

Notice to Counsel

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Increased Tariff Rates Pursuant to Agreement between the Province, Legal Aid BC and the Association of Legal Aid Lawyers

<u>As recently announced</u>, a three-year agreement has been reached between the BC Government, Legal Aid BC, and the <u>Association of Legal Aid Lawyers</u>, underscoring our collective effort to better serve legal aid clients, and to strengthen relationships across the legal system. This notification describes upcoming changes to the tariff.

Year 1 Tariff Increases

Tariff rates have increased for legal services provided on or after April 1, 2022. The increase will reflect a flat \$0.25/hour increase to tariff rates plus a 3.24% increase:

Year of Call	Hourly Tariff
Less than 4 years	\$117.32
4 or more and less than 10	\$123.19
10 or more years	\$129.06

All hourly tariff rates including Junior counsel, Articled Student, Enhanced fee rates have increased accordingly. Criminal block fees have been increased an equivalent percentage to the hourly rates.

The LABC Tariffs will be revised to reflect the new rates.

Effective Date and Retroactive Payment

Effective January 1, 2023, the increased rates will apply to all hourly and block fees with a service date on or after April 1, 2022.

For services invoiced and paid between April 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022, LABC will provide a retroactive payment for the difference between the new and old rates. The retroactive payment will be deposited directly in your bank account in January 2023 and you will receive a detailed summary with payment details at that time.

For further information, see FAQs.

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

Heidi Mason, Executive Vice-President, Legal Services

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Questions or comments?

Contact our Lawyer Support team:

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