SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2024 No. 235

SHERIFF COURT

The Sheriff Court Fees Order 2024

Made - - - - 5th September 2024
Laid before the Scottish
Parliament - - - 9th September 2024
Coming into force - - 1st November 2024

The Scottish Ministers make the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 107(1) and (2) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014(1) and all other powers enabling them to do so.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Sheriff Court Fees Order 2024 and comes into force on 1 November 2024.

Interpretation

- **2.** In this Order—
 - "extract decree" includes any duly authenticated extract of an order made by the sheriff in respect of any licence, appointment, discharge or like matter,
 - "minute" means a minute in terms of rule 14.2 of the Ordinary Cause Rules,
 - "motion" means any written motion lodged with the sheriff clerk in any proceedings in the sheriff court,
 - "Ordinary Cause Rules" means the Ordinary Cause Rules 1993(2),
 - "partner" means a person to whom a person is married or with whom the person is in a civil partnership,
 - "pursuer" includes a defender or other party to any proceedings in the sheriff court where the pursuer is no longer a party to the proceedings,
 - "sheriff clerk" includes the Sheriff Clerk of Chancery, the Commissary Clerk of Edinburgh and sheriff clerk depute,

^{(1) 2014} asp 18. The definition of "relevant officer" in section 107(3) was relevantly amended by S.S.I. 2016/387.

⁽²⁾ The Ordinary Cause Rules 1993 are in schedule 1 of the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1907 (c. 51). Schedule 1 was substituted by S.I. 1993/1956 and was last amended prospectively by S.S.I. 2023/196.

"summary cause" has the meaning assigned to it by section 35(1) of the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971(3), and

"writ" means any document containing written pleadings relating to proceedings in the sheriff court and includes an inventory of estate, a precept of arrestment on a liquid document of debt, a notice of intention to defend and a notice of appearance lodged in an action of multiplepoinding under rule 35.8 of the Ordinary Cause Rules.

Fees payable in sheriff courts

- **3.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (3) and articles 4 to 14, the fees payable in a sheriff court in respect of the matters specified in column 1 of the Table of Fees in the schedule (table of fees payable from 1 November 2024) are the fees specified in relation to those matters in column 2 of that Table.
 - (2) The fees payable under this Order are to be paid to the sheriff clerk or the auditor of court.
- (3) The fees provided for by this Order are not payable by the Crown in the enforcement of the criminal law or in the exercise of powers or the performance of duties arising out of or relating to that enforcement.
- (4) No act is required of the sheriff clerk or the auditor of court in connection with a matter specified in relation to any fee prior to—
 - (a) the payment of that fee, or
 - (b) an arrangement being entered into for payment of that fee.

Certain fees payable only once

- **4.** The fees payable in respect of the following matters are payable on one occasion only in respect of a cause—
 - (a) the matters specified in paragraphs 5, 24, 25 and 28 of the Table of Fees in Part 1 of the schedule, and
 - (b) the matters specified in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Table of Fees in Part 2 of the schedule.

Matters included in certain fees

- 5. The following matters include, where appropriate, issue of an extract decree—
 - (a) the matters specified in paragraphs 1, 5 to 8, 16 and 23 of the Table of Fees in Part 1 of the schedule, and
 - (b) the matters specified in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Table of Fees in Part 2 of the schedule.

Fees payable in the Sheriff Personal Injury Court

- **6.**—(1) The fees specified in the Table of Fees in Part 2 of the schedule apply only in relation to proceedings in the Sheriff Personal Injury Court(4).
- (2) Paragraph (3) applies where a matter is specified both in the Table of Fees in Part 1 of the schedule (sheriff court) and in the Table of Fees in Part 2 of that schedule (sheriff personal injury court).
- (3) The fee specified in the Table of Fees in Part 2 applies, and the corresponding fee in Part 1 is not payable in relation to proceedings in the Sheriff Personal Injury Court.

^{(3) 1971} c. 58. Section 35(1) was amended by S.S.I. 2007/507 and the Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Scotland) Act 2007 (asp 3).

⁽⁴⁾ See article 2 of the All-Scotland Sheriff Court (Sheriff Personal Injury Court) Order 2015 (S.S.I. 2015/213).

