



PROCEDURE NAME:	Hourly Service and Expense Rates (Credentials included)	Number: 404.425.01.002
DIVISION:	Administrative Services	
RESPONSIBLE SECTION:	Pre-Authorized Expenses Division	Effective Date: 8/1/2025

INTRODUCTION

This document covers rates paid by the Oregon Public Defense Commission to vendors for services provided in public defense cases and supersedes any previous memorandum or version of the document.

ATTORNEY FEES	
Tier 1 – Murder, JLaw, Measure 11, AFEL, BFEL, Appeals, Habeas Corpus, Mandamus, Post Conviction Relief and all Juvenile cases	\$155 /hr.
Tier 2 – All other case types	\$140 /hr.

ALL OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS			
Service	Guideline Amount	Hourly Guideline	Required Credentials
Accident Reconstruction	\$150/hr. - \$325/hr.	20 hrs.	
Accountant	\$200/hr. - \$270/hr.		Accountant or forensic accounting degree
Alternative Sentencing Evaluation (OPE)	\$40/hr. \$450/flat rate	7-12 hrs. Flat rate must be approved and is not guaranteed.	

Service	Guideline Amount	Hourly Guideline	Required Credentials
Arson Expert	\$160/hr. - \$515/hr.	20 hrs.	
American Society for Addiction Medicine (ASAM)/Drug and Alcohol evaluation	\$435/flat rate		QMHA/QMHP/CAD C certification
Associate/Research Counsel	\$140 or \$155 (Tier 1 or Tier 2)	20 hrs.	J.D.
Audio, Video, or Photo Analyst Digital Forensic Analyst	\$165/hr. - \$300/hr.	20 hrs.	
Ballistics/Firearms Expert	\$165/hr. - \$300/hr.	20 hrs.	AA or higher degree in related field or direct ballistics and or firearm investigation field experience
Biomechanical Engineer	\$165/hr. - \$420/hr. \$5,400/flat rate	20 hrs. Flat rate must be approved and is not guaranteed.	B.S., MSME, PhD, MD (pay scaled to degree)
Case Manager	\$45/hr.	20 hrs.	-A Bachelor's or higher-level degree in Social Work/Human Services or a closely related field; or -A Bachelor's degree in a field not closely related to Social Work/Human Services and one year of Human Services related experience; or -A combination of equivalent experience (see Policy)
Chemist Expert	\$40/hr.	20 hrs.	BA minimum

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Criminalist Expert	\$100/hr. - \$220/hr.	20 hrs.	AA to BA education, or DPSST certification for law enforcement experience
DNA Expert	\$190/hr. - \$435/hr.	20 hrs.	Licensed professional
Doctor - General	\$110/hr. - \$270/hr.	20 hrs.	Licensed professional
Doctor - Specialist	\$165/hr. - \$380/hr.	20 hrs.	Licensed professional
Dual Diagnoses/Mitigation reports for mental health and drug addiction	\$130/hr. \$1,300/flat rate	10 hrs. Flat rate must be approved and is not guaranteed.	QMHA/QMHP and CADC minimum
Eyewitness/Memory Perception	\$165/hr. - \$325/hr.	10 hrs.	PhD or equivalent doctorate level degree
File Conversion	\$27/per file	varies	
File Organization	\$45/hr.	10 hrs.	
Fingerprint Analyst Expert	\$245/hr.	20 hrs.	BA or BS in relevant field (forensic science, biology, criminal justice)
Forensic Expert Computer/Cellphone Analyst Expert	\$165/hr. - \$300/hr. \$2,175 (per unit for information extraction)	25 hrs.	BS in related field (computer science, computer forensics, cybersecurity)
Gang Expert	\$110/hr. - \$270/hr.	20 hrs.	PhD or engagement experience

