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Debt Recovery Fees

We believe in transparency and clarity when it comes to costs. Our debt recovery services are structured to provide cost-effective support at each stage of the process, with fixed fees available for uncontested claims and tailored estimates for defended matters. We provide a bespoke offering to our clients that best suits their needs. Below is a typical example, and our team will work with you to understand your business and what you require, so we can provide you with a bespoke pricing package.

Pre-Litigation – Letter Before Action

The first step in most debt recovery matters is sending a Letter Before Action. This formal letter notifies the debtor of the outstanding debt and gives them a set period (usually 7–14 days) to make payment before legal proceedings are issued.

At DTM Legal, we offer this initial letter for a fixed fee typically ranging from £100 - £500 plus VAT, depending on the specific circumstances of the debt.

Issue of Proceedings

If the debt remains unpaid following the Letter Before Action, we can prepare and issue court proceedings on your behalf. If the debtor does not defend the proceedings, we can apply to obtain judgment.

For undefended claims, we charge a typical fixed fee based on the value of the debt.. Disbursements such as court fees listed below are also payable. In some circumstances, disbursements such as Counsel may be required and our team will advise you of this if necessary.

In some instances, where claims are more complex or require a bespoke approach, additional time and work may be required. In these cases, our team will provide a tailored estimate based on your specific circumstances.

Issue of Proceedings		
Amount	Costs	Court Fee
Up to £300	£250	£35
£300 - £500	£250	£50
£500 - £1,000	£250	£70
£1,000 - £1,500	£375	£80
£1,500 - £3,000	£375	£115
£3,000 - £5,000	£500	£205
£5,000 - £10,000	£500	£455
£10,000 - £50,000	£750	5% of the sum claimed
£50,000 – £100,000	£1,000	5% of the sum claimed
£100,000 - £200,000	£1,500	5% of the sum claimed
£200,000 - £500,000	£2,000	£10,000
£5000,000 - £1,000,000	£2,500	£10,000

Defended Claims

If a debt is disputed, whether during the pre-litigation stage or after proceedings are issued, our Dispute Resolution team will review the defence and advise you on the best course of action, how to deal with the defence and how to navigate the court process. At this stage, we can provide an initial cost estimate for managing the case through to resolution.

Defended claims are charged on an hourly basis, with fees depending on the experience level of the solicitor or legal professional involved. Typical hourly rates charged by our team are detailed below:

Fee Earner Level	Hourly Rate (Excluding VAT)
Partners & Consultants	£400
Senior Associates	£375
Associates	£350
Solicitors & Senior Paralegals	£300
Trainee Solicitors & Paralegals	£275

We will always discuss costs with you upfront and keep you informed of any changes or developments throughout the course of the matter.

Contact DTM Legal

If you are dealing with unpaid debts and want a proactive approach to recover what is owed to you, our team at DTM Legal is ready to help. We bring expertise, efficiency, and a focus on resolution to every debt recovery case.

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