

Fees for summary only motor offences

Our fees

Basis of our fees

This work is charged at fixed rates.

For matters which are summary only and are dealt with at a single hearing our fees are £550 plus VAT @ 20% (£110) (total £660).

Services included in the fee quoted

- Attending to take instructions, either at the office or court
- Considering evidence
- Providing advice in relation to plea and likely sentence
- Where we cannot anticipate the likely sentence, advice on the options available to the court in relation to sentencing
- Where appropriate, making written representations to the prosecution
- Full preparation for the hearing, including preparing your full mitigation
- Attendance and representation at a single hearing at the Magistrates' Court

For hearings in areas in close proximity to our offices, we would generally attend the hearing ourselves but for cases in courts further away we may use counsel. Counsel's fee are included in the quoted fee above.

Services not included in the fees quoted

On most occasions where you are entering a guilty plea, the matter will be dealt with at a single hearing. If you plead not guilty or there are any circumstances which mean that the matter is adjourned, set down for a longer hearing or trial, this will usually require assistance at hourly rates (see below). In particular, the fixed fee quoted does not cover the following services:

- Any trial and preparation for trial
- Instruction of any expert witnesses
- Taking statements from any witnesses
- Advice and assistance in relation to a special reasons hearing
- Advice and assistance in relation to an exceptional hardship hearing
- Any additional hearings
- If you are unhappy with the outcome, the cost of challenging a decision or consideration of your options

Any services which are not included in our fixed fee will be charged at our hourly rate which ranges from £130 ((plus VAT @ 20% = £26) (total £156) to £180 ((plus VAT @ 20% = £36) (Total £216) per hour, and we will discuss this with you should it become necessary and provide a bespoke quote depending on your circumstances.

Expenses and disbursements not included in the fee quoted

Expenses and disbursements could include:

- Interpreter's fees at £25 plus VAT @ 20% (£5) (total fee £30) per hour if needed
- Translation of documents at £25 plus VAT @ 20% (£5) (total fee £30) per hour if needed. It is not possible to predict the cost of these as this varies according to the particular circumstances.
- Court fees – likely to be in the region of £100 (no VAT)
- Travel costs to the Court - there will be additional disbursements in respect of our mileage/travel expenses based upon a rate of £0.45 per mile or second class public transport (plus VAT @ 20%)
- If we need to stay overnight, then hotel accommodation may be chargeable (amounts subject to VAT @ 20%) but we would try and avoid that where possible

Who will provide the service?

This work is undertaken by our Criminal Defence team, details of which can be found [here](#).