

**Advice and  
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# **Category Codes Card**

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# Civil advice and assistance/ABWOR category codes: standard and diagnostic

Note: diagnostic cases are shown in shading

Code	Description	Standard or diagnostic	Initial limit	ABWOR without Board permission
ADO	Adoption	Standard	£95/£180	No
AGG	Aggregation	Standard	£95	No
AISA	Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act	Standard	£95/£180	No
AJA	Administration of Justice Act	Standard	£95/£180	No
ALI	Aliment	Standard	£95/£180	No
ASBO	Antisocial behaviour orders	Standard	£95/£180	No
ASY	Asylum application / appeal	Standard	£95/£180	Yes
BENA	Benefit appeals or reviews	Standard	£95	No
BEND	Benefits	Diagnostic	£35	No
BNK	Bankruptcy / petition by debtor	Standard	£95/£180	Yes
BOC	Breach of contract	Standard	£95/£180	No
BOI	Breach of interdict	Standard	£95/£180	No
CA	Civil appeal	Standard	£95/£180	No

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CCA	Community care - assessment of need, eligibility/charging for services and direct payments	Standard	£95/£180	No
CDAC	Crime and Disorder Act	Standard	£95/£180	No
CHCI	Children (Scotland) Act - Part I, Part II Chapters 1 and 4, Part III and Part IV	Standard	£95/£180	No
CHSC	Child Support Commissioners	Standard	£95/£180	No
CICA	Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority	Standard	£95	No
CNT	Contact	Standard	£95/£180	No
COHA	Co-habitee rights under family law	Standard	£95/£180	No
COM	Complaints	Diagnostic	£35	No
CONV	Conveyancing	Standard	£95	No
CROF	Crofting	Standard	£95/£180	No
CSA	Child Support Agency	Standard	£95	No
CURA	Curator ad litem	Standard	£95/£180	No
CVGA	Civic Government Act	Standard	£95/£180	No
CVPT	Civil partnerships	Standard	£95/£180	No
DBTD	Debt - value less than £500	Diagnostic	£35	No
DBTS	Debt - value £500 and above	Standard	£95/£180	No
DEC	Declarator	Standard	£95/£180	No
DEL	Delivery	Standard	£95/£180	No
DGOV	Disciplinary proceedings before governor in relation to a prisoner	Diagnostic	£35	No
DISA	Disclosure Scotland Act	Diagnostic	£35	No

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DISC	Discrimination	Standard	£95/£180	No
DIV	Divorce	Standard	£95/£180	No
DPA	Data Protection Act	Diagnostic	£35	No
DSAL	Division and sale	Standard	£95/£180	No
DVLA	Driving licence summary application	Standard	£95/£180	No
ECHR	European Court of Human Rights	Diagnostic	£35	No
EDUC	Education (Scotland) Act - civil	Standard	£95/£180	No
EJC	European Judgement Convention	Standard	£95/£180	No
EMP	Employment	Standard	£95/£180	No
ET	Employment tribunals	Standard	£95/£180	ABWOR requires prior Board approval
EURO	European agreement	Standard	£95/£180	No
EVIC	Eviction	Standard	£95/£180	No
EXE	Executry	Standard	£95/£180	No
EXEA	Executry - petition for executor dative	Standard	£95/£180	Yes
FAI	Fatal accident inquiry	Standard	£95/£180	No
FAM	Family / matrimonial	Standard	£95/£180	No
FEO	Fines enforcement and collection	Diagnostic	£35	No
FLA	Full civil legal aid	Standard	£95/£180	No
FOI	Freedom of information	Diagnostic	£35	No
FTO	Failure to obtemper	Standard	£95/£180	No

