STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 106

LEGAL AID AND ADVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Criminal Legal Aid (Remuneration) (Amendment) Regulations 2026

Made - - - -	*5th February 2026*
Laid before Parliament	*6th February 2026*
Coming into force - -	*3rd March 2026*

The Lord Chancellor makes these Regulations(**a**) in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 2(3) and 41(1) to (3) of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012(**b**).

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Criminal Legal Aid (Remuneration) (Amendment) Regulations 2026.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 3rd March 2026.

(3) These Regulations extend to England and Wales.

Amendments to the Criminal Legal Aid (Remuneration) Regulations 2013

2.—(1) The Criminal Legal Aid (Remuneration) Regulations 2013(**c**) are amended as follows.

(2) Schedule 2 is amended as set out in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

(3) Schedule 4 is amended as set out in Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

Application and transitional provision

3.—(1) These Regulations apply to services provided following a relevant determination.

(2) In this regulation, "relevant determination" means a determination made on an application for services under section 13 (advice and assistance for individuals in custody), 15 (advice and assistance for criminal proceedings) or 16 (representation for criminal proceedings) of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 on or after 3rd March 2026.

(**a**) Section 42(1) of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 provides that, in Part 1 of that Act, "regulations" means regulations made by the Lord Chancellor.
(**b**) 2012 c. 10.
(**c**) S.I. 2013/435, amended by S.I. 2015/325, 2015/1369, 2015/1678, 2020/903, 2022/848, 2022/1035, 2022/995, 2023/1140, 2024/1163 and 2025/1251; there are other amending instruments, but none is relevant.

Signed by authority of the Lord Chancellor

Sarah Sackman
Minister of State
Ministry of Justice

5th February 2026

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 2(2)

Amendments to Schedule 2 to the Criminal Legal Aid (Remuneration) Regulations 2013

1. In paragraph 6 (cracked trial or guilty plea where the number of pages of prosecution evidence is less than or equal to the PPE Cut-off), for the table following sub-paragraph (2) (basic fees for cracked trials and guilty pleas) substitute—

Basic fees for cracked trials and guilty pleas (£)

Class of offence											
Type of case	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Cracked trial	1,265.79	946.73	637.90	1,202.50	410.38	410.38	410.38	410.38	410.38	1,265.79	889.94
Guilty plea	1,097.02	820.50	552.84	1,042.16	355.66	355.66	355.66	355.66	355.66	1,097.02	771.28

2. In paragraph 7 (trial where the number of pages of prosecution evidence is less than or equal to the PPE Cut-off), for the table following sub-paragraph (2) (basic fees for trials) substitute—

Basic fees for trials (£)

Class of offence											
Type of case	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Trial	1,687.72	1,262.31	850.53	1,603.33	547.18	547.18	547.18	547.18	547.18	1,687.72	1,186.59

3. In paragraph 8 (cracked trials and guilty pleas where the number of pages of prosecution evidence exceeds the PPE Cut-off), for the two tables following sub-paragraph (2) (table of final fees in cracked trials and table of final fees in guilty pleas) substitute—

Table of final fees in cracked trials

Class of offence	**PPE Range**	**Initial Fee (£)**	**Incremental fee per page of prosecution evidence (£)**
A	0—79	1,265.79	0
A	80—249	1,265.79	10.7
A	250—999	3,084.10	6.71
A	1,000—2,799	8,119.11	3.92
A	2,800—4,599	15,181.96	3.92
A	4,600—6,399	22,244.82	3.11
A	6,400—8,199	27,851.56	3.11
A	8,200—9,999	33,458.30	3.11
A	10,000	39,061.92	0
B	0—69	946.73	0

