

How much will I have to pay?

You should expect to pay a minimum of \$60 or \$70 per hour, up to \$120 per hour or more, depending on what that particular editor charges.

Editors' rates usually depend on their training, skill and experience, and sometimes what the editor contracts to do.



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For example, you may pay at the higher end of the scale for a combination of structural editing, copyediting and project management.

And not all writing is created equal. Some manuscripts will need more work than others, often depending on how much work the writer has already invested in their manuscript through multiple drafts and self-editing.

Regardless of the rate an editor may charge, the total cost will depend on your own budget, the services you want and the level of work required.

Some writers shop around until they find the cheapest rates for editing. The thing is, anyone can call themselves an editor. They think they are “good at English and spelling”, but have no relevant qualifications or much experience.

Often, you get just what you pay for.

How will I pay – by the hour or the page?

That depends on the editor/s you contact; editors use both methods to calculate their fees.

In any case, your editor will want to read at least a sample of your manuscript before giving you an estimate or quote.

The editor may give you an estimate based on hours or an overall quote, based on consideration of your manuscript and the exact work they would be undertaking.