

SUPREME COURT OF TASMANIA

CIRCULAR TO PRACTITIONERS

No. 7 of 2015

25 June 2015

CIVIL FEES AND ENDORSED COSTS – AMENDED ADVICE

Circular 5/2015 issued on 19 June 2015 is rescinded.

The amended fee scale and table of endorsed costs notified in Circular 5/2015 will not come into force on 1 July 2015 as it appears that, due to an error within the Department of Justice, there was non-compliance with the notification procedure prescribed by the Fee Units Act 1997 s.8(3) for the annual increase.

Accordingly, there will be no annual fee increase for the 2015-16 financial year

The relevant fee scale and table of endorsed costs for the 2015-16 financial year is set out below for ease of reference:

FEES

1.	Originating Application	\$600.00
2.	Writ (includes Appeal Cost Fund fee)	
	(a) If claim exceeds \$50,000	\$644.40
	(b) If claim does not exceed \$50,000	\$344.40
3.	On commencement of proceedings for admission to the legal profession	\$150.00
4.	On filing any notice instituting an appeal from any order or Judgment of the Court or any Judge of the Court; or from the Associate Judge to the Full Court	\$700.00
5.	On filing any notice instituting an appeal from an inferior court, statutory tribunal or referee	\$600.00
6.	Transcripts	
	(a) for a copy which has already been transcribed	\$2.00 per page
	(b) for a copy which is required to be transcribed	\$7.50 per page
7.	On taxation of a bill of costs	4% of the amount allowed or such lesser amount as the taxing officer, in the officer's discretion, thinks proper
8.	For every search or inspection of any index, register, file or other document, except where any such search or inspection is made by a person who is a party to that cause or matter or the solicitor for that party	\$25.00
9.	For any photocopy or scanned copy of a document	\$2.00 per page
10.	On the appointment of a mediation if the mediator is an employee of, or otherwise engaged by, the Supreme Court	\$500.00
11.	Writ of Execution (e.g. FiFa and/or Possession)	
	(a) On debts not exceeding \$20,000	\$100.00
	(b) On debts exceeding \$20,000	\$200.00

COSTS

(a) ON WRITS

The calculation of fees payable and costs claimable on writs for liquidated demands exceeding \$50,000 filed on or after 1 July 2015 is as follows:

	Writ for service :	
	within Tasmania	outside Tasmania
Filing fee on writ (Schedule 2, Item 1)	600.00	600.00
Fee (Appeal Costs Fund)	44.40	44.40
Total filing fee <u>payable</u> on writ	\$644.40	\$644.40
Costs allowed (Schedule 1, Part 3)	287.00	383.00
Total Costs to be <u>endorsed</u> on writ	\$931.40	\$1027.40
Costs on signing judgment (Schedule 1, Part 3)	75.00	75.00
Total fees and costs to be <u>claimed</u> on signing judgment	\$1006.40	\$1102.40

(b) ON GARNISHEES AND JUDGMENT SUMMONSES

In respect of a debt not exceeding \$50,000	\$146.00
In respect of a debt exceeding \$50,000	\$217.00

(c) ON EXECUTION

Where the amount of the debt does not exceed \$50,000	\$ 72.00
Where the amount of the debt exceeds \$50,000	\$104.00

(d) ON SUMMONS UNDER SECTION 146(2) OF THE LAND TITLES ACT 1980

(includes filing fee payable on Originating Application)	\$1049.00
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Further information on fees and costs can be found on the Supreme Court website at:

http://www.supremecourt.tas.gov.au/practice_and_procedure/fees

This Circular to Practitioners replaces Circular No 5 of 2015.

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