

Further Fee Guidance

Following the implementation of the three legal aid remuneration instruments, this document provides guidance on how Further Fees have been calculated for bills already paid in respect of certificates granted on or after 1 December 2024.

1. For each qualifying payment, every **Approved** expense line that has been paid is recalculated at the new rate. See *Worked Example 1* for illustration.
2. Where expense lines have been **Modified** prior to original completed assessment, a check is carried out that the claimed expense item is what was paid. If:
 - the claimed expense item matches what was paid then following the same process as an Approved expense line, a new fee is calculated at the new rate.
 - the claimed expense item does not match the paid item, a 16% uplift on the paid value is applied. See *Worked Example 2* for illustration.
3. In each instance the difference between the recalculated amount and the original payment is then taken, with VAT and any further adjustments at payment request level applied where applicable.
4. The resulting Further Fees are made via LAMS by way of an automatically generated payment to the original data request with the note "*Further Fee 2025 Fees*".

Worked Example 1 - Approved Expense Item

Advice (Unsocial)

Date

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LOR/Expense code

Solicitor / ADVU

Quantity / time

04:40

Total claimed (£)

£322.93

Assessed quantity / time

04:40

Assessed total (£)

£322.93

Determination

Approved

- AA-PACE - Advice(Unsocial) Hourly Rate paid 4 hours and 40 minutes at a rate of £69.20 per hour totalling £322.93.
- New hourly rate is £160 per hour bringing the new payment to £746.67.
- The further fee is then calculated as $£746.67 - £322.93 = £423.74 + 20\% \text{ VAT} = \mathbf{£508.49}$.

Worked Example 2 - Modified Expense Item

Withdrawn

Date

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LOR/Expense code

Solicitor / WID

Quantity / time

1

Total claimed (£)

£30.00

Assessed quantity / time

1

Assessed total (£)

£352.00

Determination

Modified

- Case withdrawal fee of £30 claimed but LSANI assessor identified that case was dismissed attracting a fee of £352.
- As the claimed item is different to what was paid, the further fee is calculated by applying a 16% uplift to the paid amount.
- The further fee is calculated as $£352 + 16\% = £408.32 - £352 = £56.32 + 20\% \text{ VAT} = \mathbf{£67.58}$