Class of offence	PPE Range	Initial Fee (£)	Incremental fee per page of prosecution evidence (£)
B	70—249	946.73	7.83
B	250—999	2,355.25	3.66
B	1,000—2,799	5,102.14	2.44
B	2,800—4,599	9,493.09	2.44
B	4,600—6,399	13,884.04	2.05
B	6,400—8,199	17,576.07	2.05
B	8,200—9,999	21,268.08	2.05
B	10,000	24,958.04	0
C	0—39	637.90	0
C	40—249	637.90	3.92
C	250—999	1,461.84	2.25
C	1,000—2,799	3,146.13	1.43
C	2,800—4,599	5,720.55	1.43
C	4,600—6,399	8,294.96	1.43
C	6,400—8,199	10,869.38	1.43
C	8,200—9,999	13,443.81	1.43
C	10,000	16,016.80	0
D	0—79	1,202.50	0
D	80—249	1,202.50	10.14
D	250—999	2,925.65	6.11
D	1,000—2,799	7,506.91	3.61
D	2,800—4,599	13,998.89	3.61
D	4,600—6,399	20,490.86	2.96
D	6,400—8,199	25,819.94	2.96
D	8,200—9,999	31,145.02	2.96
D	10,000	36,469.13	0
E	0—39	410.38	0
E	40—249	410.38	4.60
E	250—999	1,376.78	1.46
E	1,000—2,799	2,468.89	0.61
E	2,800—4,599	3,567.61	0.61
E	4,600—6,399	4,666.32	0.61
E	6,400—8,199	5,765.04	0.61
E	8,200—9,999	6,863.76	0.61
E	10,000	7,961.86	0
F	0—49	410.38	0
F	50—249	410.38	4.42
F	250—999	1,293.69	1.79

Class of offence	PPE Range	Initial Fee (£)	Incremental fee per page of prosecution evidence (£)
F	1,000—2,799	2,636.55	0.70
F	2,800—4,599	3,890.83	0.70
F	4,600—6,399	5,145.10	0.70
F	6,400—8,199	6,399.37	0.70
F	8,200—9,999	7,653.65	0.70
F	10,000	8,907.22	0
G	0—49	410.38	0
G	50—249	410.38	4.42
G	250—999	1,293.69	1.79
G	1,000—2,799	2,636.55	0.70
G	2,800—4,599	3,890.83	0.70
G	4,600—6,399	5,145.10	0.70
G	6,400—8,199	6,399.37	0.70
G	8,200—9,999	7,653.65	0.70
G	10,000	8,907.22	0
H	0—39	410.38	0
H	40—249	410.38	4.26
H	250—999	1,304.99	1.56
H	1,000—2,799	2,471.58	0.70
H	2,800—4,599	3,724.17	0.70
H	4,600—6,399	4,976.75	0.70
H	6,400—8,199	6,229.34	0.70
H	8,200—9,999	7,481.93	0.70
H	10,000	8,733.82	0
I	0—39	410.38	0
I	40—249	410.38	5.92
I	250—999	1,653.50	2.31
I	1,000—2,799	3,388.61	0.90
I	2,800—4,599	5,004.06	0.90
I	4,600—6,399	6,619.49	0.90
I	6,400—8,199	8.234.93	0.90
I	8,200—9,999	9,850.37	0.90
I	10,000	11,464.90	0
J	0—79	1,265.79	0
J	80—249	1,265.79	10.7
J	250—999	3,084.10	6.71
J	1,000—2,799	8,119.11	3.92
J	2,800—4,599	15,181.96	3.92

Class of offence	PPE Range	Initial Fee (£)	Incremental fee per page of prosecution evidence (£)
J	4,600—6,399	22,244.82	3.11
J	6,400—8,199	27,851.56	3.11
J	8,200—9,999	33,458.30	3.11
J	10,000	39,061.92	0
K	0—119	889.94	0
K	120—249	889.94	6.55
K	250—999	1,740.93	5.02
K	1,000—2,799	5,505.06	4.39
K	2,800—5,499	13,415.12	4.39
K	4,600—6,399	21,325.20	3.75
K	6,400—8,199	28,070.37	3.75
K	8,200—9,999	34,815.54	3.75
K	10,000	41,556.97	0

