

Updates to the LABC Tariffs

As set out in the Tariff Agreement between the Association of Legal Aid Lawyers (ALL) and the Ministry of Attorney General, tariff rates are increasing for services provided on or after April 1, 2021. The agreement implements tariff increases in stages starting November 4, 2019, to April 1, 2021, and counsel will receive the rate applicable at the time that services were provided.

Revisions related to the Tariff Agreement

To reflect increases effective April 1, 2021, all chapters of the *Legal Aid BC (LABC) Tariffs* have been updated with new rates, as outlined in the table below.

Hourly Tariff Rates				
Year of Call	For services provided before November 4, 2019	For services provided between November 4, 2019, and March 31, 2020	For services provided between April 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021	For services provided on or after April 1, 2021
Less than 4 years	\$83.90	\$104.88	\$111.17	\$113.39
4 or more years and less than 10 years	\$88.10	\$110.13	\$116.73	\$119.06
10 or more years	\$92.29	\$115.36	\$122.29	\$124.73
Enhanced Fees	\$125.00	\$156.25	\$165.63	\$168.94

- The criminal block fees have been increased an equivalent percentage to the hourly rates.
- All other hourly rates, including junior counsel, have been increased by the equivalent percentage. The apprentice counsel rate under the [Mentoring Counsel Guidelines](#) has

increased to the equivalent of the junior counsel tier 1 rate, from \$55.59 to \$97.08 per hour.

Other tariff revisions

- **Disbursements Tariff** — rates for meals have increased by 2% as per the BC Public Service increase, and medical-legal experts have increased by 1.5% as per the Doctors of BC rate increases.
- **Disbursements Tariff** — the Gladue report disbursement item has been updated to reflect the transition of Gladue report services from LABC to the BC First Nations Justice Counsel, effective April 1, 2021, (see the March 15, 2021, [Message to the Tariff Bar](#)).
- **Family Tariff** — language related to Family Limited Representation Contracts has been updated to reflect the changes outlined in [Notice to Counsel #113](#).
- **Family and Disbursements Tariffs** — language has been updated to reflect Divorce Act changes.
- **General Terms and Conditions** — language has been added to clarify each LABC contract is subject to any specific conditions included in that contract and to any amendments posted in Notices to Counsel, whether or not those amendments have been published in the LABC Tariffs. Specific billable activities may be affected by changes in legislation, regulation or practice without requiring changes to the terms of the LABC Tariffs.

As always, we welcome your feedback regarding the *LABC Tariffs*. If you have any comments, please email lawyer.support@legalaid.bc.ca.

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