

# Mercian Law

*Commercial Debt Recovery Specialists*

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## **COURT FEES INCREASE**

On 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 Her Majesty's Court Service (HMCS) merged with the Tribunal Service, and is now called Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service (HMCTS). This means that if you are about to pay a court fee by cheque, from 1<sup>st</sup> April all cheques must be made payable to HMCTS.

From 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011 many of the court fees our clients regularly pay have been increased. These include:

- Issuing possession proceedings, including accelerated claims have increased from £150 to £175.
- To file an Allocation Questionnaire on claims over £5000 has increased from £150 to £175.
- The filing of a pre-trial checklist (listing questionnaire) has increased from £100 to £110.
- The hearing fee on claims over £15000 has increased from £1000 to £1090.
- The hearing fee for claims between £5000 to £15000 has increased from £500 to £545.
- Issuing an Application on notice (where a hearing is required) to fee has increased from £75 to £80. This includes Applications for Set Aside and Strike Out or to Vary an Order.
- Issuing an Application by consent or without notice (where a hearing is not required) the fee increased from £40 to £45. This includes the filing of Consent/ Tomlin Orders when matters have settled.
- To issue a Warrant of Possession (eviction) the fee increased from £95 to £110.

If you file papers without the correct fee or the correct payee the papers will be returned for the errors to be rectified. This may cause a breach of directions if you fail to meet a deadline imposed by court order.

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