

Schedule 2 — Costs

[r. 335, 351, 352, 356-362, 366]

Division 1 — Work done on or after 1 January 2019

Subdivision 1 — Preliminary

1. Application

This Division applies in relation to costs for work done on or after 1 January 2019.

Subdivision 2 — Costs allowable for lawyer's work done and services performed

Item	Matter for which charge may be made	Amount (including GST)
1.	Drafting a document (other than a letter)	\$21.43 per 100 words
2.	Producing a document (other than a letter in printed form)	\$7.31 per 100 words
3.	Drafting and producing a letter (including a fax or an email)	\$24.60 per 100 words
4.	Reading a document	\$10.02 per 100 words
5.	Scanning a document (where reading is not necessary)	\$3.93 per 100 words
6.	For a document or letter mentioned in item 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 containing more than 3 000 words	The amount allowed by the registrar
7.	Photocopy or other reproduction of a document	83 cents per page

Item	Matter for which charge may be made	Amount (including GST)
8.	Time reasonably spent by a lawyer on work requiring the skill of a lawyer (except work to which any other item in this Table applies)	\$251.50 per hour
9.	Time reasonably spent by a lawyer, or by a clerk of a lawyer, on work (except work to which any other item in this Table applies)	\$163.04 per hour

Subdivision 3 — Costs allowable for counsel’s work done and services performed

Item	Matter for which charge may be made	Amount (including GST) — senior counsel	Amount (including GST) — junior counsel
1.	Chamber work (including preparing or settling any necessary document, opinion, advice or evidence, and any reading fee (if allowed))	\$483.69 – \$829.21 per hour	\$288.76 – \$411.85 per hour
2.	Attendance at a conference (including a court-appointed conference), if necessary	\$483.69 – \$829.21 per hour	\$288.76 – \$411.85 per hour
3.	Attendance of less than 3 hours (for example, a procedural hearing or a summary hearing)	\$483.69 – \$3 454.91	\$258.34 – \$1 979.86
4.	A hearing or trial taking at least 3 hours but not more than 1 day	\$898.27 – \$6 910.49	\$856.50 – \$1 979.86

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5.	Other hearings or trials	\$2 280.34 – \$6 910.49 per day	\$2 041.23 – \$3 000.33 per day
6.	Reserved judgment	\$483.69 – \$829.21 per hour	\$288.76 – \$411.85 per hour

Subdivision 4 — Basic composite amount for undefended divorce

Item	Matter for which charge may be made	Amount (including GST)
1.	If the lawyer employed another lawyer to attend at court for the applicant and there is a child of the marriage under 18 years of age	\$1 062.27
2.	If the lawyer employed another lawyer to attend at court for the applicant and there is no child of the marriage under 18 years of age	\$790.33
3.	If the lawyer did not employ another lawyer to attend at court for the applicant and there is a child of the marriage under 18 years of age	\$997.30
4.	If the lawyer did not employ another lawyer to attend at court for the applicant and there is no child of the marriage under 18 years of age	\$746.25
5.	If the lawyer did not attend at court for the hearing under Family Law Act section 98A	\$642.08

Schedule 3 — Conduct money and witness fees

[r. 250, 336, 534]

Division 1 — Conduct money

Item	Matter for which allowance is paid	Amount
1.	Minimum amount	The minimum amount for conduct money is \$25
2.	Travel	(a) The amount to be paid for fares on public transport for return travel between the place of employment or residence and the court; or (b) if no public transport is available, the amount calculated at the rate of 80 cents per kilometre required to be travelled between the place of employment or residence and the court
3.	Accommodation and meals	A reasonable allowance for accommodation and meals to be incurred during the estimated time of the hearing or trial

Division 2 — Witness fees

Item	Type of witness	Amount of fee
1.	All witnesses	\$75 per day, or part of a day, for necessary absence from the witness's place of employment or residence

Item	Type of witness	Amount of fee
2.	Expert witnesses	Such further amount as the court allows for the preparation of a report and absence from the expert witness's place of employment

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