

Maxwell Hodge Insolvency Services

15th May 2026

SOLICITORS

Key Points & Contact Information

The following sections provide cost information and an overview of disbursements involved in insolvency services. It is important to note that we can only advise on the costs and work involved following our initial conversation with you. For your initial discussion, please contact:

- Karen Ryan on 0151 489 6161 ext. 4005
- Pamela Lacey on 0151 526 9321 on ext. 1503
- Viv Sinnott on 0151 526 9321 ext. 1506

Fees and Disbursements

Most of the fees and disbursements attract VAT, which is currently 20%.

Our legal fees are based on an hourly rate depending on the grade of fee earner dealing with the matter. Please note that our fees are generally reviewed in April each year.

The current hourly rates for each grade of fee earner plus VAT for this work are listed below:

- Grade A: £300 plus VAT of £60 – total hourly rate incl. of VAT is therefore **£360**.
- Grade B: £265 plus VAT of £53 – total hourly rate incl. of VAT is therefore **£318**.
- Grade C: £220 plus VAT of £44 – total hourly rate incl. of VAT is therefore **£264**.
- Grade D: £160 plus VAT of £32 – total hourly rate incl. of VAT is therefore **£192**.

The status of the fee earner dealing with your case and their hourly rate will be stated at the beginning of your case in our client care letter (retainer letter).

Disbursements are the costs relating to your matter that are payable to third parties such as the Court. All these payments are handled by us, as we pay the disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smoother transaction.

BANKRUPTCY PETITIONS

Undisputed debts owed by individuals of £5,000 or more where statutory demand had already been served.

Legal Fees		TOTAL
Maxwell Hodge Charges (for undisputed debt)	Usual Hourly Rates	Est: £3,300 - £5,350 + VAT £660 - £1,070 Est Total £3,960 - £6,360
Disbursement	Fee	
Court Issue Fee		£302
Petition Deposit Fee		£990
Process Servers Fees		£110

Gazette Advertisement	£100
Swear Fee	£7.00
Agent for Hearing (Counsel)	Est £1,200 + VAT of £240 Est Total £1,440
Total Disbursements incl. VAT	Est £2,949
Total Legal Fees and Disbursements incl. VAT	Est £6,909 - £9,309

WINDING UP PETITIONS

Undisputed debts owed by Companies of £750 or more.

Legal Fees		TOTAL
Maxwell Hodge Charges (for undisputed debt)	Usual Hourly Rates	Est: £3,300 - £5,350 + VAT £660 - £1,070 Est Total £3,960 - £6,360
Disbursement		Fee
Court Issue Fee		£302
Petition Deposit Fee		£1,600
Process Servers Fees		£110
Gazette Advertisement		£100
Swear Fee		£7.00
Agent for Hearing (Counsel)		Est £1,200 + VAT of £240 Est Total £1,440
Total Disbursements incl. VAT		Est £3,559
Total Legal Fees and Disbursements incl. VAT		Est £7,519 - £9,919

Additional Fees

If you have not served a statutory demand, we can prepare and serve this on the debtor. Our charges are £590 plus VAT of £118 and there are process servers' fees of £120.

If any application to set the demand aside is made by the debtor, we will charge further fees for attending the hearing and preparing your response.

Common Fees

- Electronic identity checks - £35 plus VAT of £7 per person.