

## ANNEX A - Further adjustments to fee CPS schemes

Graduated Fee Scheme		
1	GFS	A new prosecution scheme will be developed, to be known as GFS Scheme E
2	Implementation date	The implementation date will be 1 February 2020 for all cases sent to the Crown Court on or after that date.
3	Brief Fees	A range of brief fees will be increased, with a particular focus on junior alone advocates. New rate tables are attached at Annex A.
4	Daily (refresher) rates	A range of daily fee (refresher) fees will be increased, with a particular focus on junior alone advocates. New rate tables are attached at Annex A.
5	Witness Uplift	Remove the witness uplift allowing funds to be reinvested in other aspects of the scheme.
6	Witness uplift	Any case where a junior alone advocate is instructed with more than 100 served witnesses will be paid under the enhanced fee category
7	Cracked trials	The new start of trial definition in scheme D, will be applied to pre-trial work when a case is listed 'for trial' resulting in a cracked trial outcome
8	Bad Character applications	A £50 fixed fee will be paid for the preparation and drafting of each bad character application.
9	Hearsay applications	A £50 fixed fee will be paid for the preparation and drafting of each hearsay application.
10	Unused material	All trial and cracked trial cases will attract a fee equivalent to 1 ½ hours of funding (to provide for 0–3 hours for consideration of unused material)
11	Unused material	Time spent considering unused material over 3 hours will be paid on a time spent basis. This will be billable in a separate log.
12	Defendant uplift	The defendant uplift provisions will be increased from 5% per additional defendant to 15% for junior alone; 10% for leading and led junior, and 10% for QC.
13	Hourly rates	The rates will be adjusted for hourly work e.g. for conferences and wasted preparation, to equivalent legal aid rates.  The new rate tables are attached an Annex A.  Matters billed on a time spent basis will be billable on separate logs with a full log of all work no longer be necessary.

14	Daily Fee	A more flexible application of the rule in relation to the Daily Fee will be included in the new Manual of Guidance (MoG) so as to allow payment in cases where instructed in more than one matter on the same day.
15	Appeals	Section in the MoG in relation to counsel fee appeal timescales will be redrafted to provide timescale for CPS responses.
<b>CPS Very High Cost Case (VHCC) fee scheme</b>		
17	Extradition	The VHCC scheme will be adjusted to increase hearing payments for extradition renewal hearings, to pay at a half day or full day rate (in place of the 'Other' hearing rate).
18	Court of Appeal	The VHCC scheme will be adjusted to increase hearing payments for Court of Appeal work, to pay at a half day or full day rate (in place of the 'Other' hearing rate).
19	Court of Appeal	Where counsel is required to attend the Court of Appeal and where their chambers is more than 25 miles from court, they will be paid at the full day rate.
20	Judicial Review and Case Stated	Increase remuneration levels for Judicial Review and Case Stated from fee category 3 to category 2
21	Disclosure juniors	Remuneration will be increased for disclosure juniors to the enhanced VHCC 'second led junior rates'.
<b>Magistrates' Court and Youth Court fees</b>		
22	Implementation date	The implementation date will be 1 February 2020 for all sessions taking place on or after that date.
23	Magistrates' court agent rates	The magistrates' courts standard session agent rate will increase from £200 to £300 (full day) and £125 to £150 (half-day)
24	Magistrates' court agent rates	The magistrates' courts special fee trial daily rates will increase by £100 per day
25	Youth Court agent rates	The Youth Court agent rate will increase from £200 to £400 (full day) and £125 to £200 (half-day), for all Youth Court sessions other than those paid under VHCC terms.