

Sheriff Officer and Messenger-at-Arms Fees Guide

Effective 25 September 2026

The Act of Sederunt introduces a time-unit charging structure. This guide converts those charges into monetary values for ease of reference.

Hand Service	Summary Cause/Simple Procedure ≤ £1,500	Standard	Court of Session/ Messenger-at-Arms
Service Fee	£87.84	£109.80	£137.25
Additional Copy	£19.52	£24.40	£26.84

Inhibition/ Interdict	Summary Cause/Simple Procedure ≤ £1,500	Standard	Court of Session/ Messenger-at-Arms
Inhibition Only - Service Fee	£112.24	£140.30	£140.30
Inhibition Only - Additional Copy	£34.16	£42.70	£42.70
Inhibition & Service - Service Fee	£131.76	£164.70	£168.82
Inhibition & Service - Additional Copy	£58.56	£73.20	£75.03
Inhibition, Service & Interdict - Service Fee	N/A	£268.40	£275.11
Inhibition, Service & Interdict - Additional Copy	N/A	£115.90	£118.80
Interdict Only - Service Fee	N/A	£201.30	£201.30
Interdict Only - Additional Copy	N/A	£42.70	£42.70
Interdict & Service - Service Fee	N/A	£225.70	£225.70
Interdict & Service - Additional Copy	N/A	£67.10	£67.10

Attachments (Inc. Money & Motor Vehicles)	Summary Cause/Simple Procedure ≤ £1,500	Standard	Court of Session/ Messenger-at-Arms
Arranging & attaching <£1,000	£134.20	£134.20	£134.20
Arranging & attaching >£1,000	£207.40	£207.40	£207.40

Arranging & Not Executing	£115.90	£115.90	£115.90
Servicing Notice of Entry	£18.30	£18.30	£18.30
Report to Court	£12.20	£12.20	£12.20

Auctions	Summary Cause/Simple Procedure ≤ £1,500	Standard	Court of Session/ Messenger-at-Arms
Arr Auction, Prep Advert & Giving Public Notice	£30.50	£30.50	£30.50
Intimating documents required to proceed with Auction	£87.84	£109.80	£137.25
SO & Witness Attending Auction - Not Executed	£109.80	£109.80	£109.80
SO & Witness Attending Auction - Executed	£201.30	£201.30	£201.30

Ejections	Summary Cause/Simple Procedure ≤ £1,500	Standard	Court of Session/ Messenger-at-Arms
Executing/ Attempting Charge for Removal	£87.84	£109.80	£137.25
Additional Copy	£19.52	£24.40	£26.84
Arranging & Not Executing	£109.80	£109.80	£109.80
Arranging & Executing	£170.80	£170.80	£170.80

Possession of Effects	Summary Cause/Simple Procedure ≤ 1,500	Standard	Court of Session/ Messenger-at-Arms
Arranging Possession	£109.80	£109.80	£109.80
Arranging & Effecting Possession	£201.30	£201.30	£201.30

Apprehensions	Summary Cause/Simple Procedure ≤ £1,500	Standard	Court of Session/ Messenger-at-Arms
Arranging Apprehension	N/A	£109.80	£109.80
Arranging & Apprehending	N/A	£201.30	£201.30

Arresting vessels, aircraft and cargo	Summary Cause/Simple Procedure ≤ £1,500	Standard	Court of Session/ Messenger-at-Arms
Arranging to Arrest	£109.80	£109.80	£109.80
Arranging & Effecting Arrestment	£335.50	£335.50	£335.50

Uplifting Children	Summary Cause/Simple Procedure ≤ £1,500	Standard	Court of Session/ Messenger-at-Arms
Arranging Uplift	N/A	£109.80	£109.80
Uplifting Each Child	N/A	£201.30	£201.30

Postal Service	Summary Cause/Simple Procedure ≤ £1,500	Standard	Court of Session/ Messenger-at-Arms
Earnings Arrestment	£67.21	£83.07	£91.00
Postal Diligence i.e. Charge	£47.69	£58.67	N/A
Postal Service i.e. Summons/Writ/ Witness Citation	£34.58	£41.90	£45.56

Miscellaneous	Summary Cause/Simple Procedure ≤ £1,500	Standard	Court of Session/ Messenger-at-Arms
Report to Court	£24.40	£24.40	£24.40
Receipt under Acts	£12.20	£12.20	£12.20
Arrange Locksmith	£18.30	£18.30	£18.30
Register document/ Application	£24.40	£24.40	£24.40
Execute Warrant to Open	£24.40	£24.40	£24.40
Time with Witness (30 mins)	£42.70	£42.70	£42.70
Time without Witness (30 mins)	£30.50	£30.50	£30.50
Hague Convention by Hand	N/A	£209.10	£209.10
Hague Convention by Post	N/A	£86.70	£86.70

IMPORTANT NOTES: Auctioneer fees, travel costs, urgent attendances and other outlays may apply. Expeditious service may incur additional charges.