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Order in Council

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Present:
His Excellency the Governor-General in Council

Pursuant to section 123 of the District Courts Act 1947, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council, makes the following regulations.

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Regulations

1 Title

These regulations are the District Courts Fees Regulations 2009.

2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 20 November 2009.

3 Application

(1) These regulations apply to civil proceedings in a District Court.

(2) Nothing in these regulations applies to—

(a) applications under the following:

(i) the Harassment Act 1997:

(ii) the Accident Compensation Act 2001:

(iii) the Criminal Proceeds (Recovery) Act 2009:

(iiia) the Policing Act 2008:

(iv) the Immigration Act 2009:

(v) the Search and Surveillance Act 2012:

(vi) the Victims' Orders Against Violent Offenders Act 2014:

(vii) the Harmful Digital Communications Act 2015:

(viii) the Gangs Act 2024; or

(b) matters under Part 6 of the Criminal Procedure Rules 2012 (access to court documents).

Regulation 3: replaced, on 1 July 2013, by regulation 4 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/213).

Regulation 3(2)(a)(iiia): inserted, on 1 July 2014, by regulation 4 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2014 (LI 2014/178).

Regulation 3(2)(a)(v): amended, on 1 January 2015, by regulation 4(1) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2014 (LI 2014/346).

Regulation 3(2)(a)(vi): replaced, on 21 November 2016, by regulation 4 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2016 (LI 2016/228).

Regulation 3(2)(a)(vii): replaced, on 21 November 2024, by section 37 of the Gangs Act 2024 (2024 No 36).

Regulation 3(2)(a)(viii): inserted, on 21 November 2024, by section 37 of the Gangs Act 2024 (2024 No 36).

3A Interpretation

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—

actual hearing fee means the fee payable under item 11 of the fees table in respect of the actual hearing time

DCR means District Courts rule

District Courts Rules means the District Courts Rules 2014

document has the meaning given in DCR 1.4(1)

estimated hearing fee means the fee payable under item 11 of the fees table in respect of the estimated hearing time

estimated hearing time means the time allocated for a hearing and notified to the parties by the Registrar when written confirmation of the hearing date is given

fees table means the table in the Schedule

initiating document means,—

(a) *[Revoked]*

(b) in the case of an appeal or a cross-appeal, the notice of appeal or other document by which the appeal or cross-appeal is instituted; and

(c) in every other case, the first document (other than a caveat or an application for directions as to service) filed in the proceeding by the plaintiff that gives to the court and to the opposite party (if any) particulars of the claim made or of other relief sought by the plaintiff

item means a matter described in the third column, and with the reference number given in the second column, of the fees table

scheduling fee means the fee (if any) payable under item 10 of the fees table in respect of an application or proceeding

working day has the meaning given in DCR 1.4(1).

Regulation 3A: inserted, on 1 July 2013, by regulation 5 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/213).

Regulation 3A **District Courts Rules**: amended, on 1 July 2014, by regulation 5(1) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2014 (LI 2014/178).

Regulation 3A **document**: amended, on 1 July 2014, by regulation 5(2) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2014 (LI 2014/178).

Regulation 3A **initiating document** paragraph (a): revoked, on 1 July 2014, by regulation 5(4) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2014 (LI 2014/178).

Regulation 3A **working day**: amended, on 1 July 2014, by regulation 5(3) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2014 (LI 2014/178).

3B Transitional provisions

Transitional provisions relating to the amendments made by the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2014 are set out in Schedule 2.

Regulation 3B: inserted, on 1 July 2014, by regulation 6 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2014 (LI 2014/178).

4 Fees of court

(1) The fees payable for proceedings to which these regulations apply are those specified in the Schedule; and all those fees must be prepaid.

(2) Subclause (1) is subject to regulations 5, 6, and 10(1).

(3) Despite regulation 4A, no hearing or scheduling fee may be charged for—

(a) a hearing that—

(i) is not opposed by the respondent; and

(ii) takes place in a list sitting:

(b) any portion of a hearing that takes place in a list sitting if the hearing—

(i) is opposed by the respondent; and

(ii) is adjourned to a specified date and time.

