Legal Aid Services Act, 2020

Tariff reform 2024: Summary of changes Phase 2 (No. 1)



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Summary conviction offences or Crown election offences where the matter proceeds summarily (except sexual assault)

		Tariff maximum				
Description	Certificates issued prior to October 16, 2023	Certificates issued from October 16, 2023 to March 3, 2024	Certificates issued on or after March 4, 2024			
Guilty plea / No plea	6 hours	8 hours	8 hours			
Withdrawal of one or more charges	8.5 hours	10 hours	10 hours			
Continuation: Guilty plea/ withdrawal (each additional half- day after first full day or two half days)	2.5 hours / half-day	2.5 hours / half-day	2.5 hours / half-day			
Contested trial – including attendance at the first day of trial	10.5 hours	15 hours	Revoked			
Contested trial, all services excluding attendance	N/A	N/A	15 hours (not including attendance time) (New)			
Continuation: Contested trial (for each additional day after first day)	4 hours /day	4 hours /day	4 hours /day			

		Tariff maximum				
Description	Certificates issued prior to October 16, 2023	Certificates issued from October 16, 2023 to March 3, 2024	Certificates issued on or after March 4, 2024			
Attendance at contested trial (for attendance after the first day of trial)	Actual time (no limit, after the first day)	Actual time (no limit, after the first day)	Revoked			
Attendance time where evidence is heard or submissions made, excluding waiting time	N/A	N/A	Actual time (no limit, for first and subsequent days) (New)			
Tariff maximum (excluding court time and enhancers)	64 hours	No Maximum	No Maximum			

Indictable Type 1 offences, Crown election offences where the matter proceeds by indictment, and all charges of sexual assault regardless of Crown elections

		Tariff maximum		
	Certificates issued prior to	Certificates issued from	Certificates issued on or	
	October 16,	October 16, 2023	after March 4,	
Description	2023	to March 3, 2024	2024	
Guilty plea (half-day court and less than 5 hours preparation) or no plea	8.5 hours	13 hours	Revoked	
Guilty plea (2 half-days of court or more than 5 hours preparation)	13 hours	15 hours	Revoked	
Guilty plea	N/A	N/A	15 hours (New)	
Withdrawal of one or more charges	13 hours	15 hours	15 hours	
Continuation: guilty plea/withdrawal (each additional half-day after first full day or 2 half days)	2.5 hours / half-day	2.5 hours / half-day	2.5 hours / half-day	
Contested trial – including attendance at two-half days or less			Revoked	
Contested trial, 10 days or less, all services excluding attendance.	N/A	N/A	17 hours (New)	
Contested trial, where there are more than two half-days, the case shall be billed as a contested trial in accordance with the tariff for Indictable 2 offences below. Applies retroactively to the first day.	N/A	N/A	Revoked	
Contested trial, more than 10 days, all services	N/A	N/A	27 hours (New)	

		Tariff maximum				
Description	Certificates issued prior to October 16, 2023	Certificates issued from October 16, 2023 to March 3, 2024	Certificates issued on or after March 4, 2024			
Continuation: all contested trials (for each additional day after first day)	N/A	N/A	4 hours /day (New)			
Attendance time where evidence is heard or submissions made	N/A	N/A	Actual time (no limit, for first and subsequent days) (New)			
Tariff maximum (excluding court time and enhancers)	64 hours	No Maximum	No Maximum			

Indictable Type 2

		Tariff maximum	
Description	Certificates issued prior to October 16, 2023	Certificates issued from October 16, 2023 to March 3, 2024	Certificates issued on or after March 4, 2024
Guilty plea / No plea	13 hours	15 hours	15 hours
Withdrawal of one or more charges	13 hours	15 hours	15 hours
Contested trial: 10 days or less	15 hours	22 hours	22 hours
Contested trial: More than10 days	22 hours	27 hours	27 hours
Continuation: Contested trial / guilty plea / withdrawal (for attendance on additional days after the first day)	4 hours /day	4 hours /day	4 hours /day
Attendance at contested trial / guilty plea / withdrawal	Actual time (no limit)	Actual time (no limit)	Actual time (no limit)
Tariff maximum (excluding court time and enhancers)	64 hours	No maximum	No maximum

