

Translated from Bulgarian

REGULATION No. 1 OF 9 JULY 2004 ON MINIMUM AMOUNT OF ATTORNEY FEES

Issued by the Supreme Bar Council

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Section I. General Provisions

Art. 1. The amount of the remuneration for the legal services provided by the attorney is determined by free negotiation based on a written agreement with the client, but it may not be less than the minimum amount provided for this type of services in this Regulation.

Art. 2. (Amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) (1) If there is no written agreement, the remuneration amount is determined by the bar council under the procedure of Art. 36, par. 3 of the Attorney Act.

(2) In the cases provided for in Art. 38, par. 2 of the Attorney Act, the due attorney remuneration is determined by the court or the authorities of pretrial proceedings, according to this Regulation.

Art. 3. When the dispute is settled amicably or the trial ends with arrangement, conciliation or agreement, the remuneration paid will not be refunded.

Art. 4. When the client cancels the concluded agreement for no reasonable cause, the remuneration it has paid will not be refunded.

Art. 5. Attorneys may provide free legal services to:

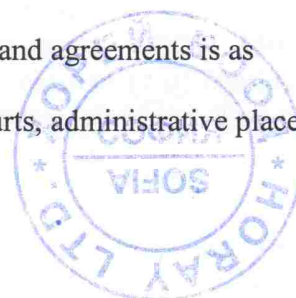
1. individuals, who have financial difficulties;
2. individuals, who are entitled to alimony;
3. friends, relatives and lawyers.

Section II.

Remuneration for advice, references, execution of papers and agreements

Art. 6. Remuneration for advice, references, execution of papers and agreements is as follows:

1. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) oral advice and reference in courts, administrative places etc. - BGN 20;



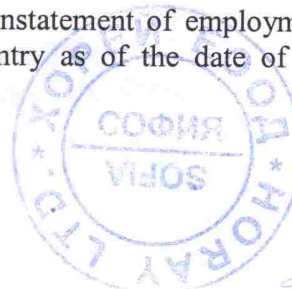
2. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) written consultation – BGN 40;
3. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) case investigation and rendered opinion - BGN 60;
4. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) complaints submitted to prosecutor's office and police - BGN 50;
5. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) notary invitations, applications for acceptance or disclaimer of inheritance, execution of documents for notary registration, application for remission of amounts due and other applications - BGN 50;
6. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) application for disclaimer or reinstatement of Bulgarian citizenship - BGN 200;
7. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) execution of will - BGN 150;
8. execution of: written agreement, notary deeds of ownership, sales, exchange, donation, mortgage, superficies and easements, out-of-court settlement, and execution and drafting of deed based on checked circumstances, depending on the price of the respective agreement or deed:
 - a) (canceled, former letter "b", amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) for interest up to BGN 1000 - BGN 50.
 - b) (former letter "c", amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) for interest from BGN 1000 to 10 000 - BGN 150 + 1 % on the surplus over BGN 1000;
 - c) (former letter "d", amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) for interest from BGN 10 000 to 50 000 - BGN 250 + 0.5 % on the surplus over BGN 10 000;
 - d) (former letter "e", amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) for interest from BGN 50 000 to 100 000 - BGN 500 + 0.2 % on the surplus over BGN 50 000;
 - e) (former letter "f", amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) for interest over BGN 100 000 – BGN 700 + 0.1 % on the surplus over BGN 100 000;
9. incorporation and registration of:
 - a) (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) sole proprietor - BGN 150;
 - b) (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) general partnership - BGN 180;
 - c) (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) limited partnership - BGN 200;
 - d) (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) limited liability company - BGN 300;
 - e) (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) joint stock company - BGN 600;
 - f) (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) cooperative society - BGN 250;
 - g) (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) housing cooperative - BGN 250;
 - h) (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) non-profit foundations and associations - BGN 350;
10. preparation of documents for registration of changed with the commercial register at the court in the cases provided for in s. 9 - 1/2 of the remuneration stated in the same section;
11. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) current legal services under agreement with a legal entity or sole proprietor – BGN 400 per month. The attorney is entitled to separate remuneration for his appearance at court for proceedings of the legal entity and sole proprietor;
12. (new - SG, issue 2 of 2009) agreed hourly consulting - BGN 60 per hour.

Section III.

