

Debt Recovery/Court Claims

Our fixed fees apply to claims which are not disputed, usually for an unpaid invoice. If the claim is disputed, we will discuss the further work required and will then provide you with an accurate quote. This could be on an hourly rate if the matter is more complicated, or on a fixed fee if a one-off letter is required.

What's included in these fees?

- Initial attendance with you to take your instructions and review any documentation
- Chasing the debtor if payment is not received
- Dealing with payment and sending onto you
- Advice regarding issuing proceedings

What's not included in these fees?

- The vat element of our fees cannot be claimed from the other party – the debtor
- These fixed fees do not cover enforcement action such as Bailiffs or Attachment of Earnings Orders
- Completing an Acknowledgment of Service or Defence
- Applying for Judgment
- Enforcement proceedings

Interest and compensation may mean that the debt falls into a higher banding and this means a higher cost

How long will it take?

From the time the initial letter before action is sent out to the debtor to receipt of payment, (if the matter is not disputed) it usually takes between 7 and 30 days. If it is necessary to issue a claim and enforcement action is needed, the matter can take up to 3 months to resolve.

An average small claims track claim is likely to cost between £1,000 and £3,000 inclusive of vat.

An average fast track claim is likely to cost between £6,000 including vat and £30,000 including vat.

Costs for a multi-track claim would be agreed on a case by case basis due to the complexity and range of work likely to be carried.

Disbursements:

Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties such as Barristers, Surveyors, Experts, Court fees and we usually request that these are paid to us prior to instructing any third party.

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