

## LABORATORY OF THE GOVERNMENT CHEMIST (known as LGC Forensics): CHARGING ARRANGEMENTS

1. The agreement between CPS and LGC Forensics has been revised. The revised allowances, which are payable in respect of any attendance at court **on or after 1 April 2010**, are:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Preparation time, pre-trial conference time, travel time and attendance at court will all be remunerated at:</li></ul>	<b>£98 per hour</b>
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2. The allowances shown are exclusive of VAT, which should be added to the final payment.
3. The rates shown above are inclusive of subsistence but exclude travel costs. CPS is responsible for the payment of rail travel at standard class rail travel rates or mileage at public transport rates.
4. Claims for travel time are limited to a maximum of four hours for each journey.
5. Court attendance rates exclude exceptional preparation of visual aids for jury presentation, where these have been specifically requested by CPS.

### Definitions:

- TIME is from the start time (see below) to finish time (see below).
- START TIME is defined as the time leaving the laboratory, or the time leaving home, whichever is the later.
- FINISH TIME is defined as the reasonable time for arrival back at the laboratory, or arrival at home, or 5.00pm on the day of the court attendance before an overnight stay. Where a scientist travels in the evening for attendance at court the following morning, the finish time will be the arrival time at the hotel, if after 5.00pm.

### CANCELLATION

6. A fee will not be payable for any scheduled court attendance cancelled in advance of travelling. If preparatory work for a court attendance has already been undertaken, then an appropriate fee will be paid for that work by CPS.