy			£65.79	£72.35	£65.79	£72.35

*Table 8(c) (replaced) - Controlled Legal Representation — Immigration and Asylum hourly rates cases*

Fee	Fee Codes		London Rate (matters opened before 22 December 2025)	London rate (Matters opened on/after 22 December 2025)	Non-London rate (matters opened before 22 December 2025)	Non-London (Matters opened on/after 22 December 2025)
	Asylum	Imm				
Preparation and Attendance	IAXC IACD IRAR	IMXC IMCD IRAR	£55.08	£69.30	£51.53	£65.35
Travel and waiting time			£27.27	£34.65	£26.51	£32.70
Routine Letters Out and Telephone Calls			£ 3.96	£ 5.35	£ 3.69	£ 5.20
Advocacy			£62.64	£69.30	£62.64	£68.90

### Cost limits

Cost limits will be increased to reflect the higher fees. You should refer to the contract for the applicable provisions. The amended contract will be available on the website on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025.

### **Example scenarios:**

#### **Scenario 1:**

A legal help asylum matter is opened on 1 January 2026 and would be payable under the Standard Fee Scheme.

When reporting the matter, the provider would use Fee Code IALB, and claim the relevant fee from Table 4(a) above. The provider would also calculate and report their Profit Costs using the rates in Table 7(aa). These will be used in the escape fee calculation.



**Scenario 2:**

A legal help asylum matters is opened to cover advice to an Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Child (UASC) on 1 January 2026. Such a matter would be payable under Hourly Rates (para 8.101 (h) of the 2024 SCC).

When reporting the matter, the provider would use Fee Code IAXL and would calculate and report their Profit Costs using the rates in Table 7(a).

**Scenario 3:**

A CLR asylum matter is opened on 1 January 2026 and concludes with a determination after a substantive hearing. An oral CMRH was also attended.

When reporting the matter, the provider would use Fee Code IACF and claim the relevant Stage 2d fee from Table 4(aa) above. A fee for attending an Oral CMRH would also be claimed, using the uplifted fee in Table 4(c). The provider would also calculate and report their Profit Costs using the rates in Table 8(a). These will be used in the escape fee calculation.

**Scenario 4;**

A CLR bail matter is opened on 1 January 2026. Such a matter would be payable under Hourly Rates (para 8.101 (d) of the 2024 SCC). There are no associated other matters.

When reporting the matter, the provider would use Fee Code IMXC and would calculate and report their Profit Costs and any Counsel Fees using the rates in Table 8(c).