

Modification to Higher Courts costs scale contained in Schedule 6 to the Uniform Civil Rules 2020

In accordance with rule 192.5 of the *Uniform Civil Rules 2020*, we, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Chief Judge of the District Court make the following modification to the Higher Courts costs scale contained in Schedule 6 Part 2 to the *Uniform Civil Rules 2020* to come into effect on 1 January 2022:

1. The amount in the Higher Courts costs scale in respect of work done on or after 1 January 2022 is the amount set out in Schedule 6 Part 2 subrule 3(2) multiplied by 1.02 (to reflect a 2% increase).

The effect of the above modification is reflected in the following table:

Higher Courts costs scale		
Item	Description	Amount
Documents		
1	Drawing any document of importance, other than documents mentioned under item 2, 10 or 11 (including original and the lawyer's file copy).	\$38.25—for each ¼ page.
2	Drawing proofs, indices, formal lists, extracts from other documents, lists of authorities, or other formal documents (including original and the lawyer's file copy).	\$19.38—for each ¼ page.
3	Engrossing documents, when copying or scanning is not appropriate (including original and the lawyer's file copy).	\$5.61—for each ¼ page.
4	Perusing documents (including electronic documents).	a range between \$2.81 and \$10.97—for each ¼ page.
5	Examining documents (including electronic documents), when a perusal is not justified.	\$0.71—for each ¼ page.
6	Documents produced by copying or scanning, or receiving emails, faxes or any other electronic transmissions.	\$0.41—for each sheet.
Attendances and Communications		
7	Attendances and oral communications, whether personal or by electronic communication, including attendances to swear or take affidavits.	Either: (a) for each 6 minute unit by a lawyer involving skill—\$40.80; (b) for each 6 minute unit by a lawyer not involving skill—\$24.48; (c) for each 6 minute unit by a non-lawyer employed or engaged by a lawyer—\$19.38; or (d) for arranging appointments, including all work involved—\$27.54 per person.
8	Attending hearings, including preparation, and when not attending as instructing lawyer for counsel.	Either: (a) for an ordinary hearing—\$204.00; or (b) if protracted (beyond 5 units), for each 6 minute unit of hearing time—\$40.80.

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9	Filing or delivery of documents other than <u>personal service</u> , when no other attendance is properly allowable.	\$27.54.
Correspondence		
10	Correspondence, including original to send and the lawyer's file copy, and the ordinary postal or transmission expenses—whether sent by letter, email, SMS or fax.	\$27.54—for each ¼ page.
11	Circular correspondence, including original to send and the lawyer's file copy, and the ordinary postal or transmission, expenses—after the first.	\$13.77—for each letter, including copying for subsequent pages (regardless of the number of pages).
Miscellaneous		
12	Paying disbursements by whatever means and including all work and associated expenses.	\$27.54.
13	Preparation of Pleadings Books, Tender Books, Application Books, Appeal Books and Briefs, including indices, pagination and binding.	\$2.04—for each page.
14	Lump sum on a default judgment.	\$2785.62.