

BW Solicitors

Pricing & Transparency — Full Fee Schedule

▲ BW Solicitors operates exclusively on a fixed fee basis. All fees are agreed in writing before work commences. No hourly billing. No surprise invoices. BW Solicitors is VAT registered. VAT at 20% is applicable to most of our services. However, VAT does NOT apply to entry clearance applications where the client is applying from outside the United Kingdom. We will confirm the VAT position applicable to your specific matter at the outset. Home Office fees, court fees and disbursements are payable separately and are not included in the professional fees set out below.

BW Solicitors' fees are set to be competitive, transparent and fair — reflecting the expertise and personal service our clients receive.

Principal Solicitor Grade A - £309 per hour	Solicitor Grade B - £262 per hour Grade C - £209	Paralegal / Trainee £146 per hour
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Hourly rates apply only where a fixed fee has not been agreed. For all standard matters, a fixed fee is agreed before work commences.

1. Consultations

Service	BW Solicitors Fee	Key Notes
Initial Free Consultation – 15 minutes	Free	
Detailed consultation — 30 minutes	£50	In person, telephone or video. Credited against the matter fee if instructed.
In-depth consultation — 60 minutes	£100	Full case review. Credited against matter fee if instructed.
Comprehensive and detailed consultation — 90 minutes	£150	Complex matters, multiple issues.
Out of hours consultation (30 min max)	£100 – £200	Subject to complexity. Weekends and evenings.
Visa application checking service	£350	Review of completed application before submission. VAT applies.
Subject Access Request (SAR) advice	£300 – £350	Preparation and submission of SAR to Home Office.

2. Personal Immigration

Service	BW Solicitors Fee	Key Notes
Skilled Worker Visa	£1,250 – £1,850	Experienced worker rate. New entrant and shortage occupation rates on request.

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Skilled Worker Visa — extension	£850 – £1,250	In-country extension prior to leave expiry.
Graduate Route Visa	£550 – £750	Post-study work route. No sponsor required.
Student Visa	£350 – £450	No VAT — client outside UK. New entry clearance.
Student Visa — extension / CAS change	£350 – £500	In-country extension.
Spouse / Partner Visa (entry clearance)	£1,000 – £1,500	No VAT — client outside UK.
Spouse / Partner Visa (extension)	£850 – £1,250	30-month extension from within UK.
Family reunion / Dependant Visa	£750 – £1,250	No VAT — client outside UK. Spouse, children, dependants.
Dependent child Visa	£600 – £900	No VAT — client outside UK. Child joining parent in UK.
Adult Dependent Relative Visa	£1,250 – £1,750	No VAT — client outside UK. Complex route.
Domestic Violence Settlement (SET(DV))	£1,000 – £1,500	Sensitive matter. Supporting evidence bundle.
Bereaved Partner Settlement (SET(BN))	£850 – £1,250	Settlement following death of sponsoring partner.
Standard Visitor Visa (no prior refusal)	£850 – £1,000	No VAT — client outside UK. Per applicant.
Standard Visitor Visa (previous refusal)	£1,000 – £1,250	No VAT — client outside UK. Addressing prior refusal.
Standard Visitor Visa (multiple refusals)	£1,250 – £1,750	No VAT — client outside UK. Complex history.
ILR — Skilled Worker / work route (5 years)	£850 – £1,500	Includes travel history review and absence calculation.
ILR — Spouse / partner route (5 years)	£850 – £1,500	Relationship evidence and English language assessment.
ILR — Long residence (10 years)	£1,000 – £1,500	Complex absences and lawful residence check.
ILR — Long residence as a child	£900 – £1,250	Section 7 and child-specific provisions.
Returning Resident application	£600 – £900	Re-entry following loss of ILR.
EU Settled Status (late application)	£850 – £1250	Reasonable grounds assessment and evidence.

