

Appendix A
amended by
S.R. Nos
36/2011
rule 24,
149/2011
rule 5, 2/2012
rule 9,
158/2012
rule 5,
178/2013
rule 5.

APPENDIX A

SCALE OF COSTS

Scale of costs and fees which may be claimed by Australian lawyers and counsel as between party and party as well as between Australian lawyer and client.

If in any case the Court or registrar thinks that any item is inadequate or excessive, the Court or registrar may allow a greater or lesser sum than the scale provides.

If the scale of costs does not provide for any case, the Court or registrar may allow reasonable costs.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Particulars of Service</i>	<i>\$</i>
1.	Claim for debt, liquidated demand or claim arising from a motor vehicle collision for costs of repairs only or for total loss of vehicle only including all professional costs where the amount claimed is—	
	(a) Less than \$500	201
	(b) \$500 to less than \$5000	420
	(c) \$5000 to less than \$7500	516
	(d) \$7500 to less than \$20 000	620
	(e) \$20 000 to less than \$40 000	769
	(f) \$40 000 to less than \$70 000	926
	(g) \$70 000 and over	1107

Item *Particulars of Service*
(Costs for items 2 to 80 are set out in Table 1)

Instructions

2. Instructions to make, issue or oppose an application or summons or any notice of objection under the **Judgment Debt Recovery Act 1984** including instructions for any affidavit (not otherwise provided for).

Institution of proceedings

3. Complaint, including instructions to sue, letter before action, attendances on counsel, copies for service, issuing, and attendances on process server.

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4.	Consent of litigation guardian including preparation of memorandum, copies and obtaining signature of litigation guardian.
5.	Notices of defence to claim, counterclaim or third party notice including instructions to defend, perusal of claim, counterclaim or third party notice, reply, attendances on counsel, copies, filing and service.
6.	Counterclaim, third party notice, notice of contribution or any further pleading including instructions to issue, attendances on counsel, copies, filing and service.
7.	Perusal of notice of defence, counterclaim, third party notice or any other pleading, and notice of contribution.
Particulars	
8.	Request for particulars of any document including attendances on counsel, copies, filing, service and perusal of further particulars.
9.	Further and better particulars of any documents including perusal of request, attendances on counsel, copies, filing and service.
View	
10.	Attending view, including arranging view and attendance on counsel.
11.	If the attendance exceeds half an hour—for each quarter hour thereafter.
Discovery	
12.	Notice of discovery including filing and service.
13.	Perusal of affidavit of documents and inspection of documents.
14.	Affidavit of documents including instructions, attendances on counsel, copies, swearing, filing, service and production of documents for inspection.
15.	Notice to produce documents including filing and service.
Interrogatories	
16.	Interrogatories for examination including instructions, attendances on counsel, copies, filing, service and perusal of answers.

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17.	Answers to interrogatories including perusal of interrogatories, instructions, attendances on counsel, copies, swearing, filing and service. Brief to advise
18.	Brief to advise including preparation of memorandum to counsel, attendances on counsel and perusal of advice. Notices, certificates, undertakings, etc.
19.	Any necessary notice (including notices before proceeding), certificate (including certificates before proceeding), undertaking, consent, order, memorandum (not otherwise provided for) including copies, filing and service.
20.	Notice to admit including perusal of admissions, copies, filing and service.
21.	Admissions, including perusal of notice to admit, copies, filing and service.
22.	Offer of compromise or notice of acceptance of offer including copies, filing and service. Witnesses and expert witnesses
23.	Subpoena including instructions, copies and issuing.
24.	Attendance on witness to arrange attendance to give evidence without subpoena, including reminders.
25.	Arranging examination or inspection by an expert witness and notifying party, supplying relevant documents to witness, obtaining and perusing report.
26.	Notifying party of examination or inspection arranged by opposite party.
27.	Statement of expert witness (pursuant to Rule 44.03) including instructions, filing and service. Applications
28.	Application or summons or any notice under the Judgment Debt Recovery Act 1984 including copies, issuing and affidavit of service.
29.	Application for an order under Rule 21.01 (in addition to item 1 if applicable) or 21.08 including copies and issuing.

