

Adur & Worthing Councils Legal Services Fees & Charges 2025/26

Prices are subject to an annual increase in April, prices correct as at 1st April 2025:

Conveyancing matters		VAT Status
Sale of land *	£740.00 - £5,705.00	Vatable

* Time spent x lawyer hourly rate

Leases		VAT Status
Agreement for a Commercial Lease *	£465.00 - (to be advised)	Vatable
Commercial Leases *	£800.00 - £5,705.00	Vatable
Excluding a Commercial Lease from the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954	£335.00	Vatable
Renewal of Commercial Leases *	£550.00 - £2,140.00	Vatable
Rent Deposit Deed	£550.00 - £1,640.00	Vatable
Section 60 (Legal) costs for Residential Lease Extension LRHUDA 1993 *	(to be advised)	Vatable
Deed of Release (and Replacement) of a Tenant's Guarantor *	£485.00 - £1,150.00	Vatable

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Licences		VAT Status
All right of way and garden licences *	£280.00 - £1,505.00	Zero rated
Compound licences *	£465.00 - £770.00	Vatable
Grazing licences *	£280.00 - £1,505.00	Zero rated
Licence to assign, sub-let, make alterations *	£520.00 - £1,610.00	Vatable
Renewal of grazing licences *	£280.00 - £550.00	Zero rated
Renewal of right of way and garden licences *	£280.00 - £550.00	Zero rated
Tenancy at Will *	£605.00 - £1,370.00	Vatable
Wayleaves *	£650.00 - £1,950.00	Vatable

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Deeds		VAT Status
Deed of Postponement of a Legal Charge *	£440.00 - £2,005.00	Vatable
Deed of Surrender *	£440.00 - £2,005.00	Vatable
Deeds of Easement, Variation or Rectification *	£720.00 - £2,735.00	Vatable
Retrieval fee from Deeds Room	£90.00	Vatable

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Right to buys		VAT Status
Engrossment of lease	£235.00	Non-Business
Engrossment of transfer	£160.00	Non-Business
Issue of Section 156 Housing Act 1985 Certificate	£160.00	Non-Business
Notice of charge	£100.00	Non-Business
Notice of transfer	£100.00	Non-Business
Adur: Courtfields		
Engrossment of lease	£225.00	Vatable
Legal costs	£595.00	Vatable
Replies to enquiries	£235.00	Vatable

Mortgages		VAT Status
Mortgage redemption fee	£155.00	Exempt

Planning		VAT Status
Footpath diversion / extinguishment order *	(to be advised)	Vatable

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s106 Agreements		VAT Status
s106 Agreements *	£1,580.00 - (to be advised)	Outside scope
Unilateral undertakings *	£790.00 - £2,105.00	Outside scope

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Commercial contracts <i>(engrossment & registration applicable to all contracts)</i>		VAT Status
Confidentiality or non-disclosure agreements	£550.00	Vatable
Contract extension agreements	£110.00	Vatable
Contract variation agreements	£110.00	Vatable
Contracts below £75k	£280.00	Vatable
Contracts from £75k to £100k	£550.00	Vatable
Contracts from £100k to below threshold	£820.00	Vatable
Contracts above threshold	£1,370.00	Vatable
Drafting Data Protection agreements	£550.00	Vatable
Negotiated amendments to tendered contract *	(to be advised)	Vatable

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Copy documents		VAT Status
Copy of one legal owned document	£25.00	Vatable
Copy of more than one legal owned document, per additional document	£15.00	Vatable

Lawyer hourly rates		
Solicitors and legal executives - over 8 years qualified experience	£288.00	-
Solicitors and legal executives - over 4 years qualified experience	£242.00	-
Other qualified solicitors or legal executives and fee earners of equivalent experience	£197.00	-
Trainee solicitors, paralegals or equivalent	£139.00	-

Worthing - National Band 1 - 01/01/2025 <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/solicitors-guideline-hourly-rates>

Although the fees and charges are correct at the time of going to print they could be subject to change during the year and the prevailing charge at the time the service is provided will apply.