

EXPENSES INFORMATION LEAFLET

When attending an Oral Hearing you, the claimant, are entitled to claim for any expenses incurred. These expenses fall within three main categories:-

1. Travel: The cost incurred either by public or private transport from home to the Court and return.
2. Subsistence: The actual time spent travelling and attending Court.
3. Loss of Earnings: Any loss of earnings incurred because of attending court.

If you intend to claim for any of the above expenses you must let us know in writing before the date of the hearing.

1. Travel

Travel Warrants

The Upper Tribunal can issue a travel warrant for travel on British Rail and the Underground. This warrant must be requested in advance of a hearing on the enclosed 'Confirmation of Attendance/Request for Travel Warrant and Extra Expenses: Claimant' (OH 6), and will cover the standard return fare for your journey from home to the hearing for your use only. The Travel Warrant will be issued 14 days prior to the hearing.

A letter of explanation will be required if you wish **a companion to travel with you, and a doctor's letter of verification will be required if you are that you are medically unfit to travel alone.**

Public Transport

If you do not obtain a travel warrant in advance, you will need to outline in full what expenses will be incurred by attending the Court hearings. Any receipts for private travel and /or tickets for travel on public transport (**standard class only**) in or outside London must be presented to the clerk at the hearing.

Private Transport

If you travel by private car or motorcycle you may claim mileage expenses. **This is worked out at 25 pence per mile** for a car and motorcycle. **Your claim will be limited to that of the cost of the journey by public transport.** If you park your vehicle and you incur parking fees, these can be paid if they are considered reasonable and on the production of a receipt.

Taxi

If you wish to use a taxi for any part of your journey, you must obtain prior authorisation by completing form OH 6. A taxi fare will only be authorised on production of a doctor's letter stating that you are unable to or too ill to travel by

public transport. You must also supply receipts for any taxi claimed, as reimbursement will only be made upon proof of expenditure.

Persons Abroad

For any person travelling from abroad expenses became payable from the most convenient place of arrival to the hearing in the UK. **Prior authorisation** for this must be obtained by completing the form OH 6 before the hearing.

If for any reason a claim is to be made for the full journey, full details of why, will also need to be supplied and again you must obtain **prior authorisation**.

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2. Subsistence

Daily

A daily subsistence allowance may be claimed for any time spent travelling to and from a hearing. This is measured from the beginning of the journey (Home) to the end (Home) and must be a direct journey only.

Time	Rate of Allowance
Over 5 hours but less than 10 hours	£4.25
Over 10 hours or more	£9.30

Overnight

Where for reasons of health or where you will not be to reach this office in time by travelling on the same day as the hearing, an overnight allowance may be claimed, you must give full details of why you are making this claim and obtain **prior authorisation** by completing the form OH 6. This is in respect of any hotel accommodation and incidental expenses you may incur. Any claim for overnight expenses must be accompanied by the hotel receipt and is claimed **instead** of daily subsistence.

London	Rate of Allowance up to a maximum of
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London	£62.20
Elsewhere	£51.65

3. Loss of Earnings

In addition to claiming Travel and Subsistence you may also claim for any earnings lost by attending an oral hearing. This is calculated by either a full days wage or the hourly rate.

A maximum of **£44.80** can be paid per day, but a full days compensation will not be paid you could reasonably work before or after the hearing.

Employed

Any claim for loss of earning must be accompanied by a **‘Certificate of Loss of Earnings’ (OH 8)**. This **form must be completed in full, signed and stamped by Employer**.

Self-Employed

Any claim for loss of earnings must be accompanied by either:-

1. A Solicitor’s or Accountant’s letter giving details of trading name, trading address and a recent Balance Sheet.

OR

2. Copies of recent Tax Returns.

4. General

Representatives

Travel and Subsistence can only be paid to a representative if that person is not a Barrister, Advocate, Solicitor, full-time Official of a Trade Union Organisation, Association or if they are not being paid for their representational duties. They will be entitled to claim if they work for a Voluntary Organisation, which does not pay wages. This office cannot reimburse a representative his or her lost wages for the day of the hearing if they are merely a friend, who has agreed to act for the claimant on a voluntary basis.

Any claim for payment must be accompanied by a signed letter on official headed paper from the organisation verifying that no wages are to paid.

Any such claim can only be approved if **prior authorisation** has been given.

If you are in doubt about any of the above, please contact:

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