Please note that if you are eligible for Legal Aid we will advise you of this and can help you to apply. However, there are a range of driving offences, that **may** not be covered by the Legal Aid scheme some of these are:

Drink drive, driving a vehicle whilst over the prescribed limit for alcohol

Failing to provide a specimen

Driving without insurance

Failing to stop after an accident

Careless driving

Speeding

Driving otherwise than in accordance with a licencing

Our Costs

We calculate our costs in accordance with time spent on each matter. Our hourly rates are as follows:

* Director - £250 per hour plus VAT
* Solicitor - £220 per hour plus VAT
* Trainee Solicitor /paralegal - £150 per hour plus VAT

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If your case is not a complex one, we may agree a fixed fee.

Our fixed fee for matters dealt with at the magistrates’ court are as follows:

If your case concludes on the day, the fixed fee would be £600 plus VAT.

If you plead guilty to a charge and your case is adjourned to another date for a sentence hearing, the total fixed fee would be £750 plus VAT.

If you plead not guilty and your case is adjourned for a trial, we would then apply our normal hourly rates as stated above.

The services included in this cost:

* Considering the evidence against you
* Taking your comments and instructions on the evidence and the incident
* Advising on possible defences
* Advising on the strengths and weaknesses of your case
* Explaining the court procedure
* Providing advice on the likely sentence
* Representing you at the first appearance at the Magistrates Court
* Seeking further disclosure and / or further material, if necessary
* Conducting all preparatory work,
* Any further attendance upon you following the first hearing at the Magistrates Court

**VAT and Disbursements**

Please note that the costs quoted above do not include disbursements such as:

* Travel expenses
* Interpreter’s Fees
* Instructions of any expert witnesses including medical experts
* Site visit
* The cost of a Barrister to attend court on your behalf
* Advice and assistance in relation to any subsequent hearing [such as special reasons hearing]
* Advice on an appeal.
* Drafting ground of appeal
* Preparing an appeal.

Most disbursements attract VAT.

We will let you know at the earliest opportunity and before any such fees may be incurred.

Should you wish to discuss the above please do not hesitate to contact us for more details.

Timescale

The timescale of proceedings will depend on various factors. If you plead guilty and the Court proceeds to sentence you, then the matter can conclude on the same day. However, if the court adjourn the case for a sentence, then it may be 3 – 4 weeks after the first appearance date. Further, should the matter proceeds to trial then it may be 3-4 months following your first appearance before the matter concludes.