Remuneration for civil and administrative proceedings in the same instance

Art. 7. (1) The remuneration for defense under civil cases is as follows:

1. (amend. and suppl. - SG, issue 2 of 2009.) employment cases – BGN 150. The remuneration for cases related to annulment of dismissal and reinstatement of employment may not be less than the minimum monthly salary in the country as of the date of the



conclusion of the agreement for legal services, or as of the determination of the remuneration under the procedure of Art. 2.;

2. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) divorce in a civil action – BGN 500, divorce by mutual consent – BGN 300. The provisions of par. 4 also apply to the settlement of property relations for the execution of the agreement;

3. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) paternity and paternity disputing– BGN 250;

4. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) all other unevaluated claims – BGN 150;

5. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) security proceedings and proceedings for evidence security – BGN 200;

6. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) remuneration for the attorney of the defendant under alimony proceedings – BGN 100;

7. (new - SG, issue 2 of 2009) proceedings under private complaints - 1/3 of the minimum remuneration in one instance, depending on the subject matter of the proceedings and the interest of the party, but not less than the amount provided for in Art. 11.

(2) The remuneration for the defense under cases of evaluated interest are as follows:

1. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) interest up to BGN 1000 – BGN100;

2. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) interest from BGN 1000 to 5000– BGN 200 + 6 % on the surplus over BGN1000;

3. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) interest from BGN 5000 to 10 000 – BGN 450 + 4 % on the surplus over BGN5000;

4. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) interest over BGN 10 000 – BGN 650 + 2 % on the surplus over BGN10 000.

(3) (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) The remuneration for defense under insolvency proceedings will be calculated on the basis of the value of the claimed receivables, according to the method in par. 2, but it not be less than BGN 400.

(4) (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) The remuneration for defense under partition cases will be calculated on the basis of the interest of the defended party, according to the provisions of par. 2, but it not be less than BGN 400.

(5) (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) The remuneration for defense under proceedings for security of future claim, proceedings for issuance of writ of execution under Art. 405, par. 3 and 4 of the Civil Procedure Code, and proceedings for issuance of warrant of execution, will be determined according to the provisions of par. 2 based on the half of the value of the claimed amounts.

(6) (canceled - SG, issue 2 of 2009)

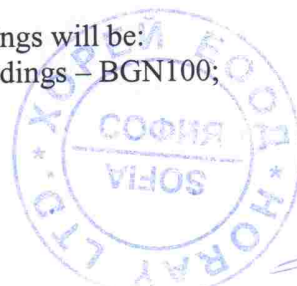
Art. 8. The remuneration for defense under administrative proceedings will be determined according to the provisions of Art. 7, par. 1, s. 4 and par. 2.

Art. 9. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) (1)The remuneration for execution of appellate petition or petition for cassation without appearing in court, and conducting investigation under civil case and signature of petition for cassation under Art. 284, par. 2 of the Civil Procedure Code, when it was not executed by the signing attorney, will be at the amount of 3/4 of the remuneration under Art. 7 or 8, but not less than BGN 150.

(2) The remuneration for execution of application for annulment of effective judgement without appearing in court will be at the amount of 3/4 of the remuneration under Art. 7 or 8, but not less than BGN 150.

Art. 10. The remuneration for defense under executory proceedings will be:

1. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) institution of executory proceedings – BGN100;



2. pursuance of executory proceedings and taking actions for the collection of monetary receivables - 1/2 of the respective remuneration stated in Art. 7, par. 2;
3. defense under executory proceedings aiming at the legal entry of vacation of real property - 1/2 of the respective remuneration stated in Art. 7, par. 2, based on the property value;
4. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) performance of executory actions except for the ones above - BGN 100.

Art. 11. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) The remuneration for letters rogatory, execution of private complaints and appeal against the actions of a bailiff or notary public is BGN 100. When the complaints are heard in an open session of the court, the remuneration is BGN 150.

Section IV.

Remuneration for criminal and administrative criminal cases in once instance

Art. 12. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) The remuneration for defense in pretrial proceedings is BGN 300. The remuneration for taking procedural actions on various days is BGN 60 per day.

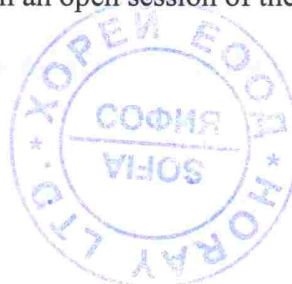
Art. 13. (1) The remuneration for defense of the defendant, private appellant or private complainant is:

1. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) cases, where the offense is punishable by probation or fine - BGN 250;
 2. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) up to 5 years imprisonment - BGN 300;
 3. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) up to 10 years imprisonment - BGN 500;
 4. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) up to 15 years imprisonment - BGN 800;
 5. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) over 15 years imprisonment - BGN 1200;
 6. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) life imprisonment - BGN 1800;
 7. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) upon agreement, if the attorney has not participated in the criminal case - BGN 300;
 8. (canceled - SG, issue 2 of 2009)
 9. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) appearance in court in reliance to procedural coercive measures, if the attorney has not participated in the criminal case under authorization - BGN 200;
 10. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) case investigation without participation in the criminal proceedings - BGN 100;
- (2) (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) Defense of the civil plaintiff or civil defendant - BGN 200.