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GDEF	General defence	Standard	£95/£180	No
HAG	Hague convention applications	Standard	£95/£180	No
HBEN	Housing benefit	Standard	£95/£180	No
HLES	Homelessness	Standard	£95/£180	No
HOU	Housing	Diagnostic	£35	No
HRCI	Human Rights Act	Diagnostic	£35	No
HRTS	Heritable rights	Standard	£95/£180	No
IMN	Immigration / nationality	Standard	£95/£180	Yes
IMPL	Implement	Standard	£95/£180	No
INT	Interdict	Standard	£95/£180	No
JR	Judicial review	Standard	£95/£180	No
LDTN	Landlord and tenant	Standard	£95/£180	No
LIC	Licensing Act	Diagnostic	£35	No
MEDN	Medical negligence	Standard	£95/£180	No
MENO	Mental Health Act - Care and Treatment Act	Standard	£95	Yes
MHAA	Matrimonial Homes Act - ABWOR	Standard	£95	Yes
MHAC	Matrimonial Homes Act - non-ABWOR	Standard	£95/£180	No
MRA	Mortgage Rights (Scotland) Act	Standard	£95/£180	No
NHO	Non-harassment order	Standard	£95/£180	No
OCON	Other conventions	Standard	£95/£180	No
OTH	Other civil	Diagnostic	£35	No
PASA	Protection from Abuse (Scotland) Act - ABWOR	Standard	£95	Yes

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PASB	Protection from Abuse (Scotland) Act - non-ABWOR	Standard	£95/£180	No
PAY	Payment	Standard	£95/£180	No
POAT	Power of attorney	Standard	£95	No
POCC	Proceeds of Crime (Scotland) Act - civil	Standard	£95/£180	No
PRIS	Prison rules	Diagnostic	£35	No
PRT	Pensions Regulator Tribunal	Standard	£95	ABWOR requires prior Board approval
REDU	Reduction	Standard	£95/£180	No
RENF	Reciprocal enforcement	Standard	£95/£180	No
REP	Reparation - personal injury	Standard	£95/£180	No
REPO	Reparation other / damages	Standard	£95/£180	No
RES	Residence	Standard	£95/£180	No
RHP	Recovery of heritable property	Standard	£95/£180	No
SCCI	Scotland Act	Diagnostic	£35	No
SEP	Separation	Standard	£95/£180	No
SEQ	Sequestration	Standard	£95/£180	No
SIM	Simplified divorce	Standard	£95	No
SOA	Sex Offenders Act	Standard	£95/£180	No
SSC	Social security commissioners - appeal	Standard	£95/£180	No
SSEQ	Self sequestration	Standard	£95/£180	Yes
SUMA	Summary application	Standard	£95/£180	No

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<b>TOA</b>	Transfer of agency - civil cases	Diagnostic	£35	No
<b>VAR</b>	Variation	Standard	£95/£180	No
<b>VDT</b>	VAT and duties tribunal	Standard	£95	ABWOR requires prior Board approval
<b>WIL</b>	Wills	Standard	£95	No
<b>WITC</b>	Witness citation - civil	Diagnostic	£35	No

# Criminal advice and assistance/ ABWOR category codes

Code	Description	Advice and assistance initial limit	ABWOR initial limit	ABWOR merits test applied by solicitor?	PF/police reference number, where not available, date of offence required?
ABD	Abduction	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
AMU	Attempted murder	£90	N/A	N/A - no ABWOR	Yes
ANI	Animals (dangerous dogs etc.)	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
APL	Criminal appeal	£90	N/A	N/A - no ABWOR	No
ASS	Assault	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
ATTP	Attempting to pervert the course of justice	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
BBC	Breach of bail conditions - 27(1)(b)	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
BCRO	Breach of community reparation order	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	No

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<b>BCS</b>	Breach of a community service order	£90	£90/£165	No	No
<b>BIA</b>	Breach of interdict and power of arrest  <i>Note - No ABWOR financial eligibility test required</i>	£90	£90/£165	No	No
<b>BNHO</b>	Revocation/variation of a non-harassment order	£90	£90/£165	No	No
<b>BOAS</b>	Breach of ASBO	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	No
<b>BOP</b>	Breach of the peace	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
<b>BPRB</b>	Breach of a probation order	£90	£90/£165	No	No
<b>BRLO</b>	Variation/revocation/breach of a restriction of liberty order	£90	£90/£165	No	No
<b>BSA</b>	Breach of a supervised attendance order	£90	£90/£165	No	No
<b>BSEX</b>	Breach of Sex Offenders Act 1997 - Certain sexual acts outside UK	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes

