

Criminal Tariff changes

The Legal Services Society (LSS) has increased the fees of two items in the *Criminal Tariff* effective April 1, 2018. The new rates have been added to all new criminal contracts and existing criminal contracts that haven't reached their service stop date. Increased fees have been applied to the the following tariff items:

- Provincial Court fee
- Non-trial resolution.

These fees have increased for all offence levels, with higher increases for administrative and summary offences. All billing rules remain unchanged.

Provincial Court fee							
Previous tariff rate				Rate for invoices submitted on or after April 1, 2018			
Admin	Summary	Indictable	Major	Admin	Summary	Indictable	Major
\$70	\$85	\$100	\$175	\$100	\$120	\$135	\$200

Non-trial resolution							
Previous tariff rate				Rate for invoices submitted on or after April 1, 2018			
Admin	Summary	Indictable	Major	Admin	Summary	Indictable	Major
\$160	\$200	\$300	\$475	\$185	\$225	\$325	\$500

The updated Criminal chapter of the *LSS Tariffs* will be available August 15, 2018, on the [LSS website](http://www.legalaid.bc.ca) at legalaid.bc.ca (under Lawyers — LSS Tariffs) and in LSS Online under Resources.

Transition rule for contracts

The increase will be applied automatically to all invoices submitted on or after August 15, 2018.

LSS will calculate and pay the increase for all invoices that billed these items on or after April 1, 2018. Counsel can expect to receive the retroactive payment by September 28, 2018.

Background

The new fees are intended to recognize the ongoing work of counsel in assisting clients with more complex and challenging issues. The increases are structured to reflect that these challenges exist for clients independent of their charges. The increase has been determined based on the budget available.

As always, we welcome your feedback regarding the *LSS Tariffs*. If you have any comments, please email lawyersresources@lss.bc.ca.

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