



## Our costs for defending driving offences

We are required to provide price information for assistance in relation to summary only motoring offences under Part I of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and s89 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Our fixed fees are as follows:

For cases being heard	within the jurisdiction of the courts of Northumbria	outside the jurisdiction of the courts of Northumbria
Initial appointment to discuss the allegation(s) and to review the available outcomes at Court	£100 (plus VAT at 20%)	£100 (plus VAT at 20%)
'Home' based initial consultation	£150 (plus VAT at 20%)	£175 (plus VAT at 20%)
*First appearance to enter a guilty plea and mitigate an admitted offence	£350 (plus VAT at 20%)	£400 (plus VAT at 20%)
"Refresher Appearance" fee for guilty plea offences not concluded at the initial hearing	£100 (plus VAT at 20%) per additional hearing	£150 (plus VAT at 20%) per additional hearing
**Appearance to enter a guilty plea and then to subsequently prepare and present either an Exceptional Hardship or Special Reasons hearing	£600 (plus VAT at 20%)	£700 (plus VAT at 20%)
*Appearance to enter a Not Guilty Plea and there-after appearance to conduct a trial with a time estimate of up to half a day	£800 (plus VAT at 20%)	£900 (plus VAT at 20%)
Additional Refresher Appearance fee for any not guilty plea case requiring more than the initial hearing and trial hearing	£100 (plus VAT at 20%) per additional hearing	£150 (plus VAT at 20%) per additional hearing
*Appearance to enter a Not Guilty Plea and there-after appearance to conduct a trial with a time estimate of a full day	£1100 (plus VAT at 20%)	£1200 (plus VAT at 20%)
Standard fee for attendances at our offices to discuss any ongoing case	£100 (plus VAT at 20%)	£100 (plus VAT at 20%)
'Home' based further consultations	£150 (plus VAT at 20%)	£175 (plus VAT at 20%)

For the above services marked '\*\*' and '\*\*'', our fee includes the following:

- Considering evidence
- Taking your instruction
- Providing advice on likely sentence

For the above services marked '\*\*', our fee does not include the following:

- Instruction of any expert witnesses
- Taking statements from any witnesses' advice
- Assistance in relation to a special reasons hearing

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- Instruction of any expert witnesses
- Taking statements from any witnesses' advice

## **Key Stages**

The key stages of your matter are based on the presumption that you have entered a guilty plea and have a date for your hearing.

- Meet with your solicitor to provide instructions on what happened.
- We will consider initial disclosure, and any other evidence and provide advice.
- Arranging to take any witness statements if necessary (except for the above services marked '\*\*' and '\*\*'')
- We will explain the court procedure to you so you know what to expect on the day of your hearing, and the sentencing options available to the court.

## **Timescales**

- We cannot provide a timescale of when your hearing will take place, as this depends on the court listing for that day.
- We will attend court on the day and meet with you before going before the court. We anticipate being at court up to a full day however this may be no longer than half a day depending on the case.
- We will discuss the outcome with you. If advice is required on appeal, this will carry an additional cost in line with the above fixed fee pricelist.

## **Who will work on your case?**

A solicitor, associate or Partner will work on your case with supervision undertaken by a Partner in the Driving & Motoring Offences team. If a Partner works on your case, they may be supervised by an associate.

For further details of the experience and qualifications of the individuals who may work on your case, please [click here](#).