

Software contract

<i>Software rates per hour</i>	Outside IR35	Inside IR35
Embedded	£50	£62
Linux Kernel	£60	£100
DSP Algorithms	£55	£70
PC Applications C#, Java, C++, Python	£55	£65
Data Science Big Data, Analytics, Engineering	£75	£100
Machine Learning Vision, AI, Deep Learning	£75	£100
Test	£45	£55
Web Front-end, Back-end	£70	£88
Mobile App	£75	£90

There's never been a better time to start contracting. As the demand for permanent software candidates continues to grow there is a knock-on effect on contractor / freelance demand.

Contractor rates can fluctuate as much as 10-15% depending on skill set, demand, availability, work location, the experience of the contractor and the location of the client. Although roles that are Inside IR35 have higher rates, due to the increased tax burden on the contractor the NET take home rate is actually around the same.