Cases in which an extra fee is payable

- 7.—(1) When a summary cause or simple procedure case(5) is remitted to the ordinary cause roll, the fees payable in paragraphs 5 and 23 of the Table of Fees in Part 1 of the schedule become payable in respect of the cause by the persons who would have been required to pay them if the cause had been from its commencement an ordinary cause, less the amount of any fee previously paid by the person concerned in respect of the cause.
- (2) When any commissary proceedings, bankruptcy proceedings or proceedings under section 4 of the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995(6) are opposed, the fees specified in paragraphs 5 and 23 of the Table of Fees in Part 1 of the schedule become payable in respect of the proceedings by the persons who would have been required to pay them if the proceedings had been from their commencement proceedings to which those paragraphs applied, less the amount of any fee previously paid by the person concerned in respect of the proceedings.

Exemption of certain persons from fees: legal aid

- 8. A fee specified by this Order is not payable by a person if—
 - (a) the person is in receipt of civil legal aid within the meaning of section 13(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986(7) in respect of the matter in the Table of Fees in Part 1 or Part 2 of the schedule in connection with which the fee is payable,
 - (b) the fee is payable in connection with a simplified divorce or dissolution of a civil partnership application and the person is in receipt of advice and assistance from a solicitor under the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 in respect of that application, or
 - (c) the person's solicitor is undertaking work in relation to the matter in the Table of Fees in Part 1 or Part 2 of the schedule in connection with which the fee is payable on the basis of any regulations made under section 36(1) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 providing for legal aid in a matter of special urgency.

Exemption of certain persons from fees: social security

- 9.—(1) A fee specified by this Order is not payable by a person if—
 - (a) the person or the person's partner is in receipt of income support under the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(8),
 - (b) the person is in receipt of an income-based jobseeker's allowance under the Jobseekers Act 1995(9).
 - (c) the person or the person's partner is in receipt of guarantee credit under the State Pension Credit Act 2002(10),
 - (d) the person or the person's partner ("the party") is in receipt of working tax credit, provided that—

^{(5) &}quot;simple procedure case" is defined in section 72(9) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (asp 18).

^{(6) 1995} c. 7. Sections 2 to 9 are moved into a new Part 2 by the Land Registration (Scotland) Act 2012 (asp 5).

^{(7) 1986} c. 47. Section 13(2) was amended by paragraph 36(3) of schedule 8 of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990 (c. 40).

^{(8) 1992} c. 4. Section 124, which provides for income support, was amended by schedules 2 and 3 of the Jobseekers Act 1995 (c. 18); paragraph 28 of Part 4 of schedule 8 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (c. 30); schedules 2 and 3 of the State Pension Credit Act 2002 (c. 16); schedule 24 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c. 33); schedules 3 and 8 of the Welfare Reform Act 2007 (c. 5); section 3 of the Welfare Reform Act 2009 (c. 24); and part 1 of schedule 14 of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (c. 5).

^{(9) 1995} c. 18.

^{(10) 2002} c. 16.

- (i) child tax credit is being paid to the party, or otherwise following a claim for child tax credit made jointly by the members of a couple (as defined in section 3(5A) of the Tax Credits Act 2002(11) which includes the party, or
- (ii) there is a disability element or severe disability element (or both) to the tax credit received by the party,

and that the gross annual income taken into account for the calculation of the working tax credit is £20,592 or less,

- (e) the person or the person's partner is in receipt of income-related employment and support allowance under the Welfare Reform Act 2007(12),
- (f) the person is in receipt of universal credit under Part 1 of the 2012 Act(13),
- (g) the person is in receipt of either—
 - (i) personal independence payment under Part 4 of the 2012 Act, or
 - (ii) adult disability payment within the meaning given in regulation 2 of the Disability Assistance for Working Age People (Scotland) Regulations 2022(14)

provided that the person's gross annual income is £20,592 or less, or

- (h) the person or the person's partner has, within the period of 3 months prior to the date the specified fee would be payable but for this exemption, received financial or other assistance under the Welfare Funds (Scotland) Act 2015(15).
- (2) In this article—

"the 2012 Act" means the Welfare Reform Act 2012(16).

Cases where articles 8 and 9 do not apply

- **10.** Articles 8 and 9 do not apply as regards—
 - (a) the fees specified in paragraphs 1 to 4 (commissary proceedings) of the Table of Fees in Part 1 of the schedule, or
 - (b) the fee specified in paragraph 18 (sheriff court proceedings: petition for removal of disqualification) of the Table of Fees in Part 1 of the schedule.

Exemption in connection with estate exempt from inheritance tax

11. Where the estate of a deceased person is exempt from inheritance tax by virtue of section 153A (death of emergency service personnel etc.), 154 (death on active service etc.) or 155A (death of constables and service personnel targeted because of their status) of the Inheritance Tax Act 1984(17), there will be no fee payable in respect of the inventory of that estate under paragraph 3(a), (b) or (c) (commissary proceedings) of the Table of Fees in Part 1 of the schedule.

