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The new guideline hourly rates for solicitors have finally been published. The annual increase, normally made in January, was delayed initially because the Master of the Rolls decided to wait until after publication of Sir Rupert Jackson's report of his review of Civil Litigation Costs before deciding whether to make any changes.

Ultimately however, the Advisory Committee on Civil Costs' recommendation for the 2010 GHRs involves no substantive changes from the 2009 GHRs. This is because they have yet to complete their analyses of the issues raised in their paper "The Derivation of New Guideline Hourly Rates" which accompanied their recommendations for 2009. Thus the 2010 recommendation simply involves uprating the 2009 by a suitable index (1.7%, in line with inflation) following the practice in previous years. Also National Bands 2 and 3 are now grouped together (as Band 2).

**Please feel free to visit our website where you can download a handy table of guide rates for all Bands in England & Wales for 2009 and 2010.**

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