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BYL	Bylaws	£35	N/A	N/A - no ABWOR	No
CGAI	Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - indecent photographs: possession, making, distribution	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
CGAO	Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - other.	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
CGAT	Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Section 57 - theft with intent etc.)	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
CJPO	Return of sound equipment	£35	£90	No	No
CLA	Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
COMM	Communications Acts	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
CPPO	Conviction of probationer following offence during probation period	£90	£90/£165	No	No
CSO	Amendment/ revocation of a community service order	£90	£90/£165	No	No

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<b>CULP</b>	Culpable and reckless conduct	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
<b>CYPA</b>	Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act 1937	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
<b>DG</b>	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
<b>DTTO</b>	Variation/ revocation/revie w/breach of a drug treatment and testing order	£90	£90/£165	No	No
<b>EDU</b>	Education (Scotland) Act 1996	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
<b>EMB</b>	Embezzlement	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
<b>EWA</b>	Emergency Workers Act	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
<b>EXTR</b>	Extradition	£90	ABWOR not available	No - summary legal aid only	No
<b>FIR</b>	Firearms Act	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
<b>FRA</b>	Fraud	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
<b>FTAO</b>	Breach of bail conditions - other	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes

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FTAP	Breach of bail conditions - 27(1)(a)	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes. ABWOR not available if summary legal aid is in place for the substantive matter	Yes
HB	Housebreaking	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
HOM	Culpable homicide	£90	N/A	N/A - no ABWOR	Yes
LICO	Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
MCC	Means enquiry/fines	£35	N/A	N/A - no ABWOR	No
MUR	Murder	£90	N/A	N/A - no ABWOR	Yes
OBWI	Obstructive witness order  <i>Note - No ABWOR financial eligibility test required</i>	£35	£90/£165	No - ABWOR only available in solemn criminal cases	No

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OFW	Offensive weapon - includes Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
OSC	Checking outstanding cases/warrants/charges	£35	N/A	N/A - no ABWOR	No
OTC	Other criminal	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
PAR	Proceedings in Parole Board cases	£35	£165	No	No
PERJ	Perjury	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
POC	Proceeds of Crime (Scotland) Act 1995 and Proceeds of Crime Act 2002	£35	£90	ABWOR requires prior Board approval	No
POL	Police (Scotland) Act 1967	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
RDLC	Removal of disqualification from driving Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988 Section 42	£35	£90	ABWOR requires prior Board approval.	No
ROB	Robbery	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
RPRB	Progress review of a probation order	£90	£90/£165	No	No
RST	Reset	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
RTA	Road Traffic Act	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes

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SAO	Amendment/ revocation of a supervised attendance order	£90	£90/£165	No	No
SCRC	Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission	£90	N/A	N/A - no ABWOR	No
SEX	Sexual offences - includes Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
TERF	Warrant for further detention (or extension) under Terrorism Act 2000  <i>Note - No ABWOR financial eligibility test required</i>	£35	£90	No	No
TERR	Terrorism	£90	N/A	N/A - no ABWOR	Yes
THF	Theft	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
TMV	Theft of motor vehicle	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
TOAC	Transfer of agency	£35	N/A	N/A - no ABWOR	No

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<b>UTT</b>	Uttering	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
<b>VAN</b>	Vandalism - includes culpable, common law and statutory	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
<b>VERA</b>	Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
<b>VFBO</b>	Variation or termination of a football banning order	£35	£90	No	No
<b>WFR</b>	Wilful fire raising and culpable and reckless fire raising	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
<b>WIR</b>	Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 and Telecommunications Act 1984	£35/£90	£185/£550	Yes	Yes
<b>WITR</b>	Witness citation - criminal	£35	N/A	N/A - no ABWOR	No

# Children's advice and assistance category codes

Code	Description	Initial limit	ABWOR - without Board permission
CHC	Children (Scotland) Act - Part II, Chapters 2 and 3	£95	N/A
TACC	Transfer of agency - children's cases	£95	N/A
WTCC	Witness citation - children's cases	£95	N/A

# Contempt of court proceedings category codes

Code	Description	Standard or diagnostic	Advice and assistance initial limit	ABWOR initial limit	ABWOR without Board perm - ission	Where PF /police reference number not available, date of offence required?
CCTC	Contempt of court - civil matter	Standard	£95	N/A	No	N/A
CCT	Contempt of court - criminal matter	N/A	£90	N/A	No	Yes
CTCH	Contempt of court - children's matter	N/A	£95	N/A	No	N/A

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