



# Civil (non-family) Legal Aid

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# Inquests

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## Accepting instructions

- Has Exceptional Case Funding (ECF) been granted?
- Legal Help
- Solicitor concerns – Standard Contractual Terms
- Agreement from outset



# Inquests

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## What can be claimed?

- Exceptional Case Funding (ECF) rates
- Legal Help rates
- Prompt billing
- Payments



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## AG Fiat Applications

- What are they?
- Can be up to 4 different legal aid rates applicable during proceedings
- Ensure when instructed that funding is clear for each stage



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## Useful links

- [ECF Provider Inquest Pack January 2022](#)
- [2018 Standard Civil Contract Specification – September 2021](#)
- [2018 Standard Civil Contract – Standard Terms 1 January 2021](#)
- [2018 Standard Civil Contract Category Definitions 2018](#)
- [The Civil Legal Aid \(Remuneration\) Regulations 2013 – Schedule 4](#)
- [The Civil Legal Aid \(Remuneration\) regulations 2013 – Schedule 1](#)
- [Coroners Act 1988 – Section 13](#)



# Exceptional Case Funding (ECF) non-inquest

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## Accepting instructions

- Initial work may be at risk
- Check the public funding certificate
- Ensure you complete billing under the correct legal aid rates



# Exceptional Case Funding (ECF) non-inquests

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## What can be claimed?

- Depends on scope given within the public funding certificate
- Rates applicable will be dependent on scope and in accordance with the usual LAA guidance and [The Civil Legal Aid \(Remuneration\) Regulations 2013](#)





# Exceptional Case Funding (ECF) non-inquest

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## Useful links

- [Exceptional Case Funding Provider Pack – March 2020](#)
- [Lord Chancellor's Exceptional Funding Guidance \(Non-Inquests\) – January 2021](#)
- [Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 – Section 10](#)
- [Public Law Project](#)



# Thank you

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