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EU Pre-Settled to Settled upgrade	£550 – £850	Upgrading status after 5 years continuous residence.
Adult Naturalisation — standard	£800 – £1500	Residence calculation, absences, Life in UK.
Adult Naturalisation — complex (refusal risk)	£850 – £1500	Good character issues, extended absences.
Child Registration (MN1 / Section 3)	£850 – £1500	Includes selection of correct registration route.
Registration as British Child — overseas	£850 – £1,500	Section 4B, OCI and overseas territory routes.
Citizenship reconsideration / NR review	£800– £1250	Challenging a refusal on good character or other grounds.
Windrush documentation application	£650 – £850	Free of HO charge but professional fee applies.
Windrush compensation claim	£750 – £1,750	Evidence of loss and harm required.
Statelessness application	£1,000 – £2,000	Complex and document-intensive route.
Travel Document application	£650 – £750	Convention Travel Document or Certificate of Travel.
No Time Limit (NTL) application	£250 – £500	Biometric enrolment for indefinite leave holders.
Human rights / Article 8 application	£1,000 – £1,750	Family or private life basis. Proportionality representations.
FLR(HRO) — Further Leave (Human Rights)	£850 – £1,500	Extension on human rights grounds.
Fee waiver application	£550 – £750	Inability to pay HO fee. Supporting financial evidence.
Exceptional circumstances / outside rules	£1,000 – £1,850	Compelling and compassionate grounds.
Asylum advice session (pre-claim)	£250	Initial assessment of claim strength and basis.
Asylum claim — pre-decision	£2500 – £4000	Substantive interview prep, witness statement, evidence.
Asylum fresh claim / further submissions	£1,250 – £2250	New evidence. Section 353 submissions.
Humanitarian protection application	£1,000 – £2,250	Article 3 / serious harm basis.
Administrative review	£650 – £800	Challenging caseworker errors. Strict time limit.

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Immigration appeal — grounds & preparation	£1,500 – £2000	First-tier Tribunal. Grounds, bundle, statement.
First-tier Tribunal hearing — representation	£500 – £750	Day of hearing attendance (in addition to preparation).
Upper Tribunal — permission application	£650 – £850	Error of law grounds.
Upper Tribunal — full hearing	£1,500 – £2,000	Substantive Upper Tribunal hearing.
Pre-action protocol letter (PAP)	£650 – £850	Challenging unlawful HO decision before JR.
Judicial review — preparation & filing	£1,500 – £2,500	Excluding Counsel's fees.
Judicial review — full hearing	£2,000 – £3,500	Excluding Counsel's fees.
Immigration bail application	£1,000 – £1,500	Urgent. Surety evidence and FTT representation.
Bail variation	£550 – £750	Application to vary unreasonable bail conditions.
Reconsideration / legacy request	£750 – £1,500	Older unresolved cases and legacy matters.

3. Business Immigration

Service	BW Solicitors Fee	Key Notes
Sponsor Licence application (new)	£1500 – £3000	HR policy review, document preparation, submission.
Sponsor Licence renewal	£550 – £1,500	Compliance review.
Certificate of Sponsorship (CoS) — per worker	£550 – £650	Assignment and occupation code advice.
CoS allocation renewal request	£450 – £550	SMS renewal and supporting representations.
Sponsor compliance audit	£750 – £1,500	Full compliance review against sponsor duties.
Sponsor Licence suspension response	£750 – £1,500	Representations to UKVI following suspension.
Innovator Founder Visa	£2,500 – £4,500	Endorsed innovative business idea. Endorsing body liaison.
Global Talent Visa	£2,000 – £3,500	Endorsement by relevant body required.

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High Potential Individual (HPI) Visa	£1000 – £1,500	Top global university graduate route.
Senior or Specialist Worker Visa / Global Business Mobility	£1,500 – £1,850	Global Business Mobility route.
Sole Representative of Overseas Business - extensions	£1,850 – £3,500	Pre-application assessment critical.

4. Family Law

Service	BW Solicitors Fee	Key Notes
Uncontested divorce (sole application)	£750 – £1,250	No-fault divorce, straightforward. Excl. court fee.
Uncontested divorce (joint application)	£800 – £1200	Joint application. Excl. court fee.
Contested divorce	£1200 - £2000	Stage-by-stage billing. Estimate provided per stage.
Dissolution of civil partnership	£750 – £1,250	Same process as divorce. Excl. court fee.
Drafting separation agreement	£750 – £950	Legally binding record of agreed terms.
Consent order (financial settlement)	£1,500 – £2,250	Drafting, advice on fairness, court submission.
Clean break order	£1,200 – £1,500	Severing future financial claims.
Financial remedy proceedings	£850 – £1250	FDA, FDR and Final Hearing billed per stage.
Pension sharing order	£550 – £850	Included in consent order fee if dealt with together.
Child Arrangements Order application	£1,500 – £2,850	MIAM attendance, application, first hearing.
Prohibited Steps Order (urgent)	£750 – £1,350	Emergency applications. Without notice if urgent.
Specific Issue Order	£750 – £1,350	School, medical, name change disputes.
International relocation application	£2,000 – £3,500	Complex. Expert evidence often required.
Opposing relocation application	£1,500 – £2,500	Defending removal of children from UK.
Non-molestation order (without notice)	£850 – £1,000	Emergency application. Same-day in urgent cases.