Art. 14. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) When the hearing of a criminal case lasts for more than one day, the additional remuneration for each following day will be BGN 60.

Art. 15. The remuneration for execution of appellate petition or petition for cassation, without appearance in court, is 3/4 of the remuneration under Art. 13.

Art. 16. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) The remuneration for private complaints under criminal cases is BGN 100, and when the complaints are heard in an open session of the court, the remuneration is BGN 200.



Art. 17. The arrangement of result-based fee in criminal cases, including civil action brought in the criminal process is inadmissible.

Art. 18. (1) (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) The remuneration for administrative criminal cases is BGN 150.

(2) (suppl. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) If the administrative penalty is a fine, pecuniary sanction and / or pecuniary compensation, the remuneration will be determined according to the provisions of Art. 7, par. 2 based on the sanction value, respectively, compensation value.

Section V.

Remuneration for participation in special law-regulated proceedings in one instance (new - SG, issue 2 of 2009)

Art. 19. (cancelled - SG, issue 2 of 2009, new - SG, issue 2 of 2009) The minimum remuneration for defense in proceedings under the Health Act is BGN 150.

Art. 20. (new - SG, issue 2 of 2009) The minimum remuneration for defense in separate court proceedings under the Child Protection Act is BGN 200.

Art. 21. (new - SG, issue 2 of 2009) The minimum remuneration for defense in proceedings under Art. 70 and 72 of the Family Code is BGN 200.

Art. 22. (new - SG, issue 2 of 2009) The minimum remuneration for defense in proceedings under the Domestic Violence Act is BGN 200.

Art. 23. (new - SG, issue 2 of 2009) The minimum remuneration for defense in proceedings under the Extradition Act and European Order is BGN 250.

Art. 24. (new - SG, issue 2 of 2009) The minimum remuneration for defense in proceedings under the Decree on petty hooliganism is BGN 150.

Art. 25. (new - SG, issue 2 of 2009) The minimum remuneration for defense in exequatur proceedings is BGN 150.

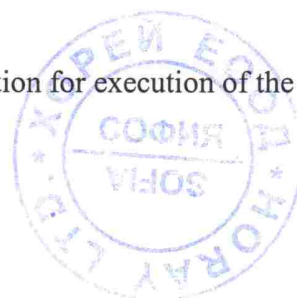
Art. 26. (new - SG, issue 2 of 2009) The minimum remuneration for defense in delegation proceedings, when the attorney is not engaged with the whole case, is BGN 150.

Art. 27. (new - SG, issue 2 of 2009) The minimum remuneration for legal support and defense of an witness under Art. 122 of the Penalty Procedure Code, when the attorney is not engaged with the whole case, is BGN 150.

Art. 28. (new - SG, issue 2 of 2009) The minimum remuneration for defense in bail proceedings, when the attorney is not engaged with the whole case, is BGN 200.

Art. 29. (new - SG, issue 2 of 2009) The minimum remuneration for defense in case accumulation proceedings is BGN 200.

Art. 30. (new - SG, issue 2 of 2009) The minimum remuneration for execution of the claim under Art. 368 of the Penalty Procedure Code is BGN 250.



Art. 31. (new - SG, issue 2 of 2009) The remuneration for defense in proceedings for reopening of criminal cases is not less than the remuneration in one instance.

Art. 32. (new - SG, issue 2 of 2009) The minimum remuneration for defense in proceedings concerning the execution of a judgment rendered by a foreign court under Art. 457, par. 2 of the Penalty Procedure Code is 1/2 of the minimum remuneration in one instance, depending on the type and scope of the penalty.

Additional provisions

§ 1. The remuneration for the cases not covered by this Regulation will be determined *mutatis mutandis*.

§ 2. (amend. - SG, issue 2 of 2009) The remuneration awarded in the cases under Art. 64 of the Civil Procedure Code (canceled), and the cases under Art. 78, par. 5 of the Civil Procedure Code cannot be less than three times the amount of the remuneration provided for in this Regulation.

§ 2a. (new - SG, issue 43 of 2010) The remuneration amounts in this Regulation is VAT excluded. When VAT is payable by the client, it is charged to the attorney fees according to the applicable law.

Final provisions

§ 3. This Regulation was adopted by decision of the Supreme Bar Council of 9.VII.2004 and is issued subject to Art. 121, par. 1 in reliance with Art. 36 and 38 of the Attorney Act (SG, issue 55 of 2004) and supersedes Regulation No. 1 of 1999 on the minimum amount of attorney fees (SG, issue 93 of 1999).

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