

**Guideline Rates for Summary Assessment
1 January 2008**

BAND ONE	Grade *	A**	B	C	D
GUIDELINE RATES		203	180	151	110
Aldershot, Farnham, Bournemouth (including Poole) Birmingham Inner Bristol Cambridge City, Harlow Canterbury, Maidstone, Medway & Tunbridge Wells Cardiff (Inner) Chelmsford South, Essex & East Suffolk Chester Fareham, Winchester Hampshire, Dorset, Wiltshire, Isle of Wight Kingston, Guildford, Reigate, Epsom Leeds Inner (within 2 kilometers radius of the City Art Gallery) Lewes Liverpool, Birkenhead Manchester Central Newcastle - City Centre (within a 2 mile radius of St Nicholas Cathedral) Norwich City Nottingham City Oxford, Thames Valley Southampton, Portsmouth Swindon, Basingstoke Watford					

BAND TWO	Grade *	A**	B	C	D
GUIDELINE RATES		191	168	139	105
Bath, Cheltenham and Gloucester, Taunton, Yeovil Bury Chelmsford North, Cambridge County, Peterborough, Bury St E, Norfolk, Lowestoft Cheshire & North Wales Coventry, Rugby, Nuneaton, Stratford and Warwick Exeter, Plymouth Hull (City) Leeds Outer, Wakefield & Pontefract Leigh Lincoln Luton, Bedford, St Albans, Hitchin, Hertford Manchester Outer, Oldham, Bolton, Tameside Newcastle (other than City Centre) Nottingham & Derbyshire Sheffield, Doncaster and South Yorkshire Southport St Helens Stockport, Altrincham, Salford Swansea, Newport, Cardiff (Outer) Wigan Wolverhampton, Walsall, Dudley & Stourbridge York, Harrogate					

BAND THREE	Grade *	A**	B	C	D
GUIDELINE RATES		174	156	133	99
Birmingham Outer Bradford (Dewsbury, Halifax, Huddersfield, Keighley & Skipton) Cumbria Devon, Cornwall Grimsby, Skegness Hull Outer Kidderminster Northampton & Leicester Preston, Lancaster, Blackpool, Chorley, Accrington, Burnley, Blackburn, Rawenstall & Nelson Scarborough & Ripon Stafford, Stoke, Tamworth Teesside Worcester, Hereford, Evesham and Redditch Shrewsbury, Telford, Ludlow, Oswestry South & West Wales					

LONDON BANDS

Grade *	A**	B	C	D
City of London: EC1, EC2, EC3, EC4	396	285	219	134
Central London: W1, WC1, WC2, SW1	304	231	189	121
Outer London: (All other London post codes: W, NW, N, E, SE, SW and Bromley, Croydon, Dartford, Gravesend and Uxbridge)	219-256	165-219	158	116

* There are four grades of fee earner:

A. Solicitors with over 8 years post qualification experience including at least 8 years litigation experience.

B. Solicitors and legal executives with over 4 years post qualification experience including at least 4 years litigation experience.

C. Other solicitors and legal executives and fee earners of equivalent experience.

D. Trainee Solicitors, para legals and fee earners of equivalent experience.

Note: "legal executive" means a Fellow of the Institute of Legal Executives.

** An hourly rate in excess of the guideline figures may be appropriate for Grade A fee earners in substantial and complex litigation where other factors, including the value of the litigation, the level of complexity, the urgency or importance of the matter as well as any international element would justify a significantly higher rate to reflect higher average costs.