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Non-molestation order (with notice)	£850 – £1250	Standard application with hearing date.
Occupation order	£750 – £1,250	Often combined with non-molestation order.
Pre-nuptial agreement	£750 – £1500	Both parties require independent advice.
Post-nuptial agreement	£750 – £1500	Same requirements as pre-nup.
Cohabitation agreement	£1,500 – £2,250	Comprehensive agreement for unmarried couples.
Declaration of Trust (co-owned property)	£450 – £700	Often prepared alongside cohabitation agreement.

5. Criminal Defence (Private)

Note: All criminal defence work is private and charged on a fixed fee basis agreed before work commences. Barrister fees, court fees and disbursements are additional.

Service	BW Solicitors Fee	Key Notes
Police station representation (per attendance)	£650 – £850	Available 24/7. Per attendance regardless of duration.
Police station — voluntary interview	£550 – £750	Same rate as post-arrest interview.
Magistrates Court — guilty plea hearing	£1,250 – £1,550	Preparation, mitigation and representation.
Magistrates Court — contested trial	£1,500 – £2,000	Full trial preparation and representation.
Crown Court representation (per stage)	£2,000 – £4,500	PTPH, preparation and trial. Excl. Counsel's fees.
Bail application — Magistrates Court	£650 – £750	Preparation of surety evidence and oral representations.
Bail application — Crown Court	£750 – £1,000	After Magistrates Court refusal.
Bail variation application	£350 – £550	Changing unreasonable bail conditions.
Drug offences — Magistrates Court	£1,500 – £3,000	Per stage. Possession through to supply.
Drug offences — Crown Court	£2,500 – £4,500	Excl. Counsel's fees.
Sexual offence defence (per stage)	£1,500 – £4,500	Sensitive and complex. Per stage.
Assault / violence offences — Magistrates	£1,250 – £1,850	Common assault through GBH.

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Assault / violence offences — Crown Court	£2,000 – £4,500	Section 18 and above. Excl. Counsel.
Fraud / financial crime (per stage)	£1,500 – £4,500	Document-intensive. Per stage billing.
Appeal against conviction or sentence	£1,500 – £2,500	Court of Appeal. Excl. Counsel.
Sexual offence	£1,500 – £4,500	Same scale as criminal sexual offences.

6. Motoring Offences (Private)

Service	BW Solicitors Fee	Key Notes
Drink driving (DR10) — Magistrates Court	£1,250 – £2,000	Includes special reasons argument if applicable.
Drug driving — Magistrates Court	£1,250 – £2,000	DG10 and DR80 offences.
Dangerous driving — Magistrates Court	£1,500 – £2,500	Section 2 RTA 1988.
Dangerous driving — Crown Court	£2,250 – £4,500	Including causing death. Excl. Counsel's fees.
Speeding — fixed penalty challenge	£500 – £850	NIP challenge, device accuracy, procedural errors.
Speeding — Magistrates Court trial	£1,250 – £1,500	Full trial representation.
Driving without insurance (IN10)	£1,000 – £1,500	Includes special reasons argument if applicable.
Mobile phone offence	£850 – £1,250	Including exceptional hardship if near totting.
Totting up — exceptional hardship argument	£1000 – £1,500	Compelling evidence preparation and oral argument.
Penalty points — general representation	£750 – £850	Magistrates Court. Guilty plea and mitigation.
Special reasons argument	£750 – £1,200	Avoiding mandatory ban. Included in drink drive fee if bundled.

7. Civil Litigation

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Service	BW Solicitors Fee	Key Notes
Letter before action (simple debt)	£650 – £750	Formal demand. 14-day response required.
Letter before action (complex dispute)	£750 – £950	Detailed pre-action letter. Multi-issue.
Response to letter before action	£350 – £650	Defending claim pre-litigation.
Pre-action protocol compliance (general)	£500 – £800	Compliance with relevant PAP before issue.
Small claims — preparation and advice	£350 – £650	Fixed fee advice pack for SCC matters up to £10,000.
Small claims — full representation	£650 – £1,250	Preparation, attendance and post-hearing.
Fast track / multi track claim (per stage)	£1500 – £2000	Stage-by-stage billing on hourly rate.
Debt recovery — uncontested (up to £5,000)	£350 – £500	Letter, issue, default judgment.
Debt recovery — uncontested (£5,001 – £25,000)	£550 – £850	As above, higher value matter.
Debt recovery — uncontested (£25,001+)	£800 – £1,500	Complex. Per stage.
Judgment enforcement (per method)	£450 – £750	Warrant, TPO, AEO, charging order, statutory demand.
Section 8 notice — drafting and service	£350 – £550	Grounds including rent arrears.
Accelerated possession proceedings	£850 – £1,500	Excl. court fee.
Standard possession proceedings	£1,000 – £1,650	Hearing attendance.
Eviction matter (full)	£1,500 – £2,500	Notice through to warrant. Excl. court fee.
Rent arrears claim	£1000 – £1,500	CCJ and enforcement if required.
Tenancy deposit dispute	£350 – £650	TDS/ MyDeposits scheme. DPS adjudication.
Housing disrepair claim	£750 – £1,500	Tenant claim for compensation.
Rent repayment order (RRO)	£750 – £1,350	Unlicensed HMO recovery.
Contract dispute — negotiation and settlement	£750 – £1,500	Pre-litigation. Fixed fee to settlement.
Contract dispute — court proceedings	£750 – £1500	Per stage. Estimate provided at outset.
Professional negligence claim	£1,500 – £3,000	Pre-action protocol compliance. Expert evidence.