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29A	To draw or settle any necessary medical panel referral documents including medical questions, section 65(6A) statements, lists of documents and submissions pursuant to the Accident Compensation Act 1985 etc. Notice of objection
30.	Notice of objection under the Judgment Debt Recovery Act 1984 including copies, issuing and affidavit of service. Affidavits
31.	Affidavit including attendances on counsel, copies, swearing, filing and service.
32	Affidavit of service, including swearing and filing (not otherwise provided for). General preparation
33.	For work necessarily and properly done in preparing for hearing and not otherwise provided for, including— (a) taking instructions for examination of any party or witness; (b) considering the facts and the law; (c) attending on and corresponding with client; (d) interviewing and corresponding with witnesses and taking proofs of their evidence; (e) obtaining reports or advice from experts and maps, plans, photographs and models; (f) making search in any public office and elsewhere for relevant documents; (g) inspecting any property or place material to the proceeding; (h) perusing relevant documents; (i) general care and conduct of the proceeding. Pre-hearing conference
34.	Preparation including all necessary instructions, instructions for brief for counsel or brief notes for Australian lawyer, correspondence and perusals.
35.	Attendance at conference whether by counsel or Australian lawyer.

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Mediation	
36.	Preparation including all necessary instructions, instructions for brief for counsel or brief notes for Australian lawyer, all necessary correspondence, perusals, etc.
37.	Attending mediation by Australian lawyer, for first 4 hours or part thereof.
38.	For each subsequent hour.
39.	Attending mediation with counsel (where necessary) per hour.
40.	If Australian lawyer attends at a place more than 50 kilometres from his or her place of business, an additional fee may be allowed.
41.	The reasonable costs of a mediation held before the commencement of proceedings may be allowed.
Court attendance	
42.	Attendance at Court or upon magistrate or officer of the Court on application, summons, appeal or to hear reserved judgment.
43.	Attendance of Australian lawyer without counsel at a WorkCover directions hearing or at the hearing of an application for revocation of a direction of a conciliation officer.
44.	Attending WorkCover mentions.
45.	Attendance at Court on hearing—Australian lawyer without counsel for the first 6 hours (including any luncheon adjournment).
46.	If attendance at Court exceeds 6 hours—for each hour thereafter.
47.	Attendance at Court by Australian lawyer on hearing with counsel for the first 3 hours.
48.	If attendance exceeds 3 hours—for each hour thereafter.
Conference with counsel	
49.	Appointment and attendance per hour (when necessary).
Fees to counsel	
50.	To draw or settle any necessary document including notice before action, particulars of claim or defence (including special defence), counterclaim, interrogatories etc.

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51.	To confer, prepare, view or consult—per hour.
52.	To advise on evidence or give opinion.
53.	Brief on hearing.
54.	For each 6 hours or part thereof after the first six hours of hearing (including any luncheon adjournment).
55.	Attending mediation, for the first 4 hours or part thereof.
56.	For each subsequent hour.
57.	Attending at WorkCover directions hearing.
57A.	Attending at the hearing of an application for revocation of a direction of a conciliation officer.
Documents	
58.	Drawing any document or brief (where not otherwise provided for)—per folio.
59.	Typing any document or brief (where not otherwise provided for)—per folio.
60.	Copies— For the first 50 pages of photocopying in a proceeding, \$2.30 per page. For any photocopying after the first 50 pages in a proceeding, 68 cents per page.
Perusals	
61.	Of any document or part of a document (where not otherwise provided for)—per folio.
62.	Examination or scanning any document which is not necessary to peruse—per folio.
Correspondence	
63.	Special letter.
64.	Ordinary letter (including an agency letter).
65.	Circular letter. After the first, postage may be claimed as a disbursement.

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Attendances	
66.	Attendance—such as an attendance at the office of the registrar or on a process server or to serve or an attendance which is capable of being made by a clerk.
67.	Attendance (personal or by telephone) of an Australian lawyer or managing clerk and involving the exercise of skill or legal knowledge—for each quarter hour.
68.	Attendance which does not involve the exercise of skill or legal knowledge—for each quarter hour.
Warrant, summons, etc.	
69.	Warrant to seize property or of delivery including instructions, preparation and issuing.
70.	Summons for oral examination, including instructions, preparation of summons and affidavit, issuing, arranging service, forwarding summons and affidavit to registrar with letter.
71.	Proceedings for attachment of debts including all professional costs.
72.	Summons for attachment of earnings, including instructions, preparation of summons, affidavit and Form 72A, issuing summons, arranging service, forwarding summons and affidavit to registrar with a letter (including affidavit of service).
73.	Form 72F, including preparation, filing and service.
74.	Order to attend or to give a statement under Rule 72.04 including preparation, issuing and arranging service.
75.	Registration of interstate judgment.
Service	
76.	For service of Court documents on each person to be served.
77.	For service of Court documents on each person to be served where service is effected by post or by leaving at a document exchange.
78.	For every necessary visit made in attempting service of Court documents and for each report of non-service where the time, date and number of visits attempting service are shown by affidavit.