^{(11) 2002} c. 21. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of section 3(5A) were substituted for paragraphs (a) to (d) by paragraph 23(2) of schedule 3 of S.I. 2019/1458. Section 3(5A) was substituted for section 3(5) and (6) by paragraph 144(3) of schedule 24 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c. 33). Part 1 of the Tax Credits Act 2002 was repealed by part 1 of schedule 14 of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 subject to savings provisions in S.I. 2019/167.

^{(12) 2007} c. 5.

^{(13) 2012} c. 5.

⁽¹⁴⁾ S.S.I. 2022/54.

^{(15) 2015} asp 5.

^{(16) 2012} c. 5.

^{(17) 1984} c. 51. Sections 153A and 155A were inserted by, and section 154 was last amended by, section 75 of the Finance Act 2015 (c. 11).

Exemptions relating to particular proceedings

- 12.—(1) The fees provided for by this Order do not apply to—
 - (a) any application under—
 - (i) section 129 of the Consumer Credit Act 1974(18) (time orders),
 - (ii) the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003(19), or
 - (iii) any enactment relating to registration of births, marriages or civil partnerships, or
 - (b) any application or appeal under the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011(20).
- (2) Except in relation to the fee specified in paragraph 34 of the Table of Fees in Part 1 of the schedule, the fees otherwise payable by a debtor or creditor in terms of this Order do not apply to any proceedings under the Debtors (Scotland) Act 1987(21) or the Debt Arrangement and Attachment (Scotland) Act 2002(22).

Exemptions for applicants for certain interdicts and orders

- 13.—(1) The fees provided for by this Order are not payable by a person applying for a specified interdict or for an exclusion order.
 - (2) In this article—
 - (a) "specified interdict" means an interdict or interim interdict that is—
 - (i) a matrimonial interdict within the meaning of section 14(2) of the Matrimonial Homes (Family Protection) (Scotland) Act 1981(23) (interdict competent where spouses live together),
 - (ii) a domestic interdict within the meaning of section 18A of that Act(24) (meaning of "domestic interdict"),
 - (iii) a relevant interdict under section 113(2) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004(25) (civil partners: competency of interdict), or
 - (iv) otherwise an interdict in respect of which there is an application for a power of arrest to be attached under section 1 of the Protection from Abuse (Scotland) Act 2001(26) (attachment of power of arrest to interdict), and
 - (b) "exclusion order" means an exclusion order under—
 - (i) section 4 of the Matrimonial Homes (Family Protection) (Scotland) Act 1981(27) (exclusion orders),
 - (ii) section 76 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995(28) (exclusion orders etc.), or
 - (iii) section 104 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (exclusion orders).
- (3) The exemption in paragraph (1) does not apply to a person applying for a principal remedy other than a specified interdict or exclusion order.

^{(18) 1974} c. 39. Section 129 was amended by the Debtors (Scotland) Act 1987 (c. 18) and the Consumer Credit Act 2006 (c. 14).

^{(19) 2003} asp 13.

^{(20) 2011} asp 1.

^{(21) 1987} c 18.

⁽**22**) 2002 asp 17.

^{(23) 1981} c. 59. Section 14 was amended by schedule 3 of the Family Law (Scotland) Act 2006 (asp 2) and by S.S.I. 2006/384.

⁽²⁴⁾ Section 18A was inserted by section 31(3) of the Family Law (Scotland) Act 2006 (asp 2).

^{(25) 2004} c 33. Section 113 was amended by paragraph 8 of schedule 1 and schedule 3 of the Family Law (Scotland) Act 2006 and by S.S.I. 2006/384.

^{(26) 2001} asp 14. Section 1 was amended by paragraph 1 of schedule 3 of the Family Law (Scotland) Act 2006.

⁽²⁷⁾ Section 4 was amended by section 13(5) of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1985 (c. 73). By virtue of section 18(3) of the Matrimonial Homes (Family Protection) (Scotland) Act 1981, section 4 applies in certain cases to cohabiting couples.

^{(28) 1995} c. 36. There are amendments to section 76 not relevant to this Order.