Provincial offences and federal summary convictions

		Tariff maximum	
Description	Certificates issued prior to October 16, 2023	Certificates issued from October 16, 2023 to March 3, 2024	Certificates issued on or after March 4, 2024
Guilty plea / no plea	5 hours	5 hours	5 hours
Withdrawal of one or more charges	7 hours	7 hours	7 hours
Continuation: Guilty plea / withdrawal (each additional half-day after first full day or two half days)	2.5 hours / half-day	2.5 hours / half-day	2.5 hours / half-day
Contested trial - including attendance at the first day of trial	9 hours	9 hours	Revoked
Contested trial, all services excluding attendance	N/A	N/A	9 hours (not including attendance time) (New)
Continuation: Contested trial (for each additional day after the first day)	4 hours /day	4 hours /day	4 hours /day
Attendance at contested trial (for attendance after the first day of trial)	Actual time (no limit)	Actual time (no limit)	Revoked
Attendance time where evidence is heard or submissions made, excluding waiting time	N/A	N/A	Actual time (no limit, for first and subsequent days) (New)
Tariff maximum (excluding court time and enhancers)	64 hours	No maximum	No maximum

Ancillary Proceedings

		Tariff maximum	
	Certificates issued prior to	Certificates issued from	Certificates issued on or
Description	October 16, 2023	October 16, 2023 to March 3, 2024	after March 4, 2024
Judicial pre-trial Conduct and complete one OCJ judicial pre-trial	2 hours	2 hours	2 hours
Conduct and complete one OCJ judicial pre-trial (after the matter has been set for trial, preliminary hearing, NCR, or Gardiner hearing)	2 hours	2 hours	2 hours
Conduct and complete one SCJ judicial pre-trial	2 hours	2 hours	2 hours
Judicial Interim Release First Bail – including preparation and attendance, whether contested or on consent	2 hours (4 hours as a temporary Covid measure)	2 hours (4 hours as a temporary Covid measure)	4 hours
524 Bail – including preparation and attendance, where Crown brings a s.524 application (CCC)	3 hours	3 hours	5 hours
Bail Hearing, No s.524 – including preparation and attendance, for a separately occurring bail hearing where new charges are added to an existing certificate and the Crown does not bring a s.524 application	N/A	N/A	4 hours (New)
Bail Variation – including preparation and filing under s.519.1 (CCC)	1 hour	1 hour	1 hour
Bail Review – including attendance and preparation at the SCJ	5 hours	5 hours	10 hours
Detention Review ("Myers") – including preparation and attendance at the SCJ	5 hours (as a temporary Covid measure)	5 hours (as a temporary Covid measure)	10 hours

		Tariff maximum	
Description	Certificates issued prior to October 16, 2023	Certificates issued from October 16, 2023 to March 3, 2024	Certificates issued on or after March 4, 2024
Gladue Including preparation and submissions at a bail hearing and/or a sentencing hearing	3 hours	3 hours	5 hours
Charter	2 hours	8 hours	8 hours
Mental Health To assist clients that have an identifiable history of mental health issues	N/A	N/A	2 hours (New)

Block fees (all areas other than the North)

Resolution block fee

			Certi	ficates issue	ed	
		Prior to	From Oct.16,	From	From	From
		Oct. 16,	2023 to	Mar. 4,	Apr. 1,	Apr. 1,
		2023	Mar. 3, 2024	2024 to	2024 to	2025
December	Type of			Mar. 31,	Mar.31,	
Description	charge			2024	2025	
Guilty plea to	Summary I	\$692.97	\$727.61	Revoked	Revoked	Revoked
all charges, including	Summary II	\$804.79	\$845.03	Revoked	Revoked	Revoked
	Summary (New)	N/A	N/A	\$845.03	\$887.28	\$931.65
	Indictable	\$1,356.63	\$1,424.46	\$1,424.46	\$1,495.68	\$1,570.47
One or more	Summary I	\$910.55	\$956.08	Revoked	Revoked	Revoked
charges withdrawn or	Summary II	\$1,055.19	\$1,107.95	Revoked	Revoked	Revoked
stayed, including if a guilty plea occurs on a	Summary (New)	N/A	N/A	\$1,107.95	\$1,163.35	\$1,211.51
different day	Indictable	\$1,469.68	\$1,543.16	\$1,543.16	\$1,620.32	\$1,701.34

