



BELFAST SOLICITORS' ASSOCIATION
GUIDE TO HIGH COURT COSTS AS REVISED
 (Applicable to actions settled after 5 January 2026)

	Before issue of proceedings	After issue of proceedings	After setting down	Within 21 days of trial	Openin g day of trial
£0-£14,999	£4,180	£7,524	£7,790	£9,287	£11,096
£15,000-£19,999	£4,894	£8,231	£8,755	£10,458	£12,259
£20,000-£24,999	£5,860	£9,188	£9,234	£11,187	£12,981
£25,000-£29,999	£6,118	£9,226	£9,553	£11,909	£13,710
£30,000-£34,999	£6,323	£9,690	£9,964	£12,654	£14,455
£35,000-£39,999	£7,319	£10,891	£11,423	£13,368	£15,170
£40,000-£44,999	£7,790	£11,620	£12,152	£14,098	£15,899
£45,000-£49,999	£8,223	£12,365	£12,722	£14,820	£16,621
£50,000-£54,999	£8,763	£13,087	£13,619	£15,268	£17,358
£55,000-£59,999	£9,249	£13,824	£14,356	£16,294	£18,088
£60,000-£64,999	£9,758	£14,539	£15,078	£17,024	£18,825
£65,000-£69,999	£10,252	£15,291	£15,800	£17,754	£19,547
£70,000-£74,999	£10,716	£16,021	£16,522	£18,483	£20,277
£75,000-£79,99	£12,418	£16,735	£18,612	£19,213	£21,014

£80,000-£84,999	£11,681	£17,465	£17,868	£19,950	£21,744
£85,000-£89,999	£12,183	£17,700	£18,719	£20,657	£22,458
£90,000-£94,999	£12,707	£18,985	£19,517	£21,462	£23,264
£95,000-£99,999	£13,156	£19,654	£20,178	£22,116	£23,917
£100,000-£124,999	£18,187	£26,661	£27,740	£29,997	£32,095
£125,000-£149,999	£21,052	£31,358	£31,973	£34,230	£36,320
£150,000-£174,000	£23,925	£35,591	£36,206	£38,456	£40,371
£175,000-£199,999	£26,722	£39,824	£40,432	£42,694	£44,604
£200,000-£224,999	£29,663	£44,050	£44,665	£46,915	£49,020
£225,000-£249,999	£35,158	£48,283	£48,891	£51,148	£53,246
£250,000-£499,999	£44,414	£60,795	£65,330	£68,339	£71,759

[1] The Guide was previously revised in 2016 when the standard hourly rate was £102.00 per hour. On 29th April 2025, Master Moore issued a notification regarding "The Hourly Rate" in which he increased same to £155.00 per hour for all work incurred after 1st June 2025, after having considered the contribution by various parties in relation to same. The previous guide was predicated upon the previous hourly rate. Consequently, the Committee considers it appropriate to increase the BSA scale fees commensurate with the hourly rate increase.

[2] This guide is intended to apply to personal injury actions settled after 5 January 2026 and it is not recommended that the Guide should apply to the following categories of cases:

- Professional Negligence
- Assault Actions against the Crown
- Medical Negligence
- Industrial Disease Actions.
- Commercial Litigation and Chancery
- Defamation

[3] The Committee considers the above guide to be fair and reasonable in the majority of personal injury actions.

[4] If the case runs to trial, the BSA recommends £1,330.00 for each additional day of Trial and £1,026.00 for each half day for an ordinary case. Again this figure should be added to the appropriate point on the Guide.

[5] The Guide is merely an indication of costs to allow for easy settlement of professional fees in relation to personal injury action. There are, however, matters in which the work required to be carried out is substantially more than the Guide would allow for. Solicitors should be aware that when settlement has been reached and there is an agreement and order of the court that one party pays the other party's costs, Solicitor's should ensure that the court orders that such costs are to be taxed in default of agreement and Solicitors are entitled to produce a detailed bill of costs for taxation if required. It is in Solicitor's utmost interest to ensure that they keep accurate time records on all files, should this be required.