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Guardian Ad Litem	\$140 /hr. (attorney) \$50/hr. (non-attorney)	10 hrs.	Court-appointed
Geneticist	\$45/hr. - \$320/hr. \$1,090 - \$3,265/flat rate	20 hrs. Flat rate must be approved and is not guaranteed.	Licensed Professional (MD or PhD)
Handwriting Analyst Expert	\$135/hr. - \$165/hr.	10 hrs.	Direct certification or BA/BS in forensic related field
Hematologist	\$380/hr.	10 hrs.	Licensed professional
Interpreter/Translator and Assistive Communication Devices (spoken languages)	\$60/hr. – certified \$44/hr. – registered \$36/hr. – non-certified		OPDC follows the State Court Administrator's rates and qualifications.
Interpreter - American Sign Language – (OJD Certified)	\$78/hr. - certified	N/A	ORS 45.291 and ORS 45.275
Investigator	\$59 /hr. -monolingual \$64 /hr. -bilingual	Varies	DPSST certification
Jury Consultant	\$50/hr.	10 hrs.	
Law Student / Clerk	\$15/hr. - \$30/hr.	Varies	
Legal Expert/Consultant Attorney	\$155/hr.		JD
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	\$100/hr. - \$150/hr.	15 hrs.	Licensed professional
Linguist Expert	\$110/hr. - \$165/hr.	15 hrs.	
Litigation Support Expert	\$70/hr. - \$150/hr.	50 hrs.	

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Mitigation Specialist	\$75/hr.	25 hrs.	Mitigators shall, at the minimum, be licensed by DPSST.
Neurologist (MD)	\$165/hr. - \$435/hr.	20 hrs.	Licensed professional
Neuropsychologist (PhD/ PsyD)	\$165/hr. - \$435/hr. \$2,180 - \$2,720/flat rate	20 hrs. Flat rate must be approved and is not guaranteed.	Licensed professional
Nurse	\$55/hr. - \$135/hr.	20 hrs.	Licensed professional
Nurse Practitioner	\$110/hr. - \$165/hr.	20 hrs.	Licensed professional
Occupational Therapist	\$220/hr.	20 hrs.	Licensed professional
Other Medically licensed Expert (MD, DO)	\$270/hr. - \$410/hr.	20 hrs.	Licensed professional
Paraprofessional Services (Legal assistant, paralegal and secretarial services)	\$30/hr. - \$55/hr.	Varies	
Pharmacist	\$165/hr. - \$325/hr.	20 hrs.	PharmD
Physical Therapist	\$165/hr.	20 hrs.	Licensed professional
Plethysmography	\$315/hr.	20 hrs.	OHA certification
Polygrapher	\$435/flat rate - \$545/flat rate		DPSST certification

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Process Server	\$35/per location	N/A	Service may be effectuated by the Sheriff pursuant to ORS 21.300, an investigator, or a process server.
Psychiatrist (MD)	\$160/hr. - \$380/hr.	20 hrs.	Licensed professional
Psychologist (PhD/PsyD) (Certified forensic) Rate is based on years of experience	0-7 yrs. = \$190/hr. 8-15 yrs. = \$200/hr. 16+ yrs. = \$220/hr. Bilingual receives \$25/hr. more	20-25 hrs.	Licensed professional
Psychologist (PhD/PsyD) (Non-certified forensic) Rate is based on years of experience	0-7 yrs. = \$165/hr. 8-15 yrs. = \$175/hr. 16+ yrs. = \$190/hr. Bilingual receives \$25/hr. more	20-25	Licensed professional
Radiologist	\$270/hr. - \$380/hr.	20 hrs.	Licensed professional
Redaction/Document processing	\$40/hr. - \$130/hr.	15 hrs.	
Sleep Pathologist	\$165/hr. - \$520/hr. \$2,015 - \$6,050/flat rate	20 hrs. Flat rate must be approved and is not guaranteed.	Licensed professional
Social Worker (forensic)	\$80/hr. - \$110/hr.	10 hrs.	MSW licensed
Speech Therapist Expert	\$95/hr. - \$245/hr.	10 hrs.	Licensed professional