Block fees for ancillary services (summary or indictable)

	Certificates issued				
	Prior to	From	From	From Apr. 1,	From Apr. 1,
	Oct. 16,	Oct. 16,	Mar. 4,	2024 to	2025
	2023	2023 to	2024 to	Mar.31, 2025	
		Mar. 3, 2024	Mar. 31,		
Description			2024		
Judicial pre-trial Judicial pre-trial Conduct and complete one judicial pre-trial	\$303.88	\$319.07	\$319.07	\$335.03	\$351.78

		C	ertificates iss	ued	
Description	Prior to Oct. 16, 2023	From Oct. 16, 2023 to Mar. 3, 2024	From Mar. 4, 2024 to Mar. 31, 2024	From Apr. 1, 2024 to Mar.31, 2025	From Apr. 1, 2025
Judicial Interim Release First Bail – including preparation and attendance, whether contested or on consent	\$607.76 (as a temporary Covid measure)	\$638.15 (as a temporary Covid measure)	\$638.15	\$670.06	\$703.56
524 Bail – including preparation and attendance, where Crown brings a s.524 application (CCC)	\$455.82	\$478.61	\$797.69	\$837.57	\$879.45
Bail Hearing, No s.524 – including preparation and attendance, for a separately occurring bail hearing where new charges are added to an existing certificate and the Crown does not bring a s.524 application	N/A	N/A	\$638.15	\$670.06	\$703.56
Bail variation	\$151.94	\$159.54	\$159.54	\$167.51	\$175.89
Bail review – Including attendance and preparation at the SCJ	\$455.82	\$478.61	\$957.22	\$1,005.08	\$1,055.34

		C	ertificates iss	sued	
Description	Prior to Oct. 16, 2023	From Oct. 16, 2023 to Mar. 3, 2024	From Mar. 4, 2024 to Mar. 31, 2024	From Apr. 1, 2024 to Mar.31, 2025	From Apr. 1, 2025
Detention Review ("Myers") – including preparation and attendance at the SCJ	\$455.82	\$478.61	\$957.22	\$1,005.08	\$1,055.34
Gladue Including preparation and submissions at a bail hearing and/or a sentencing	\$273.49	\$287.16	\$478.60	\$502.53	\$527.66
Mental Health To assist clients that have an identifiable history of mental health issues	\$227.91	\$239.31	\$239.31	\$251.27	\$263.83

Block fees (Northern areas)

Resolution block fee

			Certificates issued				
		Prior to	From Oct.16,	From	From	From	
		Oct. 16,	2023 to	Mar. 4,	Apr. 1,	Apr. 1,	
	T f	2023	Mar. 3, 2024	2024 to	2024 to	2025	
Description	Type of			Mar. 31, 2024	Mar.31, 2025		
Description	charge			2024	2025		
Guilty plea to	Summary I	\$762.67	\$800.38	Revoked	Revoked	Revoked	
all charges, including	Summary II	\$885.27	\$929.54	Revoked	Revoked	Revoked	
sentencing	Summary (New)	N/A	N/A	\$929.54	\$976.01	\$1,024.81	
	Indictable	\$1,429.29	\$1,566.91	\$1,566.91	\$1,645.25	\$1,727.52	
One or more	Summary I	\$1,001.61	\$1,051.69	Revoked	Revoked	Revoked	
charges withdrawn or	Summary II	\$1,160.71	\$1,218.74	Revoked	Revoked	Revoked	
stayed, including if a guilty plea occurs on a	Summary (New)	N/A	N/A	\$1,218.74	\$1,279.68	\$1,343.67	
different day	Indictable	\$1,616.65	\$1,697.48	\$1,697.48	\$1,782.35	\$1,871.47	

Block fees for ancillary services (summary or indictable)

		Certificates issued				
	Prior to	From	From	From Apr. 1,	From Apr. 1,	
	Oct. 16,	Oct. 16,	Mar. 4,	2024 to	2025	
	2023	2023 to	2024 to	Mar.31, 2025		
		Mar. 3, 2024	Mar. 31,			
Description			2024			
Judicial pre-trial Judicial pre-trial Conduct and complete one judicial pre-trial	\$334.26	\$350.98	\$350.98	\$368.53	\$386.96	

