

## CHARGE OUT RATES & POLICY REGARDING THE RECOVERY OF EXPENSES RECOVERY PURSUANT TO STATEMENT OF INSOLVENCY PRACTICE 9

The following information applies to all appointments of Insolvency Practitioners of Valentine & Co to act as any of the following:-

- Liquidator, Receiver, Administrator or Administrative Receiver of a Limited Company
- Trustee in Bankruptcy
- Supervisor of an Individual, Company or Partnership Voluntary Arrangement
- Administrator under the Insolvent Estates Order
- Monitor

When acting as Nominee, the provisions of the Insolvency Act require that the amount of the fees payable to the Office-holder be specified within the Debtor's proposals. Such fees will nevertheless be fixed to take account of the Office-holder's expected time costs arising as referred to below.

### 1. POLICY ON FEES

Fees are either fixed by reference to time costs, or as a percentage of realisations and distributions, or a set amount or any combination of all three. Where fees are agreed on a time cost basis, rates may be varied from time to time, at the sole discretion of Valentine & Co, and such changes will be notified in retrospect with each report to Creditors. It is the policy of Valentine & Co to use as junior grade of staff as compatible with the efficient conduct of the matter in order to ensure costs are kept to a minimum.

#### 1.1 CHARGE-OUT RATES

Where the approved basis of remuneration is on a time costs basis, work undertaken on cases is recorded in 6 minute units in an electronic time recording system. Time properly incurred on cases is charged at the hourly rate of the grade of staff undertaking the work that applies at the time the work is done. Details of charge-out rates effective from 1 April 2022 are as follows:

	Rate from 1 April 2022 per hour (£)
Managing Director	525
Other Directors/Consultant	375-495
Manager	285 -375
Senior	195-250
Administrator	150-195
Support	50

Rates vary between individuals, reflecting experience and qualification. Please note that support staff time is charged to the case at the rate indicated. Rates are subject to review and may increase periodically. Any change in rates will be advised to creditors.

For further information on the manner in which an Office Holder's fees may be fixed, please refer to the guidance notes in relation to fees which can be downloaded from [www.valentine-co.com/resources](http://www.valentine-co.com/resources)

## 2 RECOVERY OF EXPENSES

An expense is a directly attributable cost to the estate which is neither an office holder's remuneration nor a distribution to creditors or members. Expenses can include disbursements, payments met by the office holder and subsequently recovered from the estate, and are divided into those that do not need approval before they are charged to the estate (category 1) and those that do (category 2).

Category 1 expenses are payments to independent third parties and do not have to be approved prior to payment, but when reporting to the creditors committee and creditors during the course of the liquidation the actual expenses incurred will be compared with the original estimate provided with any material difference explained (e.g. where legal costs rise due to escalated recovery action).

Category 2 expenses are payments to associates, or parties with a professional or personal relationship, or payments which have an element of shared costs. These expenses require approval in the same manner as an office holder's remuneration. This will include any case related travel or subsistence incurred by staff working on this case. Where it is necessary for staff to travel from the office, business mileage may be charged at the HMRC rate of 45p per mile.

An estimate of expenses (including disbursements) is provided to creditors when the basis of the office-holder's fees are approved.

The expenses recovered by Valentine & Co are as follows:-

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Charge</b>
Bond	At cost
Statutory Advertising	At cost
Postage/postworks (see below)	At cost
External storage	At cost
Mileage (where any staff of office holder of Valentine & Co utilises their own vehicle)	45p/mile
Other travel charges are recharged at 100% of the fare/cost incurred by the office holder, his staff or relevant party	At cost in accordance with internal policy
Subsistence and any other miscellaneous disbursements, where appropriately incurred, are charged/recharged at 100% of the cost incurred by the office holder, his staff or relevant	At cost in accordance with internal policy

It should be noted that the firm now also uses the services of a postal communication agent for delivery of documents. Where this is used the fee is a category 1 expense and recharged to the estate. The rate charged is regularly reviewed to ensure it provides best value for creditors at a fair market rate.

All costs are subject to VAT, where applicable. The costs recharged are based upon the actual cost of the materials used or the costs which would have been incurred if that service had been sourced externally.

Valentine & Co reserve the right to alter its charge rates without notice from time to time.