



Notice to Counsel

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Increased Tariff Rates Pursuant to Agreement between the Province, Legal Aid BC and the Association of Legal Aid Lawyers

An agreement has been reached between the BC Government, Legal Aid BC, and the Association of Legal Aid Lawyers, underscoring our collective effort to better serve legal aid clients, and support lawyers who work with them. This notification describes upcoming changes to the tariff.

The agreement is effective April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2029, and the tariff rates will increase by 3% for four years, as follows:

Year of Call	Hourly Rate effective April 1, 2025	Hourly Rate effective April 1, 2026	Hourly Rate effective April 1, 2027	Hourly Rate effective April 1, 2028
Less than 4 years	\$132.88	\$136.87	\$140.97	\$145.20
4 or more and less than 10	\$139.52	\$143.71	\$148.02	\$152.46
10 or more years	\$146.17	\$150.56	\$155.07	\$159.72

All hourly tariff rates including Junior counsel, Articled Student, Enhanced fee rates have increased accordingly. Criminal block fees have been increased an equivalent percentage to the hourly rates.

The LABC Tariffs will be revised to reflect the new rates.

Effective Date and Retroactive Payments

Effective May 1, 2026, the increased rates will apply to all hourly and block fees with a service date on or after April 1, 2025.

LABC will process two distinct retroactive payments for the difference between the new and old rates (one for services invoiced between April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026, and one for services invoiced between April 1, 2026, to April 30, 2026). The retroactive payments will be deposited directly in your bank account in May and June 2026, and you will receive a detailed summary with payment details at that time.

As always, we welcome your feedback regarding the LABC Tariffs. If you have any comments, please

email lawyer.support@legalaid.bc.ca.

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Questions or comments?

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