	Certificates issued				
Description	Prior to Oct. 16, 2023	From Oct. 16, 2023 to Mar. 3, 2024	From Mar. 4, 2024 to Mar. 31, 2024	From Apr. 1, 2024 to Mar.31, 2025	From Apr. 1, 2025
Judicial Interim Release First Bail – including preparation and attendance, whether contested or on consent	\$668.54 (as a temporary Covid measure)	\$701.96 (as a temporary Covid measure)	\$701.96	\$737.06	\$773.91
524 Bail – including preparation and attendance, where Crown brings a s.524 application (CCC)	\$501.40	\$526.47	\$877.46	\$921.33	\$967.40
Bail Hearing, No s.524 – including preparation and attendance, for a separately occurring bail hearing where new charges are added to an existing certificate and the Crown does not bring a s.524 application	N/A	N/A	\$701.96	\$737.06	\$773.91
Bail variation	\$167.13	\$175.49	\$175.49	\$184.27	\$193.48
Bail review – Including attendance and preparation at the SCJ	\$501.40	\$526.47	\$1,052.94	\$1,105.59	\$1,160.87

	Certificates issued				
Description	Prior to Oct. 16, 2023	From Oct. 16, 2023 to Mar. 3, 2024	From Mar. 4, 2024 to Mar. 31, 2024	From Apr. 1, 2024 to Mar.31, 2025	From Apr. 1, 2025
Detention Review ("Myers") – including preparation and attendance at the SCJ	\$501.40	\$526.47	\$1,052.94	\$1,105.59	\$1,160.87
Gladue Including preparation and submissions at a bail hearing and/or a sentencing	\$300.84	\$315.88	\$526.46	\$552.78	\$580.42
Mental Health To assist clients that have an identifiable history of mental health issues	\$250.70	\$263.24	\$263.24	\$276.40	\$290.22

Notes

- Bold text indicates new tariff maximum/block fee
- For certificates issued on March 4, 2024, or after, there is no longer a distinction between Summary I and Summary II offences, and all offences where the Crown elects to proceed summarily are paid the same block fee.
- LAO has eliminated the tariff distinction between Indictable I guilty pleas where:
 - the actual hearing time occupies a half-day in court and the total time spent on preparation does not exceed five hours; and
 - the actual hearing time occupies two half days in court or the total time spent on preparation exceeds five hours
- All Indictable I guilty pleas, regardless of time spent in court and per diem preparation are paid to the tariff maximum of 15 hours.
- Bail Hearing, No s.524:
 - Where an accused is charged with new offences, it is LAO policy to add the new charges to an existing certificate where counsel expects that the charges will resolve together or is unsure whether or not the charges will resolve together.
 - Where new charges are added to an existing certificate and roster members have conducted two separately occurring bail hearings (heard before a different judge) they may bill for a second bail hearing. An authorization for a second bail hearing has been added to the online account page, which allows counsel to bill for the second bail hearing where it has not been billed on another certificate.
 - Where counsel is unsure if the separately occurring offences will ultimately resolve together and they acknowledge two certificates they should bill each of the first and the second bail hearing on the certificate authorizing the most serious charge. This complies with LAO's charges heard separately policy, which requires that charges heard together be billed on one certificate. Should, the charges later resolve separately counsel must ensure that they do not bill for either of the previously billed bail hearings on the other certificate(s).
- As of March 4, 2024, the field labels on the online account page have been changed. Previously, where a s.524 application was made, roster members would pick "second bail." Now roster members must pick "Bail Hearing, s.524" when billing a s.524 application on the online account page (5 hours). When billing the new tariff item/block for the second bail hearing, roster members should pick "Bail Hearing, No s.524" on the online account page (4 hours).
- When billing a s.524 bail hearing, roster members should ensure that they indicate clearly on their dockets that an application pursuant to s.524 was made.
- Coverage for detention reviews was already in place as a COVID measure. The Rules have now been amended to include this coverage. Further, the rate for detention

reviews has increased to match the increased amount paid for bail reviews.

