Salary Survey

The Midlands, in-house

Year of qualification	Minimum	Average	Maximum
NQ-2 Year's PQE	£41,000	£52,000	£58,000
3 to 4 Years' PQE	£48,000	£57,000	£66,000
5 to 6 Years' PQE	£53,000	£65,000	£82,000
7 to 9 Years' PQE	£68,000	£78,000	£95,000
10 to 19 Years' PQE	£69,000	£110,000	£263,000
20 Years'+ PQE	£80,000	£194,000	£440,000*

*boosted by £130k shares

Notes to survey

The figures above are for total package. Typically, this includes: basic salary, car allowance and bonus.

As figures reflect total package, the maximum levels can be significantly affected by bonus payments and shares/options allocations.

Bonus information

76% of solicitors questioned received a bonus for work completed in 2018

The average bonus as a percentage of salary was **17%**. Broken down by PQE:

- between NQ & 5 years' PQE: 9%
- between 6 & 9 years' PQE: 13%
- between 10 & 19 years' PQE: 15%
- with 20+ years' PQE: 30%

Package information

- **26%** received shares and in some cases this made a significant increase to the maximum salary
- 53% received a car allowance
 The average car allowance was £7,500
- 98% received pension contributions
 The average contribution was 8%
 At 19 years + this jumps to an average of 12%
- 74% received 25 days of annual leave or more
- 7% received gym membership

Average hours of work per week

42

Commuting time (one way)

- No commute / based from home: 6%
- Up to 30 minutes: 51%
- 31-60 minutes: 34%
- 61-90 minutes: 9%
- over 91 minutes: 0

Further analysis compared to last year

- 66% saw an overall increase in total package
- 26% saw their package stay the same
- 8% saw an overall decrease
- The average increase seen was 7%

Flexible working

- 63% have flexible working arrangements
- 31% have flexible working arrangements on occasion
- 6% have no flexible working arrangements