Exemption of certain motions from fees: jury trials in the Sheriff Personal Injury Court

- **14.** The fees specified in paragraph 29 of the Table of Fees in Part 1 of the schedule and in paragraph 1 of the Table of Fees in Part 2 of the schedule are not payable in respect of motions under the following rules of the Ordinary Cause Rules—
 - (a) rule 36B.2(2)(b) (motion for a proof),
 - (b) rule 36B.2(6) (motion for approval of proposed issue),
 - (c) rule 36B.2(7) (motion for approval of proposed counter-issue), and
 - (d) rule 36B.10 (motion for application of verdict).

Revocations

- **15.** The following instruments are revoked—
 - (a) the Sheriff Court Fees Order 2022(29), and
 - (b) the Sheriff Court Fees Amendment Order 2022(30).

St Andrew's House, Edinburgh 5th September 2024

SIOBHIAN BROWN
Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers

⁽²⁹⁾ S.S.I. 2022/181.

⁽³⁰⁾ S.S.I. 2022/214.

SCHEDULE

Article 3(1)

TABLE OF FEES

PART 1

Sheriff Court

Payable from 1 November 2024

	lumn 1 atters)	Column 2 (Fee Payable) £	Column 3 (Fee Formerly Payable)(31) £
PAR	T I — COMMISSARY PROCEEDINGS	<u>. </u>	ž.
	etition for commissary proceedings	22	20
	TE: the fee includes issue of extract decree).	20	25
	ealing up repositories or the like, per hour.	39	35
3. (a)	Receiving and examining inventory of estate, except where sub-paragraph (b) or (c) of this paragraph applies—		
(i)	where the amount of the estate vested in or belonging beneficially to the deceased, of which confirmation is required, or for which resealing under the Colonial Probates Act 1892 is required does not exceed—		
	£50,000,	No fee	No fee
	£250,000,	341	282
(ii)	where the amount of the estate exceeds £250,000,	684	565
(b)	receiving and examining additional or corrective inventory of estate or inventory of estate <i>ad non executa</i> —		

	umn 1 atters)	Column 2 (Fee Payable)	Column 3 (Fee Formerly Payable)(31)
(i)	where the amount of the estate vested in or belonging beneficially to the deceased, of which confirmation is required, or for which resealing under the Colonial Probates Act 1892 is required does not exceed—	£	£
	£50,000,	No fee	No fee
	£250,000,	341	282
(ii)	where the amount of the estate exceeds £250,000,	684	565
(c)	Receiving and examining inventory of estate where it is declared that confirmation is not required.	are 50% of those specified in sub-paragraph (a) or (b) of this paragraph. If confirmation is subsequently required the remaining 50% of	is subsequently required the remaining 50% of the fees specified in
4. Co	ommissary copying and extracting.		
(1) Is	ssuing certificate of confirmation—		
(a)	if ordered when lodging inventory, each certificate,	9	8
(b)	if ordered subsequent to lodging inventory—		
(i)	first certificate, including search fee,	22	20
(ii)	each subsequent certificate.	9	8
(2) (Copy or duplicate confirmation—		
(a)	if ordered when lodging inventory,	14	13
(b)	if ordered subsequent to lodging inventory—		
(i)	duplicate confirmation, including search fee,	32	29
(ii)	each subsequent duplicate confirmation if ordered at the same time as the duplicate confirmation in head (i).	14	13
(3) (Certified extract confirmation and will (if any)—		
(a)	if ordered when lodging inventory,	32	29

	umn 1 utters)	Column 2 (Fee Payable) £	Column 3 (Fee Formerly Payable)(31) £
(b)	if ordered subsequent to lodging inventory—		
(i)	certified extract, including search fee,	45	41
(ii)	each subsequent certified extract if ordered at the same time as the certified extract in head (i).	32	29
(4) (Copy will—		
(a)	if ordered when lodging inventory,	9	8
(b)	if ordered subsequent to lodging inventory—		
(i)	copy will, including search fee,	22	20
(ii)	each subsequent copy will if ordered at the same time as the copy will in head (i).	9	8
PAR	T II — SHERIFF COURT		
PRO	CEEDINGS		
Init	ial Writ		
for v	itial writ in any proceedings not being proceedings which any other paragraph of this Table specifies a (NOTE: fee covers issue of extract decree).	171	141
Regu	Suropean Order for payment in terms of EU alation 1896/2006 – application for European er for payment.	155	141
Div	orce and dissolution of civil partners		
a civ	itial writ in an action of divorce or dissolution of ril partnership (other than a simplified divorce or plution of a civil partnership application). (NOTE: overs issue of extract decree).	185	168
	olication for simplified divorce and simplified olution of civil partnership		
than	ny application (inclusive of all procedures other those specified at paragraphs 9 and 38). (NOTE: overs issue of extract decree).	151	137
9. circu	Subsequent application upon change of imstances by party.	39	35
	nmary warrant	90	82
	Application for summary warrant.	<i>5</i> U	02
11. I	Petition for sequestration of estates or petition for ll of award of sequestration.	139	126