- Coverage for bail hearings and increased bail hearing rates on both hourly and block fee certificates were already in place as COVID measures. The Rules have now been amended to include this coverage.
- For Gladue matters, the additional tariff is available for bail or sentencing hearings under the CCC or the YCJA:
 - when a publicly funded Gladue report is prepared for the specific charge; or
 - when a recently prepared report is used
- The Gladue authorization will continue to be requested and billed as in the past.
- The mental health authorization is only payable once per certificate. Where charges are
 resolved together, the mental health authorization is only billable on the certificate where
 the resolution was billed. It is not billable on certificates billed as "Resolved on other
 Certificate".
- As of March 4, 2024, the list of eligible charges for mid-level case management for criminal matters has been expanded. See Appendix A for a full list of covered charges

APPENDIX A

Charges eligible for Mid-level Case Management (MLCM)

		Date of eligibility for mid-level case management		
Description	Certificates issued prior to March 4, 2024	Certificates issued on or after March 4, 2024		
CRIM087 - Cause bodily harm - firearm	N/A	~		
CRIM091 - Commission of Offence for Criminal Organization	N/A	✓		
CRIM114 - Conspiracy to Commit Terrorism	N/A	✓		
CRIM176 - Discharge Firearm with Intent	N/A	✓		
CRIM18 - Armed Robbery	N/A	✓		
CRIM181 - Distribute/Import Child Pornography	N/A	✓		
CRIM19 - Arson	N/A	✓		
CRIM201 - Extortion	N/A	✓		
CRIM254 - Hijacking	N/A	✓		
CRIM256 - Hostage Taking	N/A	~		
CRIM263 - Illegal use of firearm	N/A	~		
CRIM267 - Impaired Driving Causing Bodily Harm	N/A	~		
CRIM269 - Import \ Export Substance Schedule 2	N/A	✓		
CRIM27 - Attempt Arson	N/A	~		

	Date of eligibility for mid-level cas	
Description	Certificates issued prior to March 4, 2024	Certificates issued on or after March 4, 2024
CRIM270 - Import \ Export Substance Schedule 3	N/A	~
CRIM271 - Import \ Export Substance Schedule 4	N/A	~
CRIM272 - Import \ Export Substance Schedule1	N/A	✓
CRIM278 - Importing Narcotics	N/A	✓
CRIM279 - Importing Narcotics (excluding cocaine and heroin)	N/A	~
CRIM286 - Infanticide	N/A	~
CRIM300 - Kidnapping	N/A	✓
CRIM310 - Lure a child by means of a computer system	N/A	~
CRIM312 - Make Child Pornography	N/A	~
CRIM315 - Making Automatic Weapons	N/A	✓
CRIM339 - Occupant in Motor Vehicle with Prohibited Weapon	N/A	~
CRIM348 - Participate in Activities of Criminal Organization	N/A	~
CRIM359 - Point Firearm	N/A	✓
CRIM378 - Possession for the Purpose of Weapon Trafficking	N/A	~
CRIM388 - Possession of Child Pornography	N/A	~

		for mid-level case gement
Description	Certificates issued prior to March 4, 2024	Certificates issued on or after March 4, 2024
CRIM390 - Possession of Firearm While Committing Offence	N/A	~
CRIM391 - Possession of Firearm with Ammunition	N/A	✓
CRIM392 - Possession of Firearm With Serial Number Removed	N/A	~
CRIM393 - Possession of Firearm without Licence	N/A	✓
CRIM402 - Possession Prohibited Firearm Knowing Unauthorized	N/A	~
CRIM440 - Robbery	N/A	~
CRIM446 - Sell Firearm	N/A	~
CRIM509 - Use Firearm while Committing	N/A	✓
CRIM510 - Use Imitation Firearm	N/A	✓
CRIM536 - Weapons Trafficking.	N/A	~
CRIM557 - Use Weapon while Committing Offence	N/A	✓
CRIM558 - Publish, Distribute, Possess or Access Child Pornography	N/A	~
CRIM568 - Instruction Commission of Offence for Criminal Organization	N/A	~
CRIM569 - Finance a terrorist activity	N/A	~
CRIM570 - Participate in or contribute to activity of terrorist group	N/A	~

