



Notice to Counsel

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Increased Tariff Rates

As set out in the [three-year agreement](#) between the BC Government, Legal Aid BC, and the Association of Legal Aid Lawyers, LABC tariff rates increased April 1, 2024.

April 1, 2024, Tariff Rate Increases

Tariff rates have increased for legal services provided on or after April 1, 2024. The increase reflects the maximum 3% increase based on the annualized average of the BC Consumer Price Index over 12 months starting on March 1, 2023.

Tier	Year of Call	Hourly Rate
1	Less than 4 years	\$129.01
2	4 or more and less than 10	\$135.46
3	10 or more years	\$141.91

All hourly tariff rates including Junior counsel, Articled student, and Enhanced fees 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

Effective April 1, 2024, the increased rates will apply to all hourly and block fees with a service date on or after April 1, 2024.

Disbursement Tariff Increases

Effective April 1, some Disbursement Tariff rates are increasing as follows:

Meterage and meals – Rates for meterage and meals have increased by 3% as per the BC Public Service increase.

Medical-legal rates – Medical-legal records, reports and testimony have increased by 4% as per the Doctors of BC rate increases.

Examination for Discovery fees – Due to the Official Court Reporters Regulation being repealed, LABC may authorize a flat rate of up to \$1260.00 which includes court reporter attendance, transcripts and room rental/administrative fees where requested. Please submit an authorization request.

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

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