

The law relating to how bailiffs/enforcement agents operate from April 2014 has changed. The fees they are allowed to charge and when they can charge them has also changed.

### Examples to illustrate the impact of the new fee regulations

| Debt Value         | Admin Stage Fee | Enforcement Stage Fee | Enforcement Stage Fee<br>7.5% fee on debt<br>>£1,500 | Total Fee*        | "Old" Fees (estimate)** |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>£1,500.00</b>   | £75.00          | £235.00               | nil  | <b>£310.00</b>    | <b>£320.00</b>          |
| <b>£5,000.00</b>   | £75.00          | £235.00               | £262.50  | <b>£572.50</b>    | <b>£362.50</b>          |
| <b>£10,000.00</b>  | £75.00          | £235.00               | £637.50  | <b>£947.50</b>    | <b>£512.50</b>          |
| <b>£30,000.00</b>  | £75.00          | £235.00               | £2,137.50  | <b>£2,447.50</b>  | <b>£734.50</b>          |
| <b>£50,000.00</b>  | £75.00          | £235.00               | £3,637.50  | <b>£3,947.50</b>  | <b>£1,112.50</b>        |
| <b>£75,000.00</b>  | £75.00          | £235.00               | £5,512.50  | <b>£5,822.50</b>  | <b>£1,362.50</b>        |
| <b>£100,000.00</b> | £75.00          | £235.00               | £7,387.50  | <b>£7,697.50</b>  | <b>£1,612.50</b>        |
| <b>£125,000.00</b> | £75.00          | £235.00               | £9,262.50  | <b>£9,572.50</b>  | <b>£1,862.50</b>        |
| <b>£150,000.00</b> | £75.00          | £235.00               | £11,137.50   | <b>£11,447.50</b> | <b>£2,112.50</b>        |

#### Notes

\*The fees illustrated above do not include the fees to be added where goods belonging to a business have been removed to a place of sale.

\*\*The new fee regulations are not directly comparable with the old ones. The above examples are illustrations to demonstrate the sort of increases that businesses will be faced with, should they be one of the minority who fail to meet their responsibilities and pay their non domestic rate demand promptly.

Enforcement Agents (new name for bailiffs) will in future be able to take enforcement action (and add enforcement stage fees) on a Sunday.

The new regulations are the result of the government's comprehensive consultation with creditors and the advice sector over several years. The objectives of the reforms are to

- Give more protection against aggressive bailiffs whilst retaining an effective enforcement regime
- Allow a fair, transparent and sustainable costs regime that provides adequate remuneration to enforcement agents