



In a Dubai International Arbitration Centre (“**DIAC**”) arbitration, parties must budget for the following heads of cost: (1) **DIAC fees**; (2) **legal fees**; (3) **expert fees**; (4) **hearing costs**; and (5) **other costs**. The typical amounts of each of these costs, as well as the timing of their payment, are summarised in the table below:

<b>Head of Cost</b>	<b>Sub-Head</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Timing of Payment</b>
<b>DIAC Fees</b>	<b>Registration Fee</b>	<b>USD 3,000</b>	Payable upon submission of a Request for Arbitration. The arbitration is not treated as commenced until receipt of this fee.
	<b>Administrative Fee</b>	Determined according to the DIAC scale of costs, based on the total amount in dispute.	Paid from the advance on costs, which is fixed by the DIAC Court and may be revised during the proceedings. These fees are shared equally between the parties, subject to final allocation.
	<b>Arbitrators’ Fees</b>	Determined according to the DIAC scale of costs, based on the total amount in dispute, following a regressive ad valorem scale. Fees range within published minimum and maximum limits.	Paid from the advance on costs, which is fixed by the DIAC Court and may be revised during the proceedings. These fees are shared equally between the parties, subject to final allocation.
	<b>Tribunal Secretary (if applicable)</b>	Where approved, the secretary’s fees and expenses form part of the arbitral tribunal’s overall fees and are drawn from the advance on costs.	Payable from the advance on costs as proceedings progress and shared equally between the parties, subject to final allocation.
<b>Legal Fees</b>		Can vary widely depending on the firm retained – for the sake of transparency and predictability, Aceris Law has made available online its own <a href="#">Arbitration Legal Fee Calculator</a> , based on the amount in dispute.	Payable according to the schedule agreed between the party and its lawyers, often monthly, though a retainer fee is often due up-front.
<b>Expert Fees (if necessary)</b>		Can vary significantly depending on the firm retained, the number of experts, and the depth of analysis required.	Payable according to the schedule agreed between the party and the experts.
<b>Hearing Costs</b>		Can vary widely depending on the length	Generally payable at the time of the hearing.

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		and location of the hearing, whether it is held in-person or online, the number of witnesses, etc., typically between <b>USD 2,000</b> and <b>USD 15,000</b> per party.	
<b>Other Costs (as needed)</b>		Can include fees for printing and mailing submissions; the cost of complying with document production requests; translations, etc.	Payable as they arise.