Item Particulars of Service

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79. In addition to the abovementioned service fees an allowance at the rate of 68 cents for each 1 kilometre in respect of any distance measured both ways from the nearest court house or other building where the Court is held, or the residence of the person who served the court document, whichever is the closer, to the place of service or attempted service of the document.

Notes to items 76 to 79 inclusive:

- A In these items *Court documents* include complaint, summons, application or other document used in a court proceeding.
- B A registrar, upon application made before service of any Court document, may fix and endorse on the document an amount representing an allowance calculated at 68 cents for each kilometre of the distance both ways by the shortest practicable route, from the nearest court house or other building where the Court is held, or the residence of the process server, whichever is the closer to the place of service and the Court in assessing costs on the hearing shall have regard to the amount so fixed and endorsed.
- C For service of 2 or more Court documents in the same proceeding on the same person who was or could have been served at the same time and place, only one service fee shall be allowed.
- D For service of a Court document in the same proceeding on 2 or more persons who were or could have been served at the same time and place, only one service fee shall be allowed.
- E No costs shall be allowed for service of any Court document where service has been effected by an employee of the plaintiff or defendant, unless the Court is satisfied by evidence on oath or affidavit that the employee is exclusively engaged on the service of legal process for the employer.

Substituted service

80. Order for substituted service including all professional costs.
81. If an advertisement in lieu of service is ordered, the necessary and reasonable costs of the advertisement in addition.

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Witnesses' expenses	
82.	Subject to item 82A, witnesses giving evidence in an expert or professional capacity, up to \$259 per hour or part thereof, but not to exceed \$1814 per day. Other witnesses—up to \$65 per hour or part thereof, but not to exceed \$324 per day.
82A.	Witnesses giving evidence in the capacity of motor vehicle loss assessors, up to \$135 per hour or part thereof, but not to exceed \$740 per day.
Circuit fees	
83.	(a) A circuit fee may be charged by counsel where the claim or the counterclaim is \$40 000 or more. No circuit fee may be charged where the claim or the counterclaim is less than \$40 000, unless the Court otherwise orders; (b) A circuit fee must be calculated on the same time basis as a fee for counsel on the hearing of a proceeding, namely, for each 6 hours or part thereof after the first 6 hours of hearing (including any luncheon adjournment); (c) Any circuit fee allowed under paragraph (a) or (b) must be in accordance with the Schedule 1 to Appendix A of the Scale of Costs in Chapter I of the Rules of the County Court unless the circuit town appears in Table 2, in which case Table 2 applies. Whether or not Appendix A or Table 2 applies, not more than one circuit fee must be allowed in any one day in relation to any proceeding or matter; (d) A circuit fee may be charged by a mediator who conducts a mediation following a referral of a proceeding or part of a proceeding to mediation. A circuit fee may also be charged for a pre-issue mediation held in accordance with a Practice Direction. A circuit fee may only be charged by a mediator with the agreement of the parties to the mediation.

TABLE 1

(Costs in dollars for items 2 to 80)

<i>Item</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>G</i>
	<i>Less than</i>	<i>\$500</i>	<i>\$5000</i>	<i>\$7500</i>	<i>\$20 000</i>	<i>\$40 000</i>	<i>\$70 000</i>
	<i>\$500</i>	<i>to less</i>	<i>to less</i>	<i>to less</i>	<i>to less</i>	<i>to less</i>	<i>and over</i>
		<i>than</i>	<i>than</i>	<i>than</i>	<i>than</i>	<i>than</i>	
		<i>\$5000</i>	<i>\$7500</i>	<i>\$20 000</i>	<i>\$40 000</i>	<i>\$70 000</i>	
2.	69	69	69	104	129	155	179
3.	201	421	517	621	770	928	1110
4.	n/a	n/a	151	197	201	214	227
5.	93	199	247	294	367	442	530
6.	108	221	271	324	402	484	580
7.	49	49	49	49	49	49	49
8.	71	158	192	230	286	341	406
9.	64	133	159	192	238	287	343
10.	n/a	n/a	161	223	242	271	305
11.	n/a	n/a	18	46	46	46	46
12.	46	75	93	110	139	163	188
13.	56	107	126	157	195	233	274
14.	110	235	287	343	434	512	608
15.	46	71	93	110	139	163	188
16.	91	187	227	271	340	405	469
17.	120	256	326	391	484	583	690
18.	n/a	n/a	161	223	242	271	304
19.	45	80	94	112	140	164	198
20.	120	120	120	164	207	251	299
21.	120	120	120	164	207	251	299
22.	104	104	104	154	192	230	274
23.	23	38	53	53	69	83	99