Table of final fees in guilty pleas

Class of offence	PPE Range	Initial Fee (£)	Incremental fee per page of prosecution evidence (£)
A	0—79	1,097.02	0
A	80—399	1,097.02	5.62
A	400—999	2,894.92	2.96
A	1,000—2,799	4,672.72	1.89
A	2,800—4,599	8,083.52	1.89
A	4,600—6,399	11,494.31	1.12
A	6,400—8,199	13,507.23	1.12
A	8,200—9999	15,520.16	1.12
A	10,000	17,531.96	0
B	0—69	820.50	0
B	70—399	820.50	4.52
B	400—999	2,310.98	2.28
B	1,000—2,799	3,676.14	1.45
B	2,800—4,599	6,290.31	1.45
B	4,600—6,399	8,904.50	1.06
B	6,400—8,199	10,819.74	1.06
B	8,200—9,999	12,734.99	1.06
B	10,000	14,649.17	0
C	0—39	552.84	0
C	40—399	552.84	2.66
C	400—999	1,511.81	1.46

Class of offence	PPE Range	Initial Fee (£)	Incremental fee per page of prosecution evidence (£)
C	1,000—2,799	2,386.20	0.79
C	2,800—4,599	3,809.86	0.79
C	4,600—6,399	5,233.54	0.79
C	6,400—8,199	6,657.21	0.79
C	8,200—9,999	8,080.88	0.79
C	10,000	9,503.75	0
D	0—79	1,042.16	0
D	80—399	1,042.16	5.23
D	400—999	2,716.46	2.75
D	1,000—2,799	4,364.17	1.71
D	2,800—4,599	7,442.00	1.71
D	4,600—6,399	10,519.83	1.06
D	6,400—8,199	12,432.78	1.06
D	8,200—9,999	14,345.71	1.06
D	10,000	16,257.59	0
E	0—39	355.66	0
E	40—399	355.66	2.92
E	400—999	1,408.20	1.25
E	1,000—2,799	2,160.03	0.46
E	2,800—4,599	2,990.66	0.46
E	4,600—6,399	3,821.29	0.46
E	6,400—8,199	4,651.92	0.46
E	8,200—9,999	5,482.55	0.46
E	10,000	6,312.71	0
F	0—49	355.66	0
F	50—399	355.66	2.83
F	400—999	1,347.58	0.99
F	1,000—2,799	1,941.06	0.32
F	2,800—4,599	2,513.92	0.32
F	4,600—6,399	3,086.78	0.32
F	6,400—8,199	3,659.63	0.32
F	8,200—9,999	4,232.49	0.32
F	10,000	4,805.03	0
G	0—49	355.66	0
G	50—399	355.66	2.83
G	400—999	1,347.58	0.99
G	1,000—2,799	1,941.06	0.32
G	2,800—4,599	2,513.92	0.32

Class of offence	PPE Range	Initial Fee (£)	Incremental fee per page of prosecution evidence (£)
G	4,600—6,399	3,086.78	0.32
G	6,400—8,199	3,659.63	0.32
G	8,200—9,999	4,232.49	0.32
G	10,000	4,805.03	0
H	0—39	355.66	0
H	40—399	355.66	2.79
H	400—999	1,361.28	0.99
H	1,000—2,799	1,955.43	0.32
H	2,800—4,599	2,524.54	0.32
H	4,600—6,399	3,093.67	0.32
H	6,400—8,199	3,662.79	0.32
H	8,200—9,999	4,231.91	0.32
H	10,000	4,800.69	0
I	0—39	355.66	0
I	40—399	355.66	3.12
I	400—999	1,479.58	1.36
I	1,000—2,799	2,297.35	0.51
I	2,800—4,599	3,214.08	0.51
I	4,600—6,399	4,130.81	0.51
I	6,400—8,199	5,047.54	0.51
I	8,200—9,999	5,964.28	0.51
I	10,000	6,880.51	0
J	0—79	1,097.02	0
J	80—399	1,097.02	5.62
J	400—999	2,894.92	2.96
J	1,000—2,799	4,672.72	1.89
J	2,800—4,599	8,083.52	1.89
J	4,600—6,399	11,494.31	1.12
J	6,400—8,199	13,507.23	1.12
J	8,200—9,999	15,520.16	1.12
J	10,000	17,531.96	0
K	0—119	771.28	0
K	120—399	771.28	5.26
K	400—999	2,243.57	2.93
K	1,000—2,799	3,999.68	2.73
K	2,800—4,599	8,905.99	2.73
K	4,600—6,399	13,812.30	2.08
K	6,400—8,199	17,553.72	2.08