		Date of eligibility for mid-level case management		
Description	Certificates issued prior to March 4, 2024	Certificates issued on or after March 4, 2024		
CRIM571 - Facilitate terrorist activity	N/A	✓		
CRIM574 - Harbour or conceal a person for purpose of terrorist activity	N/A	~		
CRIM580 - Accessing child pornography	N/A	✓		
CRIM602 - Trafficking in Persons	N/A	✓		
CRIM640 - Trafficking in persons over the age of 18	N/A	~		
CRIM641 - Trafficking in persons under the age of 18	N/A	~		
CRIM657 - Infanticide	N/A	~		
CRIM005 – Accessory after the fact of Murder	~	~		
CRIM013 – Aggravated sexual assault	~	~		
CRIM017 – Anal Intercourse	~	~		
CRIM049 - Beastiality	~	~		
CRIM112 – Conspiracy to Commit Murder	~	~		
CRIM159 - Counselling to Commit Murder	~	~		
CRIM165 - Criminal Negligence Causing Death	~	~		
CRIM170 - Dangerous Driving Causing Death	~	~		
CRIM200 – Expose genitals to under 14	~	~		

		Date of eligibility for mid-level case management		
Description	Certificates issued prior to March 4, 2024	Certificates issued on or after March 4, 2024		
CRIM212 – Fail to Provide the Necessities of Life	✓	✓		
CRIM215 – Fail to Remain Causing Bodily Harm or Death	~	~		
CRIM236 – Flight in Motor Vehicle Causing Death	✓	✓		
CRIM25 – Assault with intent to commit buggery (Offence occurred prior to 01/01/1985)	~	~		
CRIM252 – Gross Indecency (Offence occurred prior to 01/01/1988)	•	~		
CRIM268 – Impaired Driving Causing Death	~	✓		
CRIM281 – Incest	✓	✓		
CRIM294 – Invitation to Sexual Touching	✓	✓		
CRIM317 - Manslaughter	~	✓		
CRIM326 - Murder	~	✓		
CRIM34 – Attempt Murder	~	~		
CRIM37 – Attempt Rape	~	~		
CRIM39 – Attempt Sexual Assault	~	~		
CRIM40 – Attempt Sexual Interference	~	~		
CRIM433 – Rape (Offence Occurred Prior to 01/01/1985	~	~		

	Date of eligibility for mid-level case management	
Description	Certificates issued prior to March 4, 2024	Certificates issued on or after March 4, 2024
CRIM452 - Sexual Assault	✓	✓
CRIM453 - Sexual Assault Causing Bodily Harm	~	✓
CRIM454 - Sexual Assault with a Weapon	~	~
CRIM455 - Sexual Exploitation	✓	✓
CRIM456 - Sexual Intercourse with female under 16	✓	✓
CRIM457 - Sexual Interference	✓	✓
CRIM563 - Fail to comply with order under Sex Offender Information Registration Act	✓	~
CRIM564 – Knowing provide false or misleading information under Sex Offence Information Registration Act	✓	✓
CRIM565 – Unauthorized person exercising function or performing duty under Sex Offender Information Registration Act	✓	✓
CRIM566 – Unauthorized consultation, matching, disclosure and use of information under Sex Offender Information Registration Act	✓	•
CRIM572 - Commit an indictable offence for a terrorist group	~	~
CRIM573 - Instruct person to carry out terrorist activity	~	~
CRIM584 - Criminal Negligence Causing Death (Firearm)	✓	~
CRIM585 - Manslaughter (Firearm)	~	~

		for mid-level case gement
	Certificates issued prior to	Certificates issued on or after
Description	March 4, 2024	March 4, 2024
CRIM586 - Attempt Murder (Firearm)	~	✓
CRIM587 - Causing Bodily Harm with Intent (Firearm)	✓	~
CRIM588 - Sexual Assault (Firearm)	~	~
CRIM589 - Aggravated Sexual Assault (Firearm)	✓	~
CRIM590 - Kidnapping (Firearm)	✓	~
CRIM591 - Hostage-taking (Firearm)	✓	✓
CRIM592 - Robbery (Firearm)	✓	~
CRIM593 - Extortion (Firearm)	✓	✓
CRIM609 - Agreement or arrangement - sexual offence against child	✓	~
CRIM610 - Making sexually explicit material available to children	✓	~
CRIM658 - Sexual Intercourse with female under 18	~	~