

STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2016 No. 200

**The Legal Aid for Crown Court Proceedings (Costs)
(Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2016**

Amendments to the Legal Aid for Crown Court Proceedings (Costs) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2005

7. In Schedule 1 –

- (a) in paragraph 3(2), after the words “one or more counts” insert the words “at the first arraignment”;
- (b) in paragraph 3(3), omit the words “to counsel”;
- (c) following paragraph 7, for the Tables of Basic Trial Fees, substitute the following Tables–

“SOLICITOR

<i>Offence falling within</i>	<i>PPE Range</i>	<i>Actual Duration of Trial</i>		
		<i>Trial Fee 1</i>	<i>Trial Fee 2</i>	<i>Trial Fee 3</i>
		<i>1 to 8 days</i>	<i>9 to 16 days</i>	<i>17 to 80 days</i>
Class A	1 – 750	£5,607	£7,457	£11,159
Class A	751 – 1,500	£8,666	£10,517	£14,218
Class A	1,501 – 3,000	£11,725	£13,576	£17,277
Class B	1 – 750	£2,017	£2,904	£4,239
Class B	751 – 1,500	£3,227	£4,113	£5,449
Class B	1,501 – 3,000	£4,436	£5,323	£6,658
Class C	1 – 750	£1,235	£1,767	£2,562
Class C	751 – 1,500	£2,039	£2,570	£3,366
Class C	1,501 – 3,000	£2,842	£3,374	£4,169
Class D	1 – 750	£3,123	£4,683	£6,229
Class D	751 – 1,500	£4,987	£6,549	£8,095
Class D	1,501 – 3,000	£6,853	£8,415	£9,959
Class E	1 – 750	£1,235	£1,767	£2,562

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Class E	751 – 1,500	£2,039	£2,570	£3,366
Class E	1,501 – 3,000	£2,842	£3,374	£4,169
Class F	1 – 750	£1,431	£2,047	£2,967
Class F	751 – 1,500	£2,290	£2,905	£3,826
Class F	1,501 – 3,000	£3,148	£3,764	£4,685
Class G	1 – 750	£2,341	£3,513	£4,672
Class G	751 – 1,500	£3,746	£4,917	£6,076
Class G	1,501 – 3,000	£5,152	£6,322	£7,482
Class H	1 – 750	£1,235	£1,767	£2,562
Class H	751 – 1,500	£2,039	£2,570	£3,366
Class H	1,501 – 3,000	£2,842	£3,374	£4,169
Class I	1 – 750	£1,235	£1,767	£2,562
Class I	751 – 1,500	£2,039	£2,570	£3,366
Class I	1,501 – 3,000	£2,842	£3,374	£4,169

COUNSEL

<i>Queen's Counsel</i>										
<i>Actual Duration of Trial</i>										
<i>Offence falling within</i>	<i>Trial Fee 1</i>	<i>Trial Fee 2</i>	<i>Trial Fee 3</i>	<i>Trial Fee 4</i>	<i>Trial Fee 5</i>	<i>Trial Fee 6</i>	<i>Trial Fee 7</i>	<i>Trial Fee 8</i>	<i>Trial Fee 9</i>	<i>Trial Fee 10</i>
	<i>1 to 8 days</i>	<i>9 to 16 days</i>	<i>17 to 24 days</i>	<i>25 to 32 days</i>	<i>33 to 40 days</i>	<i>41 to 48 days</i>	<i>49 to 56 days</i>	<i>57 to 64 days</i>	<i>65 to 72 days</i>	<i>73 to 80 days</i>
Class A	£6,000	£8,000	£12,000	£16,000	£20,000	£28,000	£36,000	£48,000	£60,000	£72,000
Class B	£2,886	£4,150	£6,044	£8,058	£10,072	£14,102	£18,136	£24,174	£30,218	£36,262
Class C	£2,526	£3,609	£5,231	£6,975	£8,718	£12,205	£15,696	£20,924	£26,155	£31,386

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*Leading
Junior Counsel*

*Actual Duration
of Trial*

<i>Offence falling within</i>	<i>Trial Fee 1</i>	<i>Trial Fee 2</i>	<i>Trial Fee 3</i>	<i>Trial Fee 4</i>	<i>Trial Fee 5</i>	<i>Trial Fee 6</i>	<i>Trial Fee 7</i>	<i>Trial Fee 8</i>	<i>Trial Fee 9</i>	<i>Trial Fee 10</i>
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Class £4,500 £6,000 £9,000 £12,000 £15,000 £21,000 £27,000 £36,000 £45,000 £54,000
A

