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News story

Draft crime contract changes are now online to prepare for new fee payments for work on sending a case to the Crown Court for trial.



New payment fees to cover work completed for sending hearings are being introduced on 19 October 2020 which require crime contract changes.

We've published draft amendments to the 2017 Standard Crime Contract so that you can see the changes now.

The changes will come into effect for representation orders on or after 19 October 2020.

Why is this happening now?

The new fee payment applies to cases sent to the Crown Court for trial. It is part of the package of accelerated measures under the criminal legal aid review (CLAR).

Where can I find out more?

The draft contract we're making available includes a new section in chapter 10 which sets out the contractual rules which will apply to the new fee.

We will also be amending relevant claiming guidance and will publish this before rollout on 19 October.

Further information

[Standard Crime Contract 2017](#) – see new section in chapter 10 for draft amendments

[Criminal Legal Aid \(Remuneration\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020](#) – to view regulatory changes introducing new fee

[Criminal Legal Aid Review](#) – MOJ consultation hub

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