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# **SUPREME COURT (FEES) RULES, 2025**

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## COURT SERVICES COUNCIL

S.I. No. 112 of 2025

### SUPREME COURT ACT (CHAPTER 53)

### SUPREME COURT (FEES) RULES, 2025

The Rules Committee, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 76 of the Supreme Court Act (*Ch. 53*) makes the following rules —

#### 1. Citation and commencement.

- (1) These Rules may be cited as the Supreme Court (Fees) Rules, 2025.
- (2) These Rules shall come into operation on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2026.

#### 2. Fees of Court.

- (1) The fees specified in the *Schedule* shall be —
  - (a) the fees of the Court in every cause, matter or proceeding brought under the Divisions of the Court.
  - (b) paid to the Court Services Council unless the Registrar directs otherwise.
- (2) Subject to paragraph (3), where it appears to the Registrar that the payment of any fees under these Rules —
  - (a) may cause a person undue hardship on account of their financial circumstances; or
  - (b) should not be chargeable because the cause, matter or proceeding is in the public interest,

the Registrar may upon an affidavit sworn by the person concerned attesting to the relevant circumstances, reduce, remit or defer any of the fees under these Rules and the decision of the Registrar shall be final.

- (3) The Registrar may vary or reconsider a decision made under paragraph (2).
- (4) No fees specified in the *Schedule*, shall be payable by the Crown, the Attorney-General, the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Office of the Public Defender or the Commissioner of Police.

**3. Transitional and savings.**

A party to or person interested in a cause, matter or proceeding brought prior to the coming into operation of these Rules shall not be required to pay any additional fees in relation to documents already filed or steps already taken in the Court.

**4. Revocation of S.I. No. 10 of 2023.**

The Supreme Court (Civil Procedure Fees) Rules, 2023 are revoked.

## SCHEDULE

(rule 2)

### PART I

#### COMMON LAW AND EQUITY, COMMERCIAL, PUBLIC LAW, APPEALS AND PROBATE DIVISION (CONTENTIOUS PROBATE BUSINESS)

##### *General*

(a) on the filing of originating process (standard claim form, originating application, fixed date claim form) or counterclaim or other additional claim not otherwise specifically provided for under this Part —

	<b>FEE</b>
i. where the amount claimed is less than or equal to \$50,000	\$300.00
ii. where the amount claimed is greater than \$50,000 and less than or equal to \$100,000	\$500.00
iii. where the amount claimed is greater than \$100,000 and less than or equal to \$500,000	\$750.00
iv. where the amount claimed is greater than \$500,000 and less than or equal to \$1,000,000	\$1,000.00
v. where the amount claimed is greater than \$1,000,000	\$1,500.00
vi. originating process and counterclaims (general and all other claims)	\$500.00
vii. on the filing of a Notice of Acting in Person, Notice of Change of Attorney or Notice of Appointment	\$50.00
viii. on the filing of an amended statement of case	\$50.00
ix. originating process extended for service	\$25.00
x. on the filing of a request for the entry of default judgment or judgment on admissions or for judgment where a party is in default of an unless order	\$15.00
xi. on the sealing of a writ of execution	\$100.00
xii. on the filing of a final third party debt order, charging order, order appointing a receiver or order for the sale of land	\$50.00

(b)	on paying out money paid into Court —	
i.	where the money or value of securities paid is equal to \$25,000 and less than \$100,000	\$250.00
ii.	where the money or value of securities paid is equal to \$100,000 and less than \$500,000	\$500.00
iii.	where the money or value of securities paid is equal to or greater than \$500,000	\$750.00
iv.	on a Registrar signing any conveyance, contract, deed or any other document pursuant to section 28 of the Supreme Court Act ( <i>Ch.53</i> )	\$50.00
(c)	on the filing of a bill of costs for detailed assessment —	
i.	where the costs claimed is less than \$25,000	\$250.00
ii.	where the costs claimed is equal to \$25,000 and less than \$50,000	\$350.00
iii.	where the costs claimed is equal to \$50,000 and less than \$100,000	\$500.00
iv.	where the costs claimed is equal to \$100,000 and less than \$150,000	\$750.00
v.	where the costs claimed is equal to \$150,000 and less than \$250,000	\$1,000.00
vi.	where the costs claimed is equal to \$250,000 and less than \$350,000	\$1,500.00
vii.	where the costs claimed is equal to \$350,000 and less than \$500,000	\$2,500.00
viii.	where the costs claimed is equal to or greater than \$500,000	\$3,000.00
ix.	on the filing of an interlocutory application notice under Part 72.17 of the Civil Procedure Rules, 2022 for review of a detailed assessment	\$300.00

#### ***Appeals Division***

(d)	on any Appeal from a Registrar	\$300.00
(e)	on any Appeal from a Magistrate	\$300.00

#### ***Commercial Company Specific Fees***

(f)	on the filing of originating process in matters under the	\$300.00
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**Companies Act (Ch. 308)**

(g)	on the filing of originating process in matters under the International Business Companies Act (Ch. 309)	\$300.00
(h)	on the filing of a winding up petition (Liquidation)	\$1,500.00

