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Fees

There are fees for filing certain applications, and for some hearings. Filing fees must be paid before the application is filed and are non-refundable. The fees are set by government regulations and increase on 1 July each year. GST does not apply to Family Court fees.

New Fees from 1 July 2023

Application Fees

Form	Fees from 1 July 2023
Application for Consent Orders (Form 11)	\$195
Application for Divorce (Form 3)	\$1,060
Application for Divorce (Form 3) - Reduced Fee	\$350
Initiating Application (Form 1) - Final Orders Only - Parenting OR Financial orders	\$410
Initiating Application (Form 1) - Final AND Interim Orders - Parenting OR Financial orders	\$550
Initiating Application (Form 1) - Final Orders Only - Parenting AND Financial orders	\$670
Initiating Application (Form 1) - Final AND Interim Orders - Parenting AND Financial orders	\$810
Response to Initiating Application (Form 1A)	\$410
Response to Initiating Application (Form 1A) AND if introducing Interim Orders Sought - when not sought by the Applicant	\$550
Interim Order Application (Form 2) - Parenting AND/OR Financial orders	\$140
Application for Nullity (Form 1)	\$1,505
Application for Nullity (Form 1) - Reduced Fee	\$500
Application for Declaration as to validity of marriage, divorce or annulment (Form 1)	\$1,505
Issue Subpoena (Form 14)	\$65

Hearing fees and setting down fees

Hearing fees can be paid online, see <u>Payment Options</u> for details.

There are fees for each day of a defended hearing for final orders. There are no hearing fees for procedural hearings, or hearings to prepare a case for trial.

When your case is prepared for trial and given a trial date, there is a *setting down* fee. This fee is for the court to allocate a trial date and begin preparing to decide your application, and includes the hearing fee for the first day of the trial. A setting down fee is not refundable, and must be paid no later than 28 days before the hearing.

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Setting down for hearing fee (non-refundable)				
Listed before a judge	\$945	\$1,010		
Listed before a magistrate	\$695	\$745		
Daily hearing fee - for each hearing day excluding the first hearing day				
Listed before a judge	\$945	\$1,010		
Listed before a magistrate	\$695	\$745		
Conciliation Conference	\$435	\$465		

Appeal fees

Description		Fees from 1 July 2023
Setting down fee for an appeal from a Magistrates Court (not a Family Law Magistrate)	\$945	\$1,010
Hearing fee for an appeal from a Magistrates Court (for each day excluding the first day)	\$945	\$1,010
Form 20 - Application for leave to appeal under section 211 of the <i>Family Court Act 1997</i> from an interlocutory order of a Family Law Magistrate	\$1,500	\$1,605

Appeal fees (Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Div 1))

Description	Fees from 1 July 2022	Fees from 1 July 2023
Notice of appeal to the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Div 1) from orders made by a Judge or a Family Law Magistrate (unless the below fee has been paid)	\$1,500	\$1,605
Application for leave to appeal to the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Div 1)	\$1,500	\$1,605

Fee Payment Methods

Online at the <u>eCourts Portal</u> of Western Australia when efiling your application, using VISA or Mastercard credit/debit card.

Hearing fees and setting down fees can be paid by VISA or Mastercard credit/debit card through the <u>eCourts Portal Invoice Payment</u> page.

To pay hearing fees online, you will need the hearing fee invoice and invoice number.

Fee exemption, reduction and deferral

If you hold certain Government concession cards, are receiving certain types of government support, or you can demonstrate financial hardship, you may be eligible

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for a fee reduction or exemption. The payment of a filing fee can also be deferred in certain limited circumstances. See the <u>fee reductions and exemptions</u> page for details.

Amending an application

If your original *Initiating Application (Form 1)* only sought parenting orders, or only sought financial orders, and you subsequently amend the *Initiating Application* to include both parenting and financial orders, there will be an additional filing fee of \$240 for the amended application.

Need more information?

Contact the Family Court registry on (08) 9224 8222 or 1800 199 228.

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