



Costs models

Hourly rates

Where fees are charged on the basis of an hourly rate, a six-minute billing unit is employed. The hourly rate will take into account the seniority of the barrister as well as their skills and expertise. It may also take account of the value and complexity of the case.

Brief and refresher

A brief fee is a fixed fee which covers preparation for a hearing and the first day. Our [practice management team](#) will discuss these in advance and when assessing an appropriate level for a brief fee as well as the time expended in preparation they will generally take the following factors into account:

- The importance of the case, including the importance to the client
- The complexity of the matter
- The length of hearing
- The volume of documentation
- The skill and specialised knowledge of Counsel and the responsibility involved
- Any other relevant factors

A refresher is a fixed fee for each subsequent day of a hearing.

Fixed fee

A barrister will charge a fee for a piece of work, which has been agreed in advance with our client. Our clients often prefer fixed fees because they provide a degree of certainty from the outset. There may be circumstances where additional fees are charged, but the [practice management team](#) will provide clear guidance on this at the appropriate time.

Capped fee

A barrister will charge an amount of money per hour (an hourly rate) but agrees that the total amount will not be more than a set total.

Conditional fee agreement (CFA)

A barrister and client agree to share the risk of the litigation by coming to a financial arrangement whereby part or sometimes all of the barrister's fees will only be payable by the client in the event of success. If any of the defined success criteria agreed when the CFA is entered into is achieved (i.e., the case is won) a success fee will be payable by the client in addition to the normal fees.