

Price Information for Debts that are undisputed (business to business)

Our Fees

These costs apply where your claim is in relation to an unpaid invoice which is not disputed and enforcement action is not required. If the other party disputes your claim at any point, we will discuss any further work required and provide you with revised advice about costs if necessary, which will be charged out at our standard hourly rates

Stage	Court fee	Range of fees
Letter before action	N/A	£175 - £450 + VAT (*)
Issue Claim	Debt value up to £5,000: Fee: £35 - £205 Debt value between £5,001 - £10,000: Fee: £445 Debt value between £10,001 - £100,000: Fee: 5% value of the claim	£250 - £600 + VAT (*)
Default Judgment	N/A	£175 - £250 + VAT
Advice on next steps	N/A	£175 - £350 + VAT

(*) For a single invoice claim, our fees will be at the lower end of the fee range. For multi-invoice claims (no more than five invoices) the upper end of the fee range will apply.

Whilst we will work hard to achieve the desired outcome, our fees are not conditional upon recovery being made from the other side.

Anyone wishing to proceed with a claim should note that:

- The cumulative value of the claim cannot exceed £100,000.
- The above costs are based on no more than five unpaid invoices.
- The VAT element of our fee may not be recoverable from the other side.
- If the value of your claim is under £10,000, you may not be able to recover your legal costs from the other side.
- Interest, compensation and VAT may take the debt into a higher banding with a higher cost.

What is included within our fees?

- Taking your instructions and reviewing documentation
- Undertaking appropriate searches, for example Land Registry searches.
- Sending a letter before action.
- Receiving payment and sending onto you.
- If the debt is not paid, drafting and issuing court proceedings.
- Where no Acknowledgement of Service or Defence is received, applying to court to enter Judgment in default.
- When Judgement in default is received, writing to the other side to request payment.
- If payment is not received within 14 days, providing you with advice on next steps and likely costs.

What is not included within our fees?

- Risk assessment as to the merit of your claim or the other side's ability to pay the debt.
- Court fees
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/728133/ex50-eng.pdf
- Disbursements are costs related to your claim that are payable to third parties. These may or may not be recoverable.
- Enforcement action to collect your debt, for example bailiffs, insolvency proceedings.
- Defended claims.

What we need from you

We require details of the debtor, copy invoices and correspondence with the debtor. We also require a copy of any written agreement between you and the debtor.

We aim to act as promptly as possible following receipt of your instructions. These estimates assume that you will supply us with all information and fees and disbursements requested promptly, all documents supplied are in the correct format and without unnecessary reminders on our behalf.

How long will my claim take?

Matters usually take between 4 -16 weeks from receipt of instructions to receipt of payment from the other side, depending on whether or not it is necessary to issue a claim. This is on the basis that other side pays promptly on receipt of Judgment in default. If enforcement action is needed, the matter may take longer to resolve.

Who will handle our application?

For commercial debts, matters will be handled by either Elaine Howard, an Associate Director or Tona Zefi, an Associate Solicitor within the Dispute Resolution & Litigation team. Elaine qualified in 2015 and Tona in 2017. The team is supervised by Director of Commercial Litigation, Richard Cooper, who qualified in 2002.

For property related debts, matters will be handled by Thomas Walsh, an Associate Solicitor. Thomas qualified in 2018. The team is supervised by Director, Anna Albini, who qualified in 2002.

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