

How does a Conditional Fee Arrangement work?

Conditional Fee Agreements is a legal funding arrangement where you only pay for the work that we carry out on your behalf on the condition that your case is won and you receive compensation. Therefore, if your claim is unsuccessful, you're not left with a bill for legal work.

Prior to officially instructing us, the details of your Conditional Fee Agreement will be clearly outlined. It is at this stage where a 'success fee' percentage is also agreed upon. While the exact success fee amount will be unknown at the start of the case, in personal injury claims, no deduction can be more than 25% of your total damages payment.

What happens if the case is won?

The agreed legal costs are paid to your solicitor, along with the 'success fee'.

Most of the time, the losing party will pay back any disbursements (expenses) incurred by your solicitor and legal expense insurance may cover any difference. Disbursements refer to anything your solicitor pays out to another party in support of your case, such as:

- Barrister fees to attend court
- Cost medical report by a GP or consultant
- Accident report costs
- Travelling expenses

Once the success fee and any unrecovered disbursements are paid, the amount remaining from your compensation pay-out is entirely yours.

What happens if the case is lost?

You will not be required to pay your solicitor any legal costs. You will also not be required to pay any of your opponent's legal costs or expenses, unless in exceptional circumstances the court determines that:

- You had no reasonable grounds to make a claim in the first place
- The claim was an exploitation of the court and its procedures
- Your general behaviour during the case is judged as dishonest
- It is discovered that you're only claiming to financially benefit somebody else