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24.	22	23	23	38	43	50	58	
25.	65	66	66	101	126	151	179	
26.	13	13	13	49	62	75	90	
27.	88	160	223	267	336	396	460	
28.	37	87	94	108	132	158	186	
29.	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	
29A.	92	169	230	256	343	410	476	
30.	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
31.	91	187	227	271	340	402	468	
32.	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	
33.	365	1193	1472	1769	2211	3195	4968	
34.	89	270	361	436	540	650	744	
35.	159	306	437	540	675	815	949	
36.	89	270	361	436	531	636	730	
37.	159	306	437	540	666	799	934	
38.	46	87	108	127	165	198	232	
39.	46	87	108	127	165	198	232	
40.			<i>refer to item 40</i>					
41.			<i>refer to item 41</i>					
42.	94	211	260	316	394	473	565	
43.	159	306	438	543	681	818	951	
44.	143	143	143	143	143	143	143	
45.	336	675	1018	1221	1527	1825	2123	
46.	72	133	159	195	242	290	339	
47.	154	260	325	391	484	583	673	
48.	46	87	108	127	158	192	225	
49.	46	94	119	152	191	228	267	

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50.	61	114	149	171	223	266	309
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52.	n/a	n/a	197	298	321	360	538
53.	405	910	1226	1470	1835	2205	2407
54.	274	607	814	978	1226	1464	1711
55.	167	326	464	572	718	863	1006
56.	51	92	113	134	182	214	252
57.	170	331	471	582	731	878	1054
57A.	582	582	582	582	582	582	582
58.	4.1	10.1	10.7	11.2	12.8	14.9	20.2
59.	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
60.			<i>refer to item 60</i>				
61.	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
62.	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
63.	38	38	38	38	38	38	38
64.	27	27	27	27	27	27	27
65.	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
66.	27	27	27	27	27	27	27
67.	46	46	46	46	46	46	46
68.	23	23	23	23	23	23	23
69.	52	107	126	158	198	238	279
70.	54	127	155	170	215	260	304
71.	154	308	345	413	516	616	806
72.	274	388	417	523	655	784	1027
73.	46	80	94	112	140	164	190
74.	46	80	94	112	140	164	190
75.	69	69	69	104	104	104	104

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76.	66	66	66	66	66	66	66
77.	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
78.	45	45	45	45	45	45	45
79.	<i>refer to item 79</i>						
80.	135	244	290	342	431	509	591

TABLE 2
CIRCUIT FEES

<i>Circuit town</i>	<i>Fee for first six hours</i>	<i>Further fee for further six hours or part thereafter</i>
Ararat	481	318
Benalla	509	337
Colac	404	267
Echuca	509	337
Mansfield	404	267
Latrobe Valley	377	252
Portland	556	372
Stawell	509	337
Swan Hill	509	337

APPENDIX B

CIVIL REGISTRY COURTS

Ararat	Hamilton	Orbost
Bacchus Marsh	Heidelberg	Ouyen
Bairnsdale	Hopetoun	Portland
Ballarat	Horsham	Ringwood
Benalla	Kerang	Robinvale
Bendigo	Korumburra	St Arnaud
Broadmeadows	Kyneton	Sale
Castlemaine	Latrobe Valley	Seymour
Cobram	Mansfield	Shepparton
Colac	Maryborough	Stawell
Collingwood	Melbourne	Sunshine
Corryong	Mildura	Swan Hill
Dandenong	Moe	Wangaratta
Dromana	Moorabbin Justice Centre	Warrnambool
Echuca	Myrtleford	Werribee
Frankston	Nhill	Wodonga
Geelong	Omeo	Wonthaggi
