

Late Payments of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998

This Act was introduced in November 1998 and with the third and final stage now in place all businesses can claim late payment interest from any other business. This interest can be claimed at 8% above the Bank of England base rate once the debt remains outstanding after the due date for payment. This is significantly higher than the judicial rate of 8% which is only added to the sum due following service of Court Proceedings. In addition, you can also now claim compensation for a debt which is paid late. Both of these can now be claimed at the seven day letter stage.

You have the opportunity to change your current instructions to us to claim interest and if applicable and/or compensation, the levels of which are stated below. However we also appreciate that you may not want to, so that good relations are kept with your own customers. We would be obliged if you would fill in the following form and return it to us so that we may incorporate any changes to our system. Please also enclose a copy of your terms and conditions.

Company Name:

Address:

Email address:

Contact (s):

<u>Interest</u>	<u>Compensation</u>
Contractual as per your payment terms	Value of Debt: Up to £999.99 £40
Judicial 8% from service of Proceedings	Between £1,000 & £9,999.99 £70
*Under '98 Act currently 8% over BoE base	Over £10,000. £100

Seven Day Letter:

Interest if YES choose either:

Contractual
 Under '98 Act
Compensation

Issuing Proceedings:

Interest if YES choose either:

Contractual
 Under '98 Act
 Judicial
Compensation

If we are not instructed to claim Compensation and/or Interest, we will claim neither.

Interest/Compensation:

On Specific Instruction only

*There may be an additional charge for calculating such interest

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Print this page and fax to:
0131 272 2883

Further Comments:

Chamberlain McBain's Payment Terms:
 Disbursements will be added in addition to the above, including Sheriff Officer and Messenger-at-Arms fees. VAT, where applicable, will also be added at the prevailing rate. Outlays may be requested up front. Court fees may change without notice. Defended or opposed actions are not included above. Invoices will be issued monthly, on a net basis, and all charges must be paid within fourteen days. In the event that an invoice is not paid timeously, this may result in funds collected being applied to outstanding invoices and/or a delay in processing cheques until all due invoices are paid in full. Interest will accrue on any unpaid invoices at the rate of 6% above the base lending rate of The Royal Bank of Scotland plc until date of payment.