

What is the level of edit? How much should I expect to spend?

The following information is based on advertised 2010 Internet Editing prices.

Level of Edit	Services Generally Provided	Average Estimated Pace	Average Estimated Rate per Hour	Average Estimated Rate Per Word	Average Estimated Rate per Page
Evaluation	Dependent on Scope of Work	N/A	N/A	.015	4.50
Proofreading Correction of indisputable errors only	Typographical/ Spelling Grammar/ Punctuation Consistency May include a brief evaluation of MS	6/7 pages per hour (300 words per page) Light editing Heavy editing	\$25+	.013 to .019	3.85
Copyediting Check style and consistency. Advises author but makes no substantial change to content.	Typographical/ spelling/ Grammar/ Punctuation/ Syntax Consistency Formatting Logical Flow Dialogue Word Choice Tense Point of View Sentences/ Paragraph Structure Clarity Style Conformity May include MS evaluation	4 to 5 pages per hour (300 words per page)	\$30	.022	\$6.67
Substantive Editing Clarifies, smooth's, tightens and polishes by eliminating confusion, wordiness, contradictions, rephrasing, restructuring, and improved flow	Typographical/ spelling/ Grammar/ Punctuation/ Syntax Consistency Formatting Logical Flow Dialogue Word Choice Tense Point of View Sentences/ Paragraph Structure Clarity Style Conformity Tone Fact-checking	2 to 3 pages per hour (300 words per page)	\$40	.053	\$16.00
Developmental Editing Works with raw ideas/ first drafts & assists in the development of a professional manuscript	Structure/Restructure Construction Presentation Content Organization of Content Manuscript improvement/Ghost Writing Does NOT include research & may not include the final draft edit.	1-2 pages per hour	\$55.00+	\$.122	\$36.67
Industry Standard	<i>Chicago Manual of Style</i>				