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Toxicologist	\$165/hr. - \$545/hr.	20 hrs.	
Traffic Engineer Expert	\$110/hr. - \$190/hr. \$4,320/flat rate	10 hrs. Flat rate must be approved and is not guaranteed.	
Transcriptionist	\$4.25 per page (rate set by statute)	N/A	Must have completed a training program through a court reporting school, approved by National Court Reporting Association (NCRA)
Translation/Transcription	\$36/hr. - \$78/hr.	20 hrs.	A forensic transcription translation will only be provided if the service is reasonable and necessary.
Use of Force Expert	\$95/hr. - \$325/hr.	30 hrs.	DPSST certification for law enforcement; JD for higher rate
Veterinarian	\$165/hr. - \$270/hr.	10 hrs.	Licensed professional

ROUTINE CASE EXPENSES FOR COUNSEL & INVESTIGATORS (PAE not required)		
Blank CD/DVD, case, and label	\$1.00 each	For media, case, and label
Discovery	Actual cost	Receipt required.
Mileage	Mileage will be paid at the GSA rate at the time of travel	Excludes counsel's trips between office and courthouse unless authorized.

ROUTINE CASE EXPENSES FOR COUNSEL & INVESTIGATORS (PAE not required)		
OECI Searches	\$0.25 per minute of usage	When provider has subscription for OECI
Parking	Actual Cost	Trip must qualify for mileage payment. Receipt required if over \$25.00.
Photocopies, in-house, B&W Photocopies, in-house, Color Scanning, In-house	Max. \$0.10 per page Max. \$0.50 per page Max. \$0.05 per page	Also applies to in-coming faxes.
Photocopies & Scanning by Vendor	Actual cost	Receipt required.
Photocopies, State Court/Other Government entities	Actual cost	Certified copy costs also paid if necessary. Receipt required.
Photograph production, in-house and vendor	In-house: \$0.40 for 3x5 or 4x6 \$1.20 for full page Actual cost if vendor	In-house must be produced on photo quality paper, otherwise in-house color copy rate. Receipt required if produced by vendor.
Postage	First-class mail	No receipt required.
Process Service	\$35/per location	Service may be effectuated by the Sheriff pursuant to ORS 21.300, an investigator, or a process server.
Records	\$300/per record (all case types except murder) \$500/per record (any level of murder)	See Routine Expense policy
Special Delivery	UPS, Fed Ex, USPS Express mail, messenger service	Receipt & explanation required.
Telephone	Actual Cost	International charges, including those for faxes, and charges for collect calls from client at an institution. Receipt required.

TRAVEL EXPENSES			
Airfare	Must be arranged through state contract. Contact information will be on the PAE Approval.		Varies
Lodging	See PAE Policy		GSA rates apply
Meal Allowance: Day Trips	Breakfast: \$16.00 (departure before 6 am) Lunch: \$19.00 (departure before 6 am/ return after 2 pm) Dinner: \$33.00 (return after 8 pm) (Justification must be provided & distance must be more than 100 miles one way)		Travel times must be reported
Meal Allowance: Overnight (no time provided)	First day: Dinner only: \$33.00 Second & subsequent full days: \$68.00 Last day: Breakfast & Lunch: \$35.00		No departure or return times provided
Meal Allowance: Overnight (time provided)		Departure time:	Return time:
	Breakfast: \$16.00	Before 6:00 am	After 9:00 am
	Lunch: \$19.00	Before 11:00 am	After 2:00 pm
	Dinner: \$33.00	Before 5:00 pm	After 8:00 pm
Mileage	See PAE & Routine Expense policies.		GSA rates apply
Parking	Receipt required if over \$25.00. Must have qualifying mileage.		Actual cost
Rental Car	Compact vehicle (unless otherwise pre-authorized) plus fuel with submission of original receipts. Insurance costs will not be reimbursed.		Varies