



ICSID Arbitration Costs

Head of Cost	Sub-Head	Amount	Timing of Payment
ICSID Fees	Lodging Fee	USD 25,000 (non-refundable).	Payable with the Request for Arbitration. The ICSID shall not proceed with arbitration until payment is received.
	Administrative Charges	The ICSID charges an annual administrative fee of USD 52,000 for its services in arbitration proceedings. Additional costs may arise when ICSID staff are required to attend meetings. A USD 200 hourly fee applies when the secretary of the tribunal participates in meetings.	Payable from the advances on costs, which are periodically requested by the ICSID, as the case progresses. Upon registration of a request for arbitration, the claimant must make an advance payment to cover the estimated costs through the tribunal's first session. This initial advance is typically between USD 100,000 and USD 200,000 . As the case progresses, further advances on costs are requested.
	Tribunal Fees and Expenses	Arbitrators are entitled to an hourly rate of USD 500 for each hour of work performed on the case. For travel time, arbitrators receive USD 250 per hour when travelling by air or ground to and from the place of the hearing, session, or meeting. If an arbitrator performs case-related work while travelling, that time may be charged at the regular hourly rate of USD 500 . When travelling in connection with a proceeding and overnight lodging is required, arbitrators are entitled to a <i>per diem</i> allowance of USD 900 per full day . For day trips that do not require overnight lodging, the allowance is USD 200 per day . Arbitrators are also entitled to USD 200 per diem allowance for each day of travel to and from hearing, session, or meeting when lodging is not required, as well as for the day of return to their city of residence.	Payable from the advances on costs, which are periodically requested by the ICSID, as the case progresses.
	Tribunal Secretary Fees	The compensation of tribunal secretaries is included in ICSID's annual administrative fee charged for each case and is not billed separately to the parties.	Payable from the advances on costs, which are periodically requested by the ICSID, as the case progresses.

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Legal Fees		Can vary widely depending on the firm retained – for the sake of transparency and predictability, Aceris Law has made available online its own Arbitration Legal Fee Calculator , 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.
Expert Fees (if necessary)		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.
Hearing Costs		Hearings at ICSID’s facilities: When hearings are held at ICSID’s headquarters in Washington, D.C., the use of hearing and breakout rooms at the World Bank premises is included in ICSID’s annual administrative fee. No additional room rental fees are billed to the parties. Remote hearings: For hearings conducted virtually using ICSID’s secure online platform, the cost is approximately USD 2,500 per day, which is paid from the advances on costs. External venues: When hearings are held at locations other than ICSID’s facilities, the venue rental fees and logistical expenses (such as audio-visual equipment and on-site support) are not included in the administrative fee and are instead paid from the parties’ advances on costs. In addition to these institutional costs, parties must budget for their own hearing-related expenses, including the travel and accommodation of the legal teams, witnesses, and experts. The secretary’s travel expenses and attendance fees, as well as court reporting and transcription services, interpretation or translation services, and logistical expenses such as meals, coffee breaks, and audio-visual support, are usually organized by ICSID and deducted from the parties’ advances on costs as direct case-related expenses.	This depends on the hearing facility (<i>see</i> left column).
Other Costs (as needed)		Can include fees for printing and mailing submissions; the cost of	Payable as they arise.

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