



BRIEFING NOTE

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Historically, court fees were considered on a three year cycle. In 2016, the Scottish Government departed from that pattern by implementing an annual increase to help achieve full cost recovery for the civil justice system, with the aim of making Scottish courts entirely self-sufficient.

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The table below demonstrates the new fee for documents which will require to be lodged in the ordinary course of our recoveries business:

Secured Recoveries

	New Fee
Extractor Service of Calling up Notice	£55.00
Initial writ	£127.00
Motion or Minute	£49.00
Fixing Proof	£55.00
Record	£116.00
Second Extract	£20.00

Unsecured Recoveries

Summary Cause & Simple Procedure

Summons or Claim form in actions for payment £200 or less	£19.00
Summons or Claim form in all other actions	£102.00

Ordinary Actions

Initial writ	£127.00
Motion or Minute	£49.00
Notice of Intention to Defend	£127.00
Reponing Note	£127.00
Record	£116.00
Fixing Proof	£55.00
Second Extract	£20.00

B&C Recoveries

Petition for sequestration	£116.00
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The table is not exhaustive however a full list of fees can be found [here](#).

Similarly, Act of Sederunt (Fees of Messengers-at-Arms, Sheriff Officers and Shorthand Writers) (Amendment) 2018 will come into force on 4th June 2018 and will increase the fees charged by Sheriff Officers. The table below reflects the new fees which will be charged by our Sheriff Officers:

Fees for Calling Up Notices, Initial Writ, Motions and Summary Applications

	New Fee
Service on defender / occupier per address	£81.16
additional service at same address	£18.31

Fees for Ejection procedure

Service of charge for removing on defender / occupier per address	£81.16
Additional service at same address	£18.31

Arranging and cancelling ejection	£82.13
Arranging and executing ejection	£127.48
Executing warrant to open, shut and lockfast	£19.08

Fees for Notice to Quit / Notice to Remove

Service of Notice on tenant per address	£52.02
additional service at same address	£11.34

Fee for Inhibition

Service of Inhibition on defender per address	£103.78
Additional service at same address	£33.40

Miscellaneous

Time unit with witness (30 minutes on site)	£30.57
remote rural fee.	additional 30% of fee

A full list of the fees can be found [here](#).



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