

Osprey Approach: Setting up J Codes

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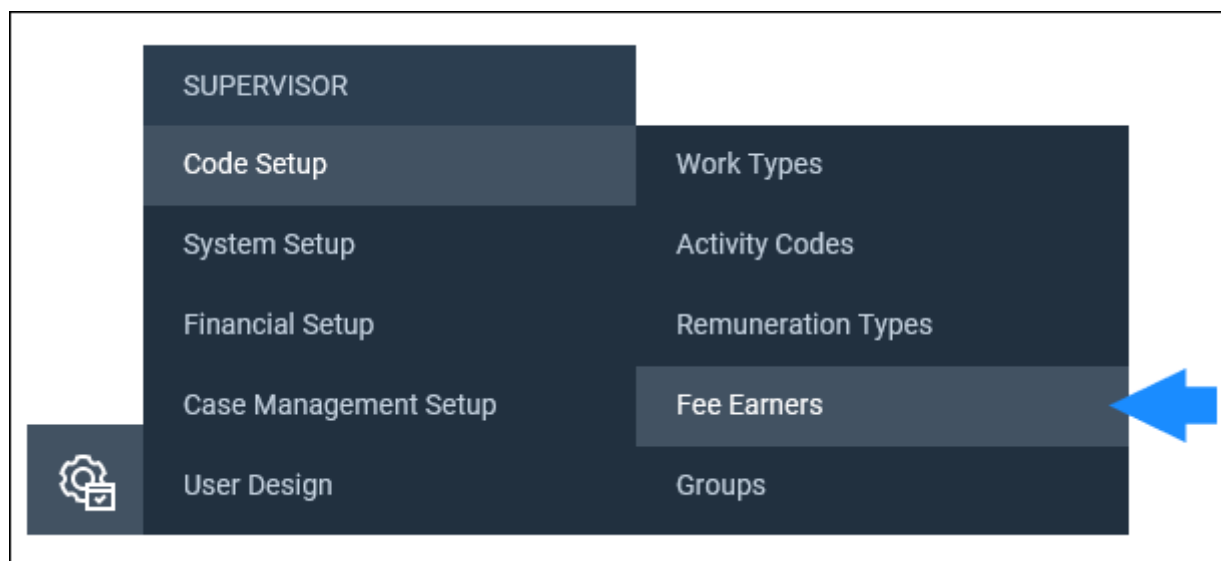


J Codes allow further categorisation of charges and expenses incurred during litigation, based on the experience of the litigator. This guide will demonstrate how to set up Fee Earners ready to use J Codes.

Please see the bottom of this page for a table listing the grade codes and description to assist you in selecting the relevant grade.

Setting up Fee Earners

To accurately record Tasks/Phase codes, you will need to assign the litigator a grading. Navigate to Supervisor > Code Setup > Fee Earners.



When you add a new fee earner or edit an existing one, you will have a choice to assign a grade at the bottom of the page.

You will also have to enter the start and end dates.

Grade:	<input type="text" value="A"/>	Start Date:	<input type="text" value="01/01/2015"/>	End Date:	<input type="text" value="01/01/2019"/>
Current grade: A					

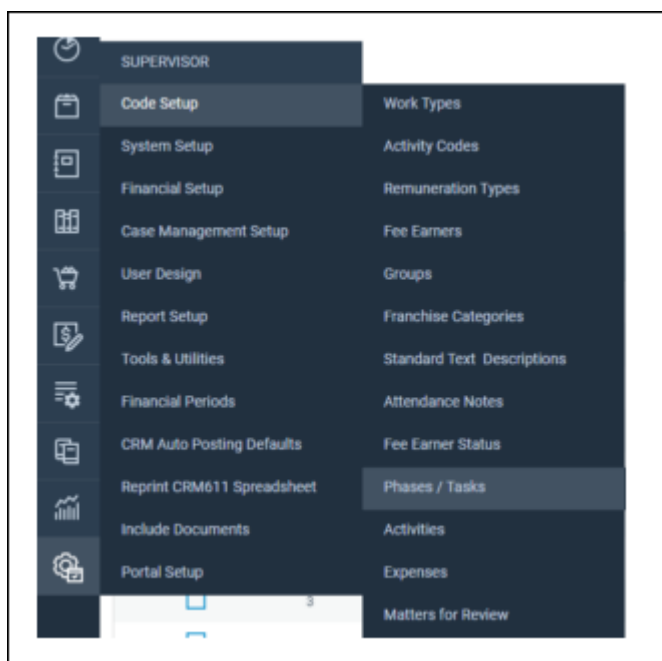
Once completed, the fee earner will be able to record time against the grade assigned to them. If several fee earners will be using the time recording,

Grading Table

Timekeeper Experience	Timekeeper Grade Code	Timekeeper Grade Description
PQE 8 years+	A	A: Solicitors with over eight years post qualification experience including at least eight years litigation experience.
PQE 7-8 years	B	B: Solicitors and legal executives with over four years post qualification experience including at least four years litigation experience.
PQE 5-6 years	B	
PQE 4-5 years	B	
PQE 3-4 years	C	C: Other solicitors and legal executives and fee earners of equivalent experience. "Legal Executive" means a Fellow of the Institute of Legal Executives.
PQE 2-3 years	C	
PQE 1-2 years	C	
PQE 0-1 years - newly qualified	C	
Trainee (year 2)	D	D: Trainee solicitors, paralegals and other fee earners.
Trainee (year 1)	D	
Paralegal	D	

Configure Codes

Further Task Codes, Activity Codes and Expense Codes can be set up by a system supervisor, as well as amendments to existing Codes.



Phase/Task Codes

Task codes define the task being performed, and can be mapped to one of ten phases. When adding or editing a task code, you can select which Phase is to be mapped to.

The screenshot shows the 'Add Phase / Task Code' form. At the top, there are tabs: 'Supervisor', 'Code Setup', 'Phases / Tasks', and 'Add Phase / Task Code'. Below the tabs are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons. The form has four main sections: 'Code' with a text input containing 'JA00'; 'Name' with a text input containing 'Funding'; 'Description' with a text area containing 'All work relating to reviewing funding options, securing funding and reports to funders during the life of the case.'; and 'Mapping' with a dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is open, showing a list of phases: 'Pre-action Costs', 'ADR / Settlement discussions', 'Issue / Statement of costs', 'Disclosure', 'Witness Statement', 'Expert Reports', and 'CMC'. The 'Select' option is highlighted at the top of the dropdown.

Activity Codes

Fee Earners can assign Activity codes to their time recording. Supervisors can also add new activity codes if required.

The screenshot shows the 'Add Activity Code' form. At the top, there are tabs: 'Supervisor', 'Code Setup', 'Activities', and 'Add Activity Code'. Below the tabs are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons. The form has three main sections: 'Code' with a text input containing 'A101'; 'Name' with a text input containing 'Plan and prepare for'; and 'Description' with a text area containing 'Any planning or preparation associated with a matter. Includes budgeting and case assessment services if these are allowed by the client.'

Expenses Codes

Much like Activity Codes, existing Expenses codes can be amended, or additional Expense Codes can be added.



Save



Cancel

Code

X101

Name

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Description

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