***Commercial Admiralty Specific Fees***

(i)	on the filing of an application —	
	i. where the amount in dispute is equal to or less than \$50,000	\$300.00
	ii. where the amount in dispute is greater than \$50,000 and less than or equal to \$100,000	\$500.00
	iii. where the amount in dispute is greater than \$100,000 and less than or equal to \$500,000	\$750.00
	iv. where the amount in dispute is greater than \$500,000 and less than or equal to \$1,000,000	\$1,000.00
	v. where the amount in dispute is greater than \$1,000,000	\$1,500.00
(j)	on the filing of an application for the arrest of a ship on the gross proceeds of any ship or goods sold by Order of the Court —	
	i. equal to or less than \$10,000	\$300.00
	ii. greater than \$10,000 and (for every additional \$1,000 thereof)	\$50.00
	iii. request to Admiralty Marshall to execute warrant	\$500.00

***Quieting Specific Fees***

(k)	on the filing of a Petition or Adverse Claim —	
	i. where the size of the land is equal to or less than 10 acres	\$500.00
	ii. where the size of the land is greater than 10 acres and less than 50 acres	\$750.00
	iii. where the size of the land is equal to or greater than 50 acres	\$1,500.00
(l)	on the issue of a Certificate of Title —	
	i. where the size of the land is 10 acres or less	\$500.00
	ii. where the size of the land is greater than 10 acres and less than 50 acres	\$750.00

iii.	where the size of the land is equal to or greater than 50 acres	\$1,500.00
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***Legal Profession Act Specific Fees***

(m)	Petition of Call to the Bar	\$150.00
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**PART II**  
**FAMILY DIVISION**

		<b>FEE</b>
(a)	on the filing of a Petition (divorce or nullity)	\$300.00
(b)	on the filing of an amended originating process	\$50.00
(c)	on the filing of a notice of application for ancillary relief	\$200.00
(d)	on the filing of an answer and cross-petition in divorce proceedings	\$300.00
(e)	on the filing of an application for a decree nisi	\$100.00
(f)	on the filing of an application for a decree absolute	\$100.00
(g)	on the filing of interrogatories (each set)	\$25.00
(h)	to subpoena, each witness	\$50.00
(i)	on the filing of an originating application in an adoption, mental health, guardianship, custody or paternity matter	\$300.00
(j)	on the filing of a guardian's consent	\$25.00
(k)	any other originating application	\$300.00
(l)	on the filing of an appeal to a judge from a decision of a Registrar	\$300.00

**PART III**  
**PROBATE DIVISION (NON-CONTENTIOUS PROBATE BUSINESS)**

(a)	on the filing of an application for a grant of probate, grant of letters of administration (with or without the will annexed) or for the resealing of a foreign grant —	
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		<b>FEE</b>
i.	where the assessed value of the estate is less than \$10,000	\$50.00

ii.	where the assessed value of the estate is equal to \$10,000 and less than \$50,000	\$100.00
iii.	where the assessed value of the estate is equal to \$50,000 and less than \$100,000	\$200.00
iv.	where the assessed value of the estate is equal to \$100,000 and less than \$300,000	\$400.00
v.	where the assessed value of the estate is equal to \$300,000 and less than \$750,000	\$800.00
vi.	where the assessed value of the estate is equal to \$750,000 and less than \$2,000,000	\$2,500.00
vii.	where the assessed value of the estate is equal to or greater than \$2,000,000	\$5,000.00
(b)	on the filing of an affidavit of delay	\$50.00
(c)	for every caveat against a grant	\$75.00
(d)	for every warning to a caveator	\$50.00
(e)	for every citation	\$50.00
(f)	for every praecipe	\$10.00
(g)	for every appearance to a warning or citation	\$20.00
(h)	for every warrant of appraisement, warrant of arrest, etc.	\$25.00
(i)	on the issue of a witness summons	\$25.00
(j)	for the deposit of a will for safe custody	\$150.00
(k)	for the withdrawal of a will from safe custody	\$100.00
(l)	for settling any document in the Registrar's Office	\$50.00
(m)	for any other document not otherwise provided for	\$50.00
(n)	for every standing search	\$15.00
(o)	for every certification of a grant	\$25.00

**PART IV**  
**CRIMINAL DIVISION**

	<b>FEE</b>
(a)	for every bail application
(b)	for every bail variation application

**PART V**  
**MISCELLANEOUS**

	<b>FEE</b>
(a) on a Registrar signing any contract, conveyance or other document pursuant to section 28 of the Supreme Court Act ( <i>Ch.53</i> )	\$100.00
(b) office copies of Court documents	\$1.00 per page
(c) transcripts of proceedings	\$1.00 per page
(d) certified transcripts	\$50.00 for the first 50 pages thereafter \$1.50 per page
(e) certified copies of documents	\$50.00 for the first 50 pages thereafter \$1.50 per page
(f) for every power of attorney deposited in the registry	\$100.00
(g) for every enduring power of attorney deposited in the registry	\$100.00
(h) for every search	\$10.00 per hour

**Made this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2025.**

**Signed**  
**SIR IAN WINDER**  
**Chairman**  
**Rules Committee**