Class £2,165 £3,112 £4,533 £6,044 £7,556 £10,577 £13,603 £18,131 £22,665 £27,198
B

Class £1,894 £2,707 £3,924 £5,233 £6,541 £9,157 £11,776 £15,696 £19,621 £23,545
C

Class £3,000 £4,500 £6,000 £9,000 £11,250 £15,750 £20,250 £27,000 £33,750 £40,500
D

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Sole Junior Counsel

*Actual Duration
of Trial*

<i>Offence falling within</i>	<i>Trial Fee 1</i>	<i>Trial Fee 2</i>	<i>Trial Fee 3</i>	<i>Trial Fee 4</i>	<i>Trial Fee 5</i>	<i>Trial Fee 6</i>	<i>Trial Fee 7</i>	<i>Trial Fee 8</i>	<i>Trial Fee 9</i>	<i>Trial Fee 10</i>
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Class £3,900 £5,200 £7,800£10,400£13,000£18,200£23,400£31,200£39,000£46,800
A

Class £1,877 £2,697 £3,929 £5,238 £6,548 £9,167 £11,788£15,713£19,641£23,570
B

Class £1,642 £2,345 £3,401 £4,355 £5,667 £7,935 £10,203£13,601£17,002£20,403
C

Class £2,600 £3,900 £5,200 £7,800 £9,750 £13,650£17,550£23,400£29,250£35,100
D

Class £1,642 £2,345 £3,401 £4,535 £5,667 £7,935 £10,203£13,601£17,002£20,403
E

Class £1,642 £2,345 £3,401 £4,535 £5,667 £7,935 £10,203£13,601£17,002£20,403
F

Class £2,345 £3,518 £4,690 £6,253 £7,817 £10,943£14,072£18,758£23,448£28,139
G

Class £1,642 £2,345 £3,401 £4,535 £5,667 £7,935 £10,203£13,601£17,002£20,403
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(d) after the Tables of Basic Trial Fees and Refresher Fees following paragraph 7, insert –

“7A.—(1) This paragraph applies where a fee is payable to a solicitor under this Part.

(2) Where the PPE Range exceeds 3,000 pages, an additional fee shall be payable to the solicitor of £1 per each additional page.”;

(e) in paragraph 8, before paragraph (3) insert –

“(1A) The amount of the standard fee for a representative representing one assisted person in a guilty plea shall be the fee specified in paragraph 9 as appropriate to whether the case was a Guilty Plea or a Trial Preparation case, the representative (including the category of counsel instructed, as applicable) and the offence with which the assisted person was charged.

(2A) In a case where a Guilty Plea Fee is payable, subject to paragraphs 14, 15A, 18A, 18B, 29 and 30, the amount so payable shall be an all-inclusive fee.”;

(f) in paragraph 8(3), omit the words “a Guilty Plea Fee or”;

(g) in paragraph 8(4), in the definition of “G2”, omit the words –

(i) “Guilty Plea Fee or”;

(ii) “where applicable”;

(h) for paragraph 9, substitute –

“9. For the purposes of paragraph 8 the fee appropriate to any offence shall be that specified in the Table below as appropriate to whether the case was a Guilty Plea or a Trial Preparation case, the representative (including the category of counsel instructed, as applicable) and the Class within which that offence falls according to paragraph 5, including the PPE Range where applicable.”;

(i) following paragraph 9, for the Tables of Guilty Plea Fees and Trial Preparation Fees, substitute the following Tables –

“(a) **Guilty Plea Fees**

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<i>Offence falling within</i>	<i>Fee</i>
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Class A	£5,729
Class B	£1,375
Class C	£913
Class D	£2,838
Class E	£913
Class F	£976
Class G	£1,597
Class H	£913
Class I	£913

COUNSEL

<i>Offence falling within</i>	<i>Queen's Counsel Fee</i>	<i>Leading Junior Counsel Fee</i>	<i>Led Junior Counsel Fee</i>	<i>Sole Junior Counsel Fee</i>
Class A	£2,860	£2,145	£1,430	£1,859
Class B	£1,440	£1,080	£720	£936
Class C	£1,234	£926	£617	£802
Class D	£1,976	£1,482	£988	£1,285
Class E	£1,234	£926	£617	£802
Class F	£1,234	£926	£617	£802
Class G	£1,563	£1,173	£782	£1,017

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Class H	£1,234	£926	£617	£802
Class I	£1,234	£926	£617	£802

