

MERCERS

Solicitors

Pricing information for motoring offences

Our fees for dealing with matters such as speeding, driving without due care, excess alcohol, and possible disqualification under the penalty points provision are charged at the rate of £250.00 per hour (ex VAT). If we attend a court hearing our fees usually fall within the range of £900 to £1500 plus VAT. We will always try and give you an individual cost estimate at the start.

We may be prepared to offer you a fixed fee, rather than work on an hourly rate.

Our fees detailed above are based on the presumption that you will be entering a guilty plea and would include:

- Taking instructions
- Consideration of evidence
- Providing advice on likely sentence
- Explaining the court procedure to you so that you know what to expect on the day of the hearing
- Attendance and representation at a single hearing at a magistrates court (we anticipate being in court for half a day)

Our fees would not include:

- Instructions issued to any expert witness
- Taking statements from witnesses
- Advice and assistance in relation to a special reasons hearing
- Advice and assistance on any appeal
- Driving you to and from the court

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 (this will have an additional cost which we will notify you of before we do the work)
- 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

- We will conduct any further preparatory work, obtain further instructions from you if necessary and answer any follow up queries you have
- 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 for half a day and possibly longer dependent on court waiting time
- We will discuss the outcome with you. If advice is required on appeal, this will carry an additional cost