8. Private Client

Service	BW Solicitors Fee	Key Notes
Single Will — straightforward	£250 – £350	No complex trust provisions.
Mirror Wills — couple	£350 – £500	Two matching Wills drafted together.
Will with life interest trust	£500 – £750	Protects family home for children.
Will with discretionary trust	£600 – £900	Complex family situations.
Will with testamentary trust (vulnerable beneficiary)	£650 – £950	Specialist drafting required.
Codicil — amending existing Will	£150 – £300	Minor amendments to existing Will.
Will review and advice	£100 – £150	Reviewing existing Will for validity and currency.
Grant of Probate — simple estate (no IHT)	£1,000 – £1,850	One property, up to 3 bank accounts, no IHT.
Grant of Probate — complex estate	£1,500 – £4,500	Multiple assets, IHT account, multiple beneficiaries.
Letters of Administration (no Will)	£1,000 – £1,500	Intestacy. Same process as Probate.
IHT account preparation	£500 – £1,000	IHT400 and supplementary schedules.
Full estate administration (simple)	£1,500 – £3,500	Grant through to distribution. Excl. Probate fee.
Full estate administration (complex)	£3,000 – £7,500	Multiple assets, IHT, property sale, disputes.
Deed of Variation	£500 – £750	Redirecting an inheritance for tax planning.
LPA — Property & Financial Affairs (single)	£550 – £750	Drafting, advice and registration with OPG.
LPA — Health & Welfare (single)	£550 – £750	Drafting, advice and registration.
Both LPAs together (combined)	£800 – £1,250	Both LPAs drafted and registered together. Best value.
LPA — mirror set (couple, both LPAs)	£1,200 – £1,500	Four LPAs for two people. Discounted rate.
General Power of Attorney	£350 – £550	Short-term specific purpose.
Advice on existing LPA / EPA	£100 – £200	Review and advice on existing document.
Estate planning consultation	£150 – £250	Initial assessment of estate and IHT position.

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Estate planning strategy (written report)	£500 – £900	Full written plan including IHT mitigation advice.
Trust establishment (discretionary)	£750 – £1,650	Trust deed drafting, trustee advice.
Trust establishment (life interest)	£650 – £1,350	For family home protection.

9. Miscellaneous Services

Service	BW Solicitors Fee	Key Notes
Certification of documents (per page)	£5 – £10	Certified true copy.
Certification of affidavits / statutory declarations	£10 – £25	Commissioner for Oaths service.
Drafting affidavits / statutory declarations	£100 – £150	Full drafting and swearing service.
Change of Name Deed (deed poll)	£75 – £150	Single adult. Enrolled deeds extra.
Change of Name Deed — child	£75 – £150	Parental consent required.

Important — What Is Not Included in Our Professional Fees

The following costs are payable to third parties and are NOT included in the professional fees set out above. We will advise you of all expected disbursements at the outset of your matter and will not incur any disbursement without your prior authority.

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Home Office / UKVI visa application fees	Payable to Home Office	Non-refundable. Current fee table at gov.uk.
Immigration Health Surcharge	Payable to Home Office	Currently £1,035 per year for most applicants.
Probate Registry fee	Payable to HMCTS	Free for estates under £5,000.
County Court / High Court fees	Payable to HMCTS	Claim issue and hearing fees. Schedule on request.
Barrister / Counsel fees	Payable to Chambers	Required for Court and complex matters.
Translation / interpretation fees	Third party provider	We arrange interpreters on request.
Expert reports (medical, country, etc.)	Third party experts	Advised in writing before instruction.

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OPG registration fee (LPA)	Payable to OPG	Reduced or waived for low income applicants.
London Gazette / newspaper notices (probate)	Third party publishers	Creditor protection for estates.

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5. Telephone calls and emails are included within agreed fixed fees and are not billed separately, unless a matter is conducted on an hourly rate basis.
6. This fee schedule is reviewed from time to time.