Column 1 (Matters)	Column 2 (Fee Payable)	Column 3 (Fee Formerly Payable)(31) £
12. Miscellaneous applications, including appeals		
under the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985 or the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016.	72	65
13. Lodging of notice of appointment or intention to appoint an administrator out of court under the Insolvency Act 1986 or filing documents with the court to obtain a moratorium under section A3 of Part A1 of that Act.	171	137
Declarator and petitions for completion of title for the Sheriff of Chancery		
14. Application for declarator and petition for completion of title to the Sheriff of Chancery.	283	257
15. Issue of chancery extract.	131	119
Summary cause/simple procedure		
16. Summons for summary cause or claim form for simple procedure case (NOTE: includes European small claim procedure and fee covers issue of extract decree or issue of decision)—		
(a) actions for payment of money of £300 or less (or 250 euros for European small claims),	22	20
(b) other actions,	123	112
(c) on the marking of an appeal or the sending of an appeal form to the sheriff court.	72	65
Criminal procedure	46	42
17. Summary complaint raising a private prosecution	40	42
Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988	111	101
18. Petition for removal of disqualification.		101
Miscellaneous	22	20
19. Application under section 4 of the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995.	22	20
20. Caveat.	58	48
21. Any proceedings under section 12 or 18 of the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982.	32	29
22. Note in a liquidation or judicial factory.	46	42
Defender's responses		
23. First writ, reponing note, application for recall of decree or attendance to state a defence or oppose an interim order (fee payable by each defender or		

Column 1 (Matters)	Column 2 (Fee Payable) £	Column 3 (Fee Formerly Payable)(31) £
compearer) (NOTE: fee covers issue of extract decree)		
(a) in proceedings to which paragraph 5 of this Table applies,	155	141
(b) in an action of divorce or dissolution of a civil partnership (other than a simplified divorce or dissolution of civil partnership).	185	168
Civil court procedure Payable by pursuer		
24. Lodging of a certified copy record under the Ordinary Cause Rules (NOTE: fee payable only once in respect of a cause).	153	126
25. Lodging of a certified closed record under the additional procedure of the Ordinary Cause Rules.	153	126
26. Fixing, allocating or assigning of a proof, a debate or a hearing in a summary or miscellaneous application on the merits of the cause.	66	60
27. For each day or part thereof of proof, debate or hearing in a summary or miscellaneous application on the merits of the cause (NOTE: not payable if the proof, debate or hearing does not proceed on that day).	282	256
28. Initial lodging of affidavits in a family action where proof by affidavit evidence has been allowed.	80	73
Payable by any party (including pursuer)		
29. Lodging of a written motion or minute and the lodging of any written opposition to any such motion or minute (NOTE: where a minute is accompanied by a relevant written motion no fee is payable in respect of lodging the motion).	65	54
30. Marking an appeal to the sheriff principal in any proceedings (other than as provided for in paragraph 16(c) of this Table).	139	126
Sheriff court books 31. Recording protest of a bill or promissory note (NOTE: Extracts to be charged as in paragraph 36 of this Table).	32	29
32. Preservation of deeds, each deed (NOTE: This includes recording and engrossing. If extracts are required, a separate fee is to be charged as in paragraph 36 of this Table).	14	13

Column 1 (Matters)	Column 2 (Fee Payable) £	Column 3 (Fee Formerly Payable)(31) £
Miscellaneous office procedures		
33. Lodging each set of plans or other Parliamentary deposit.	89	81
34. Inspection of report of auction and the auditor of court's report.	22	20
35. Search and report service as instructed by a trade protection society, licensed credit reference agency or trade publication of protests of relevant court records as appropriately included in the Ordinary Cause Rules, with the fees payable in advance weekly for 12 months.	429	390
36. Recording, engrossing, extracting, printing or copying of all documents, except as provided for at paragraph 4 of this Table (exclusive of search fee)—		
(a) by photocopying or otherwise producing a printed or typed copy—		
(i) up to 10 pages,	8	7
(ii) each page or part thereof in excess of 10 pages,	0.50	0.50
(b) for a copy of each document in electronic form.		
(NOTE: Recording in Sheriff Court Register of Deeds to be charged as in paragraph 31.)	8	7
37. Any search of records or archives, except as provided for at paragraph 4 of this Table, per 30 minutes or part thereof.—	14	13
In addition, correspondence fee where applicable.	14	13
38. Citation of, or intimation to, any person or persons by sheriff officer as instructed by the sheriff clerk.	14 plus sheriff officer's fee	13 plus sheriff officer's fee
PART III — AUDITOR OF COURT		
39. Taxing accounts of expenses incurred in judicial proceedings remitted to the auditor of court for taxation—		
(a) lodging account for taxation,	59	49
(b) taxing accounts of expenses etc.—		
(i) up to £400,	25	23
(ii) for every additional £100 or part thereof.	6	5
(NOTE: Fee to be determined by auditor of court on amount of account as submitted.)		

