

Legal Services Commission Internal Guidance Expert's Rates

Internal Civil Guideline Rates

The rates below are used as guidance by LSC casework staff when considering prior authority applications or payment claims for expenditure on expert witnesses.

The rates are not maximums. Caseworkers exercise discretion on the appropriate rate having considered the complexity of the case, level of expertise of the expert involved together with other local factors.

Expert	Non-London Guidance Hourly Rate	London Guidance Hourly Rate
Accident Reconstruction	£100	£75
Accountant	£55 - £150	£55 - £160
Architect	£110	£100
Cellphone site analysis	£100	£100
Computer Experts	£100	£100
Consultant Engineer	£100	£75
Disability Consultant	£75	No specific rate
DNA (per person)	£100 (£350 per test)	£100 (£350 per test)
Employment Consultant	£75	No specific rate
Enquiry Agent	£35	£26
Handwriting Expert	£100	£100
Interpreters	£35	£28
Lip-Reader / Signer	£80	£45
Mediators Fees	£140	No specific rate
Meteorologist	£140	£200 fixed fee
Occupational Therapist	£75	No specific rate
Photographer	£35	£26
Process Server	£35	£26
Risk Assessment Expert	£70	No specific rate
Surveyor	£55	Usually a fixed fee
Telecoms Expert	£100	£100
Translator	£109 per 1000 words	£55 per 1000 words
Vet	£100	£100
Voice Recognition	£130	£100
A&E Consultant	£140	£150
Anaesthetist	£150	No specific rate
Cardiologist	£160	No specific rate
Child Psychiatrist	£150	£100
Child Psychologist	£140	£100
Dentist	£130	No specific rate
Dermatologist	£120	No specific rate
Doctor (GP)	£110	£100

Expert	Non-London Guidance Hourly Rate	London Guidance Hourly Rate
ENT Surgeon	£140	No specific rate
General Surgeon	£150	£100
Geneticist	£120	No specific rate
GP (Records Report)	£70	Fixed fee up to £100
Gynaecologist	£150	£100
Haematologist	£135	£100
Medical Consultant	£150	£100
Medical Microbiologist	£150	No specific rate
Midwife	£100	No specific rate
Neonatologist	£150	No specific rate
Neurologist	£170	£100
Neuropsychiatrist	£175	£100
Neuroradiologist	£190	No specific rate
Neurosurgeon	£190	£100
Nursing Expert	£90	No specific rate
Obstetrician	£150	No specific rate
Occupational Therapist	£75	No specific rate
Oncologist	£155	No specific rate
Paediatrician	£150	£100
Pathologist	£170	£600 fixed fee
Pharmacologist	£135	No specific rate
Physiotherapist	£90	No specific rate
Plastic Surgeon	£150	No specific rate
Psychiatrist	£150	£100
Psychologist	£130	£100
Radiologist	£150	No specific rate
Rheumatologist	£150	No specific rate
Speech Therapist	£110	No specific rate
Surgeon	£150	£100
Toxicologist	£150	No specific rate
Urologist	£150	No specific rate

Internal Crime Guideline Rates

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Expert	Non-London Guidance Hourly Rate	London Guidance Hourly Rate
A&E Consultant	£140	£150
Accident Reconstruction	£100	£75
Accountant	£55 - £160	£55 - £160
Anaesthetist	£150	£100
Architect	£110	£100
Back Calculations	£200 fixed fee	£210 fixed fee
Benefit Expert	£100	£100
Cardiologist	£160	£100
Cell site analysis	£100	£100
Child Psychiatrist	£150	£100
Child Psychologist	£140	£100
Computer Experts	£100	£100
Consultant Engineer	£100	£75
Dentist	£130	£100
Dermatologist	£120	£100
Disability Consultant	£75	£75
DNA (per person)	£100 (£350 per test)	£100 (£350 per test)
Doctor (GP)	£110	£100
Drug Expert	£100	£100
Employment Consultant	£75	£75
Enquiry Agent	£35	£26
ENT Surgeon	£140	£100
Facial Mapping	£150	£100
Fingerprint Experts	£100	£52
Firearm Expert	£100	£100
Fire Investigation	£100	£75
Forensic Scientist	£125	£100
General Surgeon	£150	£100
Geneticist	£120	£100
GP (Records Report)	Fixed fee up to £70	Fixed fee up to £100
Gynaecologist	£150	£100
Haematologist	£135	£100
Handwriting Expert	£100	£100
Interpreters	£35	£28
Lip-Reader / Signer	£80	£45
Mediators Fees	£140	£140
Medical Consultant	£150	£100
Medical Report	£110	£100

Expert	Non-London Guidance Hourly Rate	London Guidance Hourly Rate
Medical Microbiologist	£150	£100
Meteorologist	£140	£200 fixed fee
Midwife	£100	£100
Neonatologist	£150	£100
Neurologist	£170	£100
Neuropsychiatrist	£175	£100
Neuroradiologist	£190	£100
Neurosurgeon	£190	£100
Nursing Expert	£90	£90
Obstetrician	£150	£100
Occupational Therapist	£75	£75
Oncologist	£155	£100
Orthopaedic Surgeon	£160	£100
Overnight Expenses	£55.25	Inner London £85.25
Paediatrician	£150	£100
Pathologist	£170	£600 fixed fee
Pharmacologist	£135	£100
Photocopying	5p per sheet	4p per sheet
Photographer	£35	£26
Physiotherapist	£90	£90
Plastic Surgeon	£150	£100
Process Server	£35.00	£26
Psychiatrist	£150	£100
Psychologist	£130	£100
Radiologist	£150	£100
Rheumatologist	£150	£100
Risk Assessment Expert	£70	£70
Speech Therapist	£110	£100
Surgeon	£150	£100
Surveyor	£55 per hour	£55 per hour
Telecoms Expert	£100	£100
Toxicologist	£150	£100
Transcripts	£2.20 per minute	£1.42 per minute
Translator	£109 per 1000 words	£55 per 1000 words
Urologist	£150	£100
Vet	£100	£100
Voice Recognition	£130	£100