



Northern Ireland

enforcement system e-manual





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WHAT IS ENFORCED



Monetary Claims

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Non-Monetary Claims

- Handing over movable assets
- Eviction
- Obligations to act, refrain from acting or suffer action

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WHO ENFORCES



Enforcement of Judgments Office (EJO)

- **Enforcement**
- **Service of documents**
- **Specific competences**
 - Making of enforcement orders
 - Issuance of custody warrants
 - Issuance of processes for attendance and examination of debtors/third parties
 - Conduct of examinations
 - Receipt of moneys in respect of payments of amounts recoverable on foot of judgments
 - Stay of enforcement of judgments
 - Setting aside, discharging or modifying enforcement orders, custody warrants, administration orders
 - Issuance of notices of unenforceability/granting of certificates of unenforceability
 - Dismissal of applications

ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE



**Creditor's notice of intent
to apply for enforcement**



**Lapse of 10 days without
settlement of claim
by the debtor**



**Creditor's application
for enforcement**



EJO



**Issuance
of custody warrant**



Service on debtor



**Examination
of debtor's assets**



**Provisional decision
disposing of enforcement
application**



Enforcement order

HOW LONG DOES THE PROCESS LAST



**No exact statistics
available on the duration
of the process.**

HOW MUCH DOES THE PROCESS COST



Number of fee	Item	Amount of fee
1	On lodging notice of intent to apply for enforcement under rule 6; in respect of each person to be served	£26.00
2	On lodging an application for enforcement under Article 22 of the Order; in respect of each respondent Where the sum due on foot of the judgment—	
	(1) does not exceed £300	39p in the £1.00 Minimum fee £20.00
	(2) exceeds £300 but does not exceed £1,000	£127.00 plus £16.00 per additional £100.00 or part thereof of the sum due in excess of £300
	(3) exceeds £1,000 but does not exceed £3,000	£273.00 plus £12.00 per additional £100.00 or part thereof of the sum due in excess of £1,000
	(4) exceeds £3,000 but does not exceed £10,000	£568.00 plus £3.00 per additional £100.00 or part thereof of the sum due in excess of £3,000
	(5) exceeds £10,000	£841.00 plus £2.00 per additional £100.00 or part thereof of the sum due in excess of £10,000

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3	<p>On lodging an application under Article 23(1) of the Order, including one copy of the report: for each respondent</p> <p>Where an application is made under Article 22 of the Order subsequent to an application under Article 23(1) of the Order the fee paid under Fee No 2 shall be reduced by the amount of the fee paid under Fee No 3.</p>	£195.00
4	On lodging an application for repossession of land	£673.00
5	On lodging an application for restitution of goods	£216.00
6	On lodging an application under rule 104	£26.00 £12.00
7	(1) On an application for a search in the register of judgments	As from 1/4/2020 £20.00 As from 1/4/2021 £26.00
	(2) Additional payment where the search is carried out by an EJO of the court	As from 1/4/2020 £14.00 As from 1/4/2021 £14.00
8	On a copy, including a photographic copy, of all or any part of any document not otherwise provided for	

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	(a) five sheets or less	£6.00
	(b) for each sheet thereafter	£0.50
9	For a certificate of satisfaction	£20.00
10	On an administration order made under Article 80 of the Order	For every £1.00 of the money paid into the EJO in respect of debts due to creditors, 10p This fee is payable out of the money paid into the EJO
11	(i) For the removal, in accordance with an order of seizure under Article 31 of the Order, of goods, or taking steps to remove such goods to a place of deposit. This fee includes the reasonable expenses of feeding and caring for animals	The reasonable expenses thereof
	(ii) For any sale by auction of property seized (to cover all the expenses of sale or incurred in connection therewith including valuation, advertisement, auctioneers' fees)	The reasonable expenses thereof
	(iii) Where goods are sold otherwise than at auction, for the valuation of the goods	The reasonable expenses thereof

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Recovery of Certain Debts Without Judgment

12	On lodging notice of intention to apply for recovery of debt under rule 8; in respect of each person to be served	£20.00
13	On lodging an application for recovery of debt under Article 95(1) of the Order; in respect of each debtor	£20.00
14	On the Chief Enforcement Officer's direction for recovery of an admitted debt under rule 16 (1); in respect of each debtor Where the admitted debt –	
	(1) does not exceed £300	39p in the £1.00 less £15.00 Minimum fee £14.00
	(2) exceeds £300 but does not exceed £1,000	£107.00 plus £16.00 per additional £100.00 or part thereof of the debt in excess of £300
	(3) exceeds £1,000 but does not exceed £3,000	£255.00 plus £12.00 per additional £100.00 or part thereof of the debt in excess of £1,000
15	On lodging a certificate of corresponding debt under rule 18; in respect of each debtor	£20.00

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16	On the master's direction for enforcement of corresponding debt under rule 20(1): in respect of each debtor Where the sum certified as corresponding debt-	
	(1) does not exceed £300	39p in the £1.00 less £15.00 Minimum fee £14.00
	(2) exceeds £300 but does not exceed £1,000	£107.00 plus £16.00 per additional £100.00 or part thereof of the debt in excess of £300
	(3) exceeds £1,000 but does not exceed £3,000	£255.00 plus £12.00 per additional £100.00 or part thereof of the debt in excess of £1,000



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