(b) Trial Preparation Fees

SOLICITOR

<i>Offence falling within</i>	<i>PPE Range</i>	<i>Fee</i>
Class A	1 – 750	£6,371
Class A	751 – 1,500	£11,073
Class A	1,501 – 3,000	£24,915
Class B	1 – 750	£1,604
Class B	751 – 1,500	£2,788
Class B	1,501 – 3,000	£6,275
Class C	1 – 750	£1,053
Class C	751 – 1,500	£1,831
Class C	1,501 – 3,000	£4,119
Class D	1 – 750	£3,193
Class D	751 – 1,500	£5,549
Class D	1,501 – 3,000	£12,486
Class E	1 – 750	£1,053
Class E	751 – 1,500	£1,831
Class E	1,501 – 3,000	£4,119
Class F	1 – 750	£1,138
Class F	751 – 1,500	£1,978
Class F	1,501 – 3,000	£4,452
Class G	1 – 750	£1,863

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Class G	751 – 1,500	£3,237
Class G	1,501 – 3,000	£7,283
Class H	1 – 750	£1,053
Class H	751 – 1,500	£1,831
Class H	1,501 – 3,000	£4,119
Class I	1 – 750	£1,053
Class I	751 – 1,500	£1,831
Class I	1,501 – 3,000	£4,119

COUNSEL

<i>Offence falling within</i>	<i>PPE Range</i>	<i>Queen's Counsel Fee</i>	<i>Leading Junior Counsel Fee</i>	<i>Led Junior Counsel Fee</i>	<i>Sole Junior Counsel Fee</i>
Class A	1 – 750	£4,500	£3,375	£2,250	£2,925
Class A	751 – 1,500	£8,400	£6,300	£4,200	£5,460
Class A	1,501 – 3,000	£18,900	£14,175	£9,450	£12,285
Class B	1 – 750	£2,028	£1,520	£1,014	£1,318
Class B	751 – 1,500	£4,134	£3,100	£2,067	£2,686
Class B	1,501 – 3,000	£9,804	£7,352	£4,902	£6,372
Class C	1 – 750	£1,781	£1,335	£891	£1,158
Class C	751 – 1,500	£3,623	£2,718	£1,812	£2,356
Class C	1,501 – 3,000	£8,095	£6,071	£4,047	£5,262
Class D	1 – 750	£3,000	£2,250	£1,500	£1,950
Class D	751 – 1,500	£6,337	£4,752	£3,168	£4,119
Class D	1,501 – 3,000	£13,424	£10,068	£6,712	£8,726
Class E	1 – 750	£1,781	£1,335	£891	£1,158
Class E	751 – 1,500	£3,623	£2,718	£1,812	£2,356
Class E	1,501 – 3,000	£8,585	£6,438	£4,293	£5,581

Class F	1 – 750	£1,781	£1,335	£891	£1,158
Class F	751 – 1,500	£3,623	£2,718	£1,812	£2,356
Class F	1,501 – 3,000	£8,585	£6,438	£4,293	£5,581
Class G	1 – 750	£2,600	£1,951	£1,300	£1,690
Class G	751 – 1,500	£5,233	£3,924	£2,616	£3,401
Class G	1,501 – 3,000	£12,320	£9,241	£6,160	£8,008
Class H	1 – 750	£1,781	£1,335	£891	£1,158
Class H	751 – 1,500	£3,623	£2,718	£1,812	£2,356
Class H	1,501 – 3,000	£8,585	£6,438	£4,293	£5,581
Class I	1 – 750	£1,781	£1,335	£891	£1,158
Class I	751 – 1,500	£3,623	£2,718	£1,812	£2,356
Class I	1,501 – 3,000	£8,585	£6,438	£4,293	£5,581”;

(j) in paragraph 9A, substitute –

“**9A.**—(1) This paragraph applies where a Trial Preparation Fee is payable to a representative under this Part.

(2) Where the PPE Range exceeds 3,000 pages, an additional fee shall be payable to the representative of £1 per each additional page.”;

(k) for paragraph 27, substitute –

“**27.** Where a solicitor was dismissed by the assisted person, or the Department is satisfied that he was obliged to withdraw from the case for compelling professional reasons, the Department may, in its discretion, allow the following fees to the solicitor –

- (a) if the solicitor was dismissed or withdrew within one week of the date of the first arraignment, a Guilty Plea Fee as appropriate to the offence with which the assisted person was charged;
- (b) if the solicitor was dismissed or withdrew after the first arraignment and before the trial (if any) commenced, a Trial Preparation Fee as appropriate to the offence with which the assisted person was charged;
- (c) in any other circumstances, such amount as it considers to be reasonable in all the circumstances.”.