

Table showing JSB guidelines (10th Edition) for the assessment of general damages in personal injury cases

All personal injury damages will depend on all or some of the following factors:

- The severity of the injury
- The presence and degree of any pain
- How it has affected day-to-day living
- Degree of dependence on others
- How long the symptoms will last
- Any other side effects being experienced, such as depression
- Ability to continue working
- Age and life expectancy

The table below shows the guidelines that will be used for the level of damages awarded, each person and their injuries will be taken as an individual case and as a result could be higher or lower than those shown.

Injury area	Injury		Level of damages
Injuries Involving Paralysis	Quadraplegia		£212,500-£265,000
	Paraplegia		£144,000-£186,500
Head Injuries	Brain Damage	Very severe	£185,000-£265,000
		Moderately severe	£144,000-£185,000
		Moderate	£28,250-£144,000
		Minor	£10,000-£28,250
	Head Injury	Minor	£1,450-£8,400
	Epilepsy	Grand Mal	£66,000-£98,500
		Petit Mal	£36,000-£86,000
		Other conditions	£7,000-£17,250
Psychiatric Damage	General Psychiatric damage	Severe	£36,000-£76,000
		Moderately severe	£12,500-£36,000
		Moderate	£3,875-£12,500
		Minor	£1,000-£3,875
	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder	Severe	£40,000-£66,000
		Moderately severe	£15,250-£40,000
		Moderate	£5,400-£15,250
		Minor	£2,600-£5,400

	Chronic Pain	Chronic pain syndrome	£7,000-£42,000
		Fibromyalgia	£22,350-£42,000
		Chronic fatigue syndrome	Approx. £32,750
		Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy	£16,700-£66,000
		Somatoform disorder	Approx. £30,000
Injuries Affecting the Senses	Injuries Affecting Sight	Total blindness and deafness	Approx. £265,000
		Total blindness	Approx. £175,000
		Loss in one, reduced 2nd	£42,000-£118,000
		Total loss of one eye	£36,000-£43,000
		Complete loss in one eye	£32,250-£36,000
		Incomplete loss in one eye	£15,500-£25,750
		Minor, permanent impairment	£8,250-£13,750
		Minor eye injuries	£2,600-£5,750
		Transient eye injuries	£1,450-£2,600
	Deafness	Total deafness, loss of speech	£72,000-£92,000
		Total deafness	£59,500-£72,000
		Total loss in one ear	£20,500-£30,000
		Partial hearing loss/tinnitus	£4,850-£30,000
	Impairment of Taste and Smell	Total loss taste & smell	Approx. £25,750
		Total loss smell & some taste	£21,600-£25,750
		Loss of smell	£16,400-£21,600
		Loss of taste	£12,600-£16,400
Injuries To Internal Organs	Chest Injuries	Lung removed & heart damage	£66,000-£98,500
		Traumatic injury to chest, lungs	£43,000-£66,000
		Damage to chest & lungs	£20,500-£36,000
		Relatively simple injury	£8,250-£11,800
		Toxic fume/smoke inhalation	£3,500-£8,250
		Collapsed lungs – full recovery	£1,450-£3,500
		Rib fractures, soft tissue	Up to £2,600
	Lung Disease	Serious disability, young person	£66,000-£89,000
		Lung cancer, older person	£51,500-£66,000

	Disease e.g. emphysema	£36,000-£51,500
	Breathing difficulties	£20,500-£36,000
	Bronchitis and wheezing	£13,650-£20,500
	Slight breathlessness	£7,000-£13,650
	Provisional awards	£3,500-£7,000
	Temporary bronchitis etc	£1,450-£3,500
Reproductive System Male	Impotence, younger man	Approx. £97,500
	Impotence, man with children	£28,250-£51,500
	Traumatic Sterility	£12,250 - £92,00
	Sterility, young man no children	£37,000-46,750
	Sterility, family man, more kids	£15,500-£20,500
	Simple sterility	Approx. £4,350
Reproductive System Female	Infertility - medical complication	£75,500-£111,000
	Infertility, has children	£11,800-£24,100
	Infertility – older lady	£4,350-£8,250
Digestive System	Damage - traumatic injury	£4,350-£40,650
	Damage - non-traumatic injury	£600-£34,500
Kidney	Serious damage or loss to both	£111,000-£138,000
	Risk of infection or function loss	Up to £42,000
	Loss of kidney, no damage 2nd	£20,250-£30,000
Bowels	Total loss of function, colostomy	Up to £98,500
	Severe impairment of function	£29,250-£45,750
	Some permanent damage	£8,250-£16,000
Bladder	Complete loss function & control	Up to £92,000
	Serious impairment of control	£42,000-£52,500
	Almost complete recovery	£15,400-£20,500
Spleen	Loss spleen, high infection risk	£13,650-£17,250
	Loss spleen, low infection risk	£2,850-£5,700
Hernia	Pain and physical limitation	£9,750-£15,850
	Direct inguinal hernia	£4,600 to £6,000
	Indirect inguinal hernia	£2,200 to £4,850