Class of offence	PPE Range	Initial Fee (£)	Incremental fee per page of prosecution evidence (£)
K	8,200—9,999	21,295.15	2.08
K	10,000	25,034.48	0

4. In paragraph 9 (trials where the number of pages of prosecution evidence exceeds the PPE Cut-off), for the table following sub-paragraph (2) (table of final fees in trials) substitute—

Table of final fees in trials

Class of offence	PPE Range	Initial Fee (£)	Incremental fee per page of prosecution evidence (£)
A	0—79	1,687.72	0
A	80—209	1,687.72	16.58
A	210—699	3,842.68	12.66
A	700—1,049	10,045.05	10.62
A	1,050—1,999	13,763.56	9.21
A	2,000—3,599	22,515.56	8.42
A	3,600—5,199	35,987.17	8.42
A	5,200—6,799	49,458.78	8.42
A	6,800—8,399	62,930.40	8.42
A	8,400—9,999	76,402.01	8.42
A	10,000	89,865.20	0
B	0—69	1,262.31	0
B	70—199	1,262.31	12.81
B	200—499	2,927.25	11.44
B	500—899	6,360.03	9.63
B	900—1,299	10,212.86	8.09
B	1,300—1,999	13,449.68	7.09
B	2,000—3,299	18,414.16	7.09
B	3,300—4,999	27,633.89	7.09
B	5,000—5,999	39,690.47	7.09
B	6,000—7,999	46,782.58	7.09
B	8,000—8,999	60,966.79	7.09
B	9,000—9999	68,058.89	7.09
B	10,000	75,143.91	0
C	0—39	850.53	0
C	40—299	850.53	10.57
C	300—799	3,597.48	9.23
C	800—1,249	8,212.68	7.73
C	1,250—1,999	11,689.03	6.83
C	2,000—3,199	16,811.87	4.72

Class of offence	PPE Range	Initial Fee (£)	Incremental fee per page of prosecution evidence (£)
C	3,200—4,559	22,479.73	4.72
C	4,560—5,919	28,903.32	4.72
C	5,920—7,279	35,326.90	4.72
C	7,280—8,639	41,750.48	4.72
C	8,640—9,999	48,174.06	4.72
C	10,000	54,592.94	0
D	0—79	1,603.33	0
D	80—209	1,603.33	15.75
D	210—699	3,650.54	12.03
D	700—1,049	9,542.80	10.09
D	1,050—1,999	13,075.38	8.75
D	2,000—3,599	21,389.78	8
D	3,600—5,199	34,187.90	8
D	5,200—6,799	46,985.83	8
D	6,800—8,399	59,783.87	8
D	8,400—9,999	72,581.90	8
D	10,000	85,371.93	0
E	0—39	547.18	0
E	40—69	547.18	9.52
E	70—129	832.66	8.57
E	130—599	1,347.04	8.29
E	600—1,349	5,244.20	5.44
E	1,350—2,999	9,326.42	2.39
E	3,000—4,749	13,267.23	2.39
E	4,750—6,499	17,446.87	2.39
E	6,500—8,249	21,626.50	2.39
E	8,250—9,999	25,806.15	2.39
E	10,000	29,983.39	0
F	0—49	547.18	0
F	50—229	547.18	7.31
F	230—699	1,862.79	6.96
F	700—1,399	5,136.22	5.60
F	1,400—1,949	9,055.38	4.32
F	1,950—3,549	11,431.95	2.16
F	3,550—5,149	14,879.99	2.16
F	5,150—6,749	18,330.03	2.16
F	6,750—8,349	21,779.07	2.16
F	8,350—9,999	25,228.11	2.16