	lumn 1 atters)	Column 2 (Fee Payable)	Column 3 (Fee Formerly Payable)(31)
		£	£
(a) (i)	cancellation of diet of taxation— where written notice of cancellation received from receiving party after 4.00 pm on the fourth working day before the day of diet of taxation,	50% of fee that would have been payable under sub-paragraph (b) of this paragraph	50% of fee that would have been payable under sub- paragraph (b) of this paragraph
(ii)	where written notice of cancellation received from receiving party after 4.00 pm on the second working day before the day of the diet of taxation.	75% of fee that would have been payable under sub-paragraph (b) of this paragraph	75% of fee that would have been payable under subparagraph (b) of this paragraph

PART 2 Sheriff Personal Injury Court

Payable from 1 November 2024

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
(Matters)	(Fee Payable)	(Fee Formerly
	£	Payable)(32) £
1. Lodging of a written motion or minute and the lodging of any written opposition to any such motion or minute. (NOTE: where a minute is accompanied by a relevant written motion no fee is payable in respect of lodging the motion.)	66	60
2. Fixing, allocating or assigning of a proof or trial, a debate or a hearing on the merits of the cause.	72	65
3. Hearing fee: per 30 minutes or part thereof.	98	89
4. Lodging a certified copy closed record. (NOTE: fee payable only once in respect of a cause).	131	119
5. Initial writ. (NOTE: fee covers issue of extract decree).	265	241
6. Lodging defences (fee payable by each defender or compearer). (NOTE: fee covers issue of extract decree).	265	241
7. Citation of a civil jury.	370	336

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Column 3 shows the fees payable by virtue of Part 1 of schedule 3 of S.S.I. 2022/181 (as

amended by S.S.I. 2022/214) immediately before the coming into force of this schedule.

Column 3 shows the fees which were payable by virtue of Part 2 of schedule 3 of S.S.I. 2022/181 immediately before the coming into force of this schedule. (32)

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
(Matters)	(Fee Payable)	(Fee Formerly
		<i>Payable</i>)(32)
	£	£
(NOTE: includes outlays incurred in citing and		
countermanding, and is payable on the lodging of a		
proposed issue for jury trial.)		
8. Certified copy of a document.	22	20

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes provision for the fees payable from 1 November 2024 in the sheriff court, to the sheriff clerk or the auditor of court (as appropriate).

Article 3 and the schedule specify fee levels payable in respect of certain matters, given effect by the Tables of Fees in the schedule.

Article 3(3) provides that fees are not to be payable by the Crown in the enforcement of the criminal law or in the exercise of powers or the performance of duties arising out of or relating to that enforcement.

Article 3(4) provides that the relevant office holders are not required to do any act in connection with the matter specified in relation to that fee without either prior payment of the fee or entering into an arrangement for payment of the fee.

Article 4 provides that certain fees are payable only once.

Article 5 provides for matters (extract decrees or registration or renewals of registration) included in certain fees.

Article 6 provides for fees payable in the Sheriff Personal Injury Court.

Article 7 provides for cases in which an extra fee is payable.

Articles 8 and 9 provide exemptions concerned with legal aid and social security for certain persons. Article 10 provides that these fee exemptions do not apply in certain cases.

Article 11 provides for exemption in connection with estates exempt from inheritance tax.

Articles 12 and 13 provides for exemption relating to particular proceedings.

Article 14 provides for certain motions in the Sheriff Personal Injury Court to be exempted from fees.

Article 15 revokes the Sheriff Court Fees Order 2022 (and an instrument which amended that Order).

A Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment has been prepared for this Order and placed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre. Copies can be obtained from the Scottish Government Justice Directorate, St Andrews House, Edinburgh EH1 3DG.