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Crown and Combined Court Centre

Managers;

Regional Taxing Managers; and

Justices' Chief Executives (**Circular 78 of 2003 to be copied to Clerks to the Justices and Office Managers with responsibility for paying witness and interpreter allowances**)
cc MCCC

Your reference

Our reference DL136/155/1

Date 28 April 2003

COSTS IN CRIMINAL CASES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1986
GUIDE TO ALLOWANCES

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Lord Chancellor by section 19(3) of the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985, and with the consent of the Treasury, the relevant amounts payable under regulation 18, 19, 20, 24 and 25 of the Costs in Criminal Cases (General) Regulations 1986 shall be as set out below:

Regulation 18: Ordinary Witness and Other Persons Financial Loss Allowance

Period of absence	Maximum amount with effect from 06.05.2003
Not exceeding 4 hours	£32.30
Exceeding 4 hours	£64.65

Regulation 19: Professional Witness Allowances

(a) Professional witness allowance where locum fees are not claimed

Period of absence	Maximum amount with effect from 01.08.2001
Not exceeding 2 hours	£83.50 (no change)
Exceeding 2 hours but not exceeding 4 hours	£117.00 (no change)
Exceeding 4 hours but not exceeding 6 hours	£174.00 (no change)
Exceeding 6 hours	£234.00 (no change)

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(b) Professional witness allowance where locum fees are claimed

	Maximum amount with effect from 06.05.2003
Not exceeding 2 hours	£89.00
Exceeding 2 hours but not exceeding 4 hours	£125.00
Exceeding 4 hours	£250.00

Regulation 24: Travelling Allowances

Rate per mile
with effect from
06.05.2003

(e) Pedal-cycle 6p

Regulation 25: Written Medical Reports

Maximum amount
with effect from
06.05.2003

(a) Report in pursuance of a request which section 32(2)
of the Criminal Justice Act 1967 applies

Consultant	£74.80
Other registered medical practitioner	£52.80

(b) Higher Fees (where more than 2 hours work
necessarily undertaken) Daily maximum

Consultant	£298.25
Other registered medical practitioner	£211.00

(c) Examination and reports to determine fitness for
detention centre training

All registered medical practitioners	£35.20
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Regulation 20: Expert witness and interpreters guidance allowances

Discretionary (see guidance rates below which take effect from 6 May 2003)

Consultant medical practitioner, psychiatrist, pathologist

Preparation (examination/report)	£70–£100 per hour
Attendance at court (full day)	£346–£500

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Fire (assessor) and explosives expert

Preparation	£50–£75 per hour
Attendance at court	£255–£365

Forensic scientist (including questioned document examiner), surveyor, accountant, engineer, medical practitioner, architect, veterinary surgeon, meteorologist

Preparation	£47–£100 per hour
Attendance at court	£226–£490

Fingerprint

Preparation	£32–£52 per hour
Attendance at court	£153–£256

From 1 January 2002

Interpreter

£25–£28 per hour (no change)
(with a minimum of 3 hours for those employed regularly in this capacity)

Will holders of the Guide to Allowances please amend the appropriate parts of Appendix One and Two to reflect the above increases.

Public Legal Services Division
Criminal Defence Services (Remuneration)