Class of offence	PPE Range	Initial Fee (£)	Incremental fee per page of prosecution evidence (£)
F	10,000	28,782.79	0
G	0—49	547.18	0
G	50—229	547.18	7.31
G	230—699	1,862.79	6.96
G	700—1,399	5,136.22	5.60
G	1,400—1,949	9,055.38	4.32
G	1,950—3,549	11,431.95	2.16
G	3,550—5,149	14,879.99	2.16
G	5,150—6,749	18,330.03	2.16
G	6,750—8,349	21,779.07	2.16
G	8,350—9,999	25,228.11	2.16
G	10,000	28,782.79	0
H	0—39	547.18	0
H	40—249	547.18	8.60
H	250—619	2,352.35	7.15
H	620—1,299	4,997.22	5.31
H	1,300—2,999	8,608.17	4.21
H	3,000—4,999	15,773.02	2.27
H	5,000—5,999	20,319.27	2.27
H	6,000—6,999	22,592.33	2.27
H	7,000—7,999	24,865.46	2.27
H	8,000—8,999	27,138.58	2.27
H	9,000—9,999	29,411.71	2.27
H	10,000	31,682.56	0
I	0—39	547.18	0
I	40—369	547.18	9.14
I	370—799	3,563.40	9.09
I	800—1,299	7,472.17	8.99
I	1,300—2,699	11,968.76	7.08
I	2,700—4,199	21,887.37	3.04
I	4,200—5,359	26,454.26	3.04
I	5,360—6,519	29,985.99	3.04
I	6,520—7,679	33,517.71	3.04
I	7,680—8,839	37,049.45	3.04
I	8,840—9,999	40,581.17	3.04
I	10,000	44,109.85	0
J	0—79	1,687.72	0
J	80—209	1,687.72	16.58

Class of offence	PPE Range	Initial Fee (£)	Incremental fee per page of prosecution evidence (£)
J	210—699	3,842.68	12.66
J	700—1049	10,045.05	10.62
J	1,050—1,999	13,763.56	9.21
J	2,000—3,599	22,515.56	8.42
J	3,600—5,199	35,987.17	8.42
J	5,200—6,799	49,458.78	8.42
J	6,800—8,399	62,930.40	8.42
J	8,400—9,999	76,402.01	8.42
J	10,000	89,865.20	0
K	0—119	1,186.59	0
K	120—734	1,186.59	8.66
K	735—1,289	6,510.83	8.72
K	1,290—2,399	11,348.44	8.87
K	2,400—4,499	21,197.30	8.84
K	4,500—7,999	39,760.51	8.84
K	8,000—8,399	70,699.17	8.84
K	8,400—8,799	74,235.01	8.84
K	8,800—9,199	77.770.85	8.84
K	9,200—9,599	81,306.71	8.84
K	9,600—9,999	84,842.55	8.84
K	10,000	88,369.56	0

5. For the table following paragraph 19 (fixed fees), substitute—

Fixed fees

Types of proceedings	Paragraph providing for fee	Fee payable - (£ per proceedings)
Appeal against sentence from a magistrates' court	15	196.48
Appeal against conviction from a magistrates' court	15	442.08
Committal for sentence	15	267.93
Hearing subsequent to sentence	16	178.62
Contempt proceedings (where contempt is alleged to have been committed by a person other than the defendant)	17(2)	133.96
Alleged breach of a Crown Court Order	18(2)	89.31

SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 2(3)

Amendments to Schedule 4 to the Criminal Legal Aid (Remuneration) Regulations 2013

1. In paragraph 9 (representation on an appeal by way of case stated), for the table following sub-paragraph (1) substitute—

Representation on an appeal by way of case stated in the High Court

	High Court (£)
Routine letters out per item	8.66
Routine telephone calls per item	4.80
All other preparation work - hourly rate	86.58 (91.76 where the Provider's office is in London)
Attending counsel in conference or at the trial or hearing of any summons or application at court or other appointment - hourly rate	42.70
Attending without counsel at the trial or hearing of any cause or the hearing of any summons or other application at court or other appointment - hourly rate	86.58
Travel and waiting hourly rate	38.38

2. In paragraph 12 (payment for Assigned Counsel)—

(a) for sub-paragraph (1), substitute—

"(1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies to the fees payable to Assigned Counsel for representation in the High Court, the family court or a county court in proceedings prescribed as criminal proceedings under section 14(h) of the Act.";

(b) for sub-paragraph (3) and the table following sub-paragraph (3), substitute—

"(3) The fees payable to Assigned Counsel for representation in a magistrates' court or youth court or in the High Court on an appeal by way of case stated are subject to the limits specified in the table following this paragraph.

Payment for Assigned Counsel for representation in a magistrates' court or youth court or in the High Court on an appeal by way of case stated

	Junior Counsel (£)	**King's Counsel (£)**
Basic fee for preparation, including for a pretrial review and, where appropriate, the first day's hearing including, where they took place on that day, short conferences, consultations, applications and appearances (including bail applications, views and any other preparation)	Maximum amount 540.16	Maximum amount 5,130.84
Refresher daily fee (for any day or part of a day during which a hearing continued, including, where they took place on that day, short conferences, consultations, applications and appearances (including bail applications, views and any other preparation))	Maximum amount 185.96	Maximum amount 342.83
Subsidiary fees		
Attendance at consultations, conferences and views not covered by the basic fee or the refresher fee	33.76 per hour - minimum amount 16.76	62.91 per hour - minimum amount 32.32
Written work (on evidence, plea, appeal, cases stated or other written work).	Maximum amount 59.17	Maximum amount 121.20

	Junior Counsel (£)	King's Counsel (£)
Attendance at pre-trial reviews, applications and other appearances (including bail applications and adjournments for sentence) not covered by the basic fee or the refresher fee	Maximum amount 108.52	Maximum amount 236.63

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Criminal Legal Aid (Remuneration) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/435) ("the Remuneration Regulations"), which make provision for the remuneration of advice, assistance and representation made available under sections 13, 15 and 16 of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (c. 10) ("the Act").

Regulation 2(2) and Schedule 1 make amendments to Schedule 2 to the Remuneration Regulations by introducing a fixed ratio of 65:75:100 between guilty plea, cracked trial, and trial basic fees for all offence types; increasing the trial basic fees for offence types E, F, G, H and I within the Litigators' Graduated Fee Scheme; and increasing certain appeals fees.

Regulation 2(3) and Schedule 2 make amendments to Schedule 4 to the Remuneration Regulations by increasing certain appeals fees.

These Regulations apply to matters in which a determination under section 13, 15 or 16 of the Act is made on or after 3rd March 2026.

A full impact assessment of the effect that the fee increases will have on the costs of business, the voluntary sector and the public sector is produced with the Government's response to the consultation 'Criminal Legal Aid: proposals for solicitor fee scheme reform', available online at https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/criminal-legal-aid-proposals-for-solicitor-fee-scheme-reform. A hard copy of the Government's response to the consultation can be obtained free of charge from the Criminal Legal Aid Policy Team, Legal Aid and Legal Support Directorate, Justice and Courts Policy Group, Ministry of Justice, 102 Petty France, London SW1H 9AJ.

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