

Tariff reform 2023: Summary of changes for criminal law



Updated: September 27, 2023

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

Description	Tariff maximum	
	Certificates issued prior to October 16, 2023	Certificates issued on or after October 16, 2023
Guilty plea / No plea	6 hours	8 hours
Withdrawal of one or more charges	8.5 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
Contested trial – including attendance at the first day of trial	10.5 hours	15 hours
Continuation: Contested trial (for each additional day after first 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)
Tariff maximum (excluding court time and enhancers)	64 hours	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

Description	Tariff maximum	
	Certificates issued prior to October 16, 2023	Certificates issued on or after October 16, 2023
Guilty plea (half-day court and less than 5 hours preparation) or no plea	8.5 hours	13 hours
Guilty plea (2 half-days of court or more than 5 hours preparation)	13 hours	15 hours
Withdrawal of one or more charges	13 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
Contested trial – including attendance at two-half days or less	15 hours	17 hours
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.		

Indictable Type 2

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

Provincial offences and federal summary convictions

Description	Tariff maximum	
	Certificates issued prior to October 16, 2023	Certificates issued on or after October 16, 2023
Guilty plea / no plea	5 hours	5 hours
Withdrawal of one or more charges	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
Contested trial - including attendance at the first day of trial	9 hours	9 hours
Continuation: Contested trial (for each additional day after the first 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)
Tariff maximum (excluding court time and enhancers)	64 hours	No maximum

Ancillary Proceedings

Description	Tariff maximum	
	Certificates issued prior to October 16, 2023	Certificates issued on or after October 16, 2023
Charter	2 hours	8 hours

Notes

No action required from the roster members to receive the increased base tariffs as they will be automatically applied to certificates issued on or after October 16, 2023. There is no change to the online account submission process.