

Local Courts (Transitional Fees) Regulation 2004

under the

Local Courts Act 1982

Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Local Courts Act 1982*.

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Explanatory note

The object of this Regulation is to replace the existing provisions with respect to fees chargeable under the *Local Courts Act 1982* with a new transitional regulation, to have effect for the period between 1 July 2004 and 30 June 2005, that increases current fees by approximately 4 per cent. The current fees are regulated by provisions of the *Justices (General) Regulation 2000* that, following the repeal of the *Justices Act 1902*, have been continued in force by clause 16 of Schedule 1 to the *Local Courts Act 1982*.

This Regulation is made under the *Local Courts Act 1982*, including section 28 (the general power to make regulations) and clause 16 of Schedule 1.

This Regulation is of a transitional nature.

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1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Local Courts (Transitional Fees)* Regulation 2004.

2 Commencement and expiry

This Regulation commences on 1 July 2004 and expires on 30 June 2005.

3 Object of Regulation

The object of this Regulation is to replace the fee regime that currently applies by virtue of clause 16 of Schedule 1 to the *Local Courts Act 1982* with a new regime that increases the fees chargeable in respect of certain proceedings before a Local Court or a Magistrate for the period between 1 July 2004 and 30 June 2005.

4 Fees

The fees payable to a registrar of a Local Court in respect of proceedings before a Local Court or a Magistrate are as set out in Schedule 1.

5 Remission or postponement of fees

- (1) A registrar of a Local Court, or governor of a correctional centre, who is satisfied that a person is unable, for any reason, to pay a fee payable under this Regulation may, conditionally or unconditionally, remit or postpone the fee.
- (2) The power of a registrar of a Local Court under this clause may also be exercised by a person holding office as, or appointed to act temporarily as, a registrar of the Children's Court.

- (3) A registrar of a Local Court or registrar of the Children's Court:
 - (a) may delegate the power to remit or postpone a fee to a deputy registrar of the Local Court or a deputy registrar of the Children's Court, and
 - (b) may delegate the power to postpone a fee to a public servant who is a grade 3/4 administrative or clerical officer or above.

6 Postponement of fees in certain other cases

- (1) The taking of any fee by a registrar of a Local Court or governor of a correctional centre in respect of proceedings involving a legally assisted party is, if the fee is payable by the legally assisted party, to be postponed until judgment has been given in the proceedings.
- (2) The fee is not to be taken at all, or if taken must be remitted, if:
 - (a) judgment in the proceedings is against the legally assisted party, or
 - (b) judgment is in favour of the legally assisted party, but costs are not awarded in his or her favour.
- (3) A registrar of a Local Court must not refuse to file or issue any document relevant to the proceedings merely because a fee has not been taken in respect of the proceedings on behalf of the legally assisted party.
- (4) For the purpose of this clause, a party to proceedings is a *legally assisted party* if he or she is receiving legal assistance through a community legal centre within the meaning of section 48H of the *Legal Profession Act 1987*.

7 Fee lists to be shown to public on request

The list of fees set out in Schedule 1 must be kept at each Local Court and shown to members of the public on request.

8 Continued provisions cease to have effect

Part 2 and Schedule 1 of the *Justices (General) Regulation 2000*, as continued in force by clause 16 of Schedule 1 to the *Local Courts Act 1982*, cease to have effect.

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Schedule 1 Court fees

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(Clause 4)

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1	Application notice under Part 6 of the <i>Local Courts Act 1982</i> (includes issue and service of notice if required)		
2	Court attendance notice under Chapter 4 of the <i>Criminal Procedure Act 1986</i>		
3	Complaint under Part 15A of the <i>Crimes Act 1900</i> , or application for variation or revocation of an order under that Part		
4	Application of a kind not otherwise provided for in this Schedule (includes issue and service of notice of hearing if required)		
5	For each additional respondent in relation to a matter to which item 4 relates		
6	Issue of subpoena: for each witness to be served		
7	Service of subpoena: for each witness to be served		
8	Certificate of conviction, order or dismissal		
9	Notice of appeal to District Court: one appellant		
10	Further notices of appeal (by the same appellant) in respect of convictions or orders made or sentences imposed, together with the conviction, order or sentence to which a notice of appeal under item 9 relates 4		
11	Copy of any deposition, transcript or diskette (unless otherwise provided for under any other Act):		
	(a) for each page (or equivalent), where the matter being transcribed is under 3 months old	7.60	
	(minimum fee for 1 to 8 pages (or equivalent) of \$64.00)		

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	(b)	for each page (or equivalent), where the matter being transcribed is 3 months old or older	8.70
		(minimum fee for 1 to 8 pages (or equivalent) of \$75.00)	
12	Copy diske	2.00	
	(min	imum fee of \$10.00)	
13	Dupl	icate tape recording of sound-recorded evidence, for each ette	35.00