
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Criminal Legal Aid (Remuneration) Regulations 2013

Expert services

16.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Lord Chancellor may provide for the payment of expert services only at the fixed fees or at rates not exceeding the rates set out in Schedule 5.

(2) The appropriate officer may, in relation to a specific claim, increase the fixed fees or rates set out in Schedule 5 if that officer considers it reasonable to do so in exceptional circumstances.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (2), exceptional circumstances are where the expert's evidence is key to the client's case and either—

- (a) the complexity of the material is such that an expert with a high level of seniority is required; or
- (b) the material is of such a specialised and unusual nature that only very few experts are available to provide the necessary evidence.