Legal Aid Tariff of Fees

Schedule B1-2

Criminal - Maximum Preparation Time for Files calculated on an Hourly Fee Base

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Refer to Legal Aid Tariff of Fees Schedule B1 – Criminal

PREPARATION: **$92 per actual hour (or portion thereof)**

The maximum preparation time noted below is determined by the most serious offence on the appointment of Solicitor and is calculated from the start (effective date of the Appointment) until the conclusion of the file (up to and including sentencing in court).

Category	Maximum preparation
Summary conviction and indictable offences punishable by up to 5 years	10 hours
Indictable offences punishable by 10 or 14 years	15 hours
Indictable offences punishable by possible, but not mandatory, life imprisonment	30 hours
Special Applications and Indictable offences punishable by mandatory life imprisonment 1st and 2nd degree murder, Part XXIV, and s. 745 proceedings	50 hours
Appeals	Based upon most serious charge
s.525 / King' Bench bail reviews while counsel retains carriage	3 hours

In the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer, additional preparation at $92 per hour may be paid considering extremely exceptional circumstances as outlined in Schedule A of the Tariff.

COURT APPEARANCE: **$92 per actual hour (or portion thereof)**