Orthopaedic Injuries

Neck	Severe injuries	£16,400-£97,500
	Moderate injuries	£5,150-£16,400
	Minor injuries	£875-£5,150
Back	Severe injuries	£25,500-£111,000
	Moderate injuries	£8,250-£25,500
	Minor injuries	Up to £8,250
Shoulder	Severe injuries	£12,600-£31,500
	Serious injuries	£8,400-£12,600
	Moderate injuries	£5,150-£8,400
	Minor injuries	Up to £5,150
	Fracture of clavicle	£3,400-£8,000
Pelvis and Hips	Severe injuries	£25,750-£86,000
	Moderate injuries	£17,500-£25,750
	Injuries of limited severity	£8,250 to £17,500
	Minor injuries	Up to £8,250
Amputation of Arms	Loss of both arms	£158,000-£197,000
	Loss of one arm	£63,000-£90,000+
Other Arm Injuries	Severe Injuries	£63,000-£86,000
	Permanent disablement	£25,750-£39,300
	Less severe injury	£12,600-£25,750
	Simple fractures of the forearm	£4,350-£12,600
Elbow	Severe disabling injury	£25,750-£36,000
	Less severe injuries	£10,300-£21,000
	Moderate or minor injury	Up to £8,250
Wrist	Complete loss of function	£31,300-£39,300
	Significant permanent disability	£16,100-£25,750
	Less severe injuries	£8,250-£16,100
	Complete recovery - long period	Up to £6,750
	Uncomplicated Colles' fracture	Up to £4,850
	Complete recovery - short period	£2,300-£3,125
Hand	Total or effective loss of hands	£92,000-£132,000

	Serious damage to hands	£36,000-£55,500
	Total or effective loss of hand	£63,000-£72,000
	Amputation 2/3 middle fingers	£40,650-£59,500
	Serious injury	£19,000-£40,650
	Less serious injury	£9,500-£19,000
	Moderate injury	£4,100-£8,700
	Minor injury	£600-£2,850
	Severe fractures to fingers	Up to £24,100
	Total loss of index finger	Up to £12,250
	Partial loss of index finger	£8,000-£12,250
	Fracture of index finger	£6,000-£8,000
	Total loss of middle finger	Up to £10,250
	Serious injury ring or middle	£9,750 to £10,750
	Terminal phalanx ring or middle	£2,600 to £5,150
	Amputation of little finger	£5,700 to £8,000
	Loss of part of little finger	£2,600 to £3,850
	Amputation of ring & little	Up to £14,350
	Terminal phalanges index/middle	Up to £16,400
	Fracture of one finger	£2,000-£3,125
	Loss of thumb	£23,250-£36,000
	Very serious injury to thumb	£12,900-£23,000
	Serious injury to thumb	£8,250-£11,000
	Moderate injury to thumb	£6,300-£8,250
	Severe dislocation of the thumb	£2,600-£4,450
	Minor injury to thumb	Up to £2,600
	Trivial thumb injury	Up to £1,450
Vibration White Finger, Hand-Arm Vibration Syndrome	Most Serious	£20,750-£25,250
	Serious	£11,000-£20,750
	Moderate	£5,700-£11,000
	Minor	£2,000-£5,700
Work-related	Bilateral, surgery, loss of job	£14,350-£15,200

Upper Limb Disorders	Fluctuating, unilateral symptoms	£ 9,750-£10,750
	Symptoms over two years	£5,700-£6,300
	Complete recovery, short period	£1,450-£2,300
Leg Injuries	Amputation of both legs	£158,000-£185,000
	Amputation legs below knees	£132,000-£177,500
	Amputation one leg above knee	£63,000-£92,000
	Amputation one leg below knee	£60,000-£86,000
	Extremely serious leg injuries	£63,000-£89,000
	Very serious leg injuries	£36,000-£55,500
	Serious leg injuries	£25,750-£36,000
	Moderate leg injuries	£18,250-£25,750
	Fractures, incomplete recovery	£11,800-£18,250
	Simple fracture of a femur	£6,000-£9,200
	Simple fractures, soft tissue	Up to £6,000
	Knee Injuries	Severe injuries
Moderate injuries		£3,850-£17,500
Ankle Injuries	Very severe injuries	£32,750-£45,750
	Severe injuries	£20,500-£32,750
	Moderate injuries	£8,700-£17,500
	Modest injuries	Up to £9,000
Achilles Tendon	Most serious	Up to £25,250
	Serious	£16,400-£19,750
	Moderate	£9,750-£11,800
	Minor	£4,850-£6,600
Foot	Amputation of both feet	£111,000-£132,000
	Amputation of one foot	£55,000-£72,000
	Very severe	£55,000-£72,000
	Severe	£30,000-£44,200
	Serious	£16,400-£25,750
	Moderate	£9,000-£16,400
	Modest	Up to £9,000

	Toe	Amputation of all toes	£24,000-£37,000
		Amputation of the great toe	Up to £20,500
		Severe toe injuries	£9,000-£12,600
		Serious toe injuries	£6,300-£9,000
		Moderate toe injuries	Up to £6,300
Facial Injuries	Skeletal Injuries	Le Fort fractures, frontal bones	£15,500-£24,100
		Multiple fractures, facial bones	£9,750-£15,750
		Fractures of nose/nasal complex	£1,125-£15,200
		Fractures of cheekbones	£1,550-£10,350
		Fractures of jaws	£4,250-£30,000
		Damage to teeth	£720-£7,500
	Facial Disfigurement	Females very severe scarring	£31,750-£64,000
		Females less severe scarring	£20,000-£31,750
		Females significant scarring	£11,800-£19,750
		Females less significant scarring	£2,600-£9,000
		Females trivial scarring	£1,125-£2,300
		Males very severe scarring	£19,500-£43,000
		Males less severe scarring	£11,800-£19,750
		Males significant scarring	£6,000-£11,800
		Males less significant scarring	£2,600-£6,000
		Males trivial scarring	£1,125-£2,300
	Body Scarring	Dependent on number of scars & location	Up to £15,000
	Damage to Hair	Dependent on damage & regrowth	Up to £7,250
	Dermatitis	Dermatitis of hands	£1,125-£12,600

The full guidelines go into much more depth for each Injury Area, so if you would like more details, please call Routh Clarke on 01935 823883