(4) For the purposes of determining the hearing or scheduling fee for a hearing specified in subclause (3)(b), the first day or first half-day of the hearing is the day or half-day of the date specified in the adjournment.

(5) In subclause (3), **list sitting** means a sitting in which different applications are sequentially called before a Judge or a Registrar of a District Court.

Regulation 4(2): amended, on 1 July 2013, by regulation 6 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/213).

Regulation 4(3): inserted, on 16 September 2013, by regulation 4 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2013 (SR 2013/387).

Regulation 4(4): inserted, on 16 September 2013, by regulation 4 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2013 (SR 2013/387).

Regulation 4(5): inserted, on 16 September 2013, by regulation 4 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2013 (SR 2013/387).

4A Application of fee for item 11 (hearings)

(1) The fee for item 11 applies in respect of the hearing of every application or proceeding, including—

(a) the hearing of every claim, counterclaim, cross-claim, and claim against a third or subsequent party; and

(b) the hearing of every appeal and cross-appeal; and

(c) the hearing of every interlocutory application; and

(d) the hearing of land valuation proceedings.

(2) *[Revoked]*

Regulation 4A: inserted, on 1 July 2013, by regulation 7 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/213).

Regulation 4A(2): revoked, on 1 July 2014, by regulation 7 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2014 (LI 2014/178).

5 Power to waive fees

(1) A person (the **applicant**) otherwise responsible for the payment of a fee required in connection with a proceeding or an intended proceeding may apply to a Registrar for a waiver of the fee.

(2) The Registrar may waive the fee payable by the applicant if satisfied,—

(a) on the basis of one of the criteria specified in subclause (3), that the applicant is unable to pay the fee; or

(b) that the proceeding,—

(i) on the basis of one of the criteria specified in subclause (4), concerns a matter of genuine public interest; and

(ii) is unlikely to be commenced or continued unless the fee is waived.

(3) For the purposes of these regulations, an applicant is unable to pay the fee sought to be waived if—

(a) the applicant has been granted legal aid in respect of the matter for which the fee is payable; or

(b) the applicant has not been granted legal aid in respect of the matter for which the fee is payable and the applicant—

(i) is dependent for the payment of his or her living expenses on a specified benefit (as defined in section 198(3) of the Social Security Act 2018) that is jobseeker support, sole parent support, a supported living payment, or an emergency benefit; or

(ii) is wholly dependent for the payment of his or her living expenses on New Zealand superannuation under the New Zealand Superannuation and Retirement Income Act 2001 or a veteran's pension under the Veterans' Support Act 2014; or

(iii) would otherwise suffer undue financial hardship if he or she paid the fee.

(4) For the purposes of these regulations, a proceeding that concerns a matter of genuine public interest is—

(a) a proceeding that has been or is intended to be commenced to determine a question of law that is of significant interest to the public or to a substantial section of the public; or

(b) a proceeding that—

(i) raises issues of significant interest to the public or to a substantial section of the public; and

(ii) has been or is intended to be commenced by an organisation that, by its governing enactment, constitution, or rules, is expressly or by necessary implication required to promote matters in the public interest.

(5) An application under subclause (1) must be made in a form approved for the purpose by the chief executive of the Ministry of Justice unless, in a particular case, the Registrar considers that an application in that form is not necessary.

Regulation 5(3)(b)(i): amended, on 26 November 2018, by section 459 of the Social Security Act 2018 (2018 No 32).

Regulation 5(3)(b)(ii): amended, on 7 December 2014, by section 278 of the Veterans' Support Act 2014 (2014 No 56).

6 Payment of fee may be postponed pending determination of application for waiver or review

(1) A Registrar may, on application by a person who is awaiting the determination of an application under regulation 5(1) or section 123A of the District Courts Act 1947, postpone the payment of the fee to which the application relates until the date on which the person is notified of the determination.

(2) A Registrar may exercise the power under subclause (1) if satisfied that the person awaiting the determination of his or her application would be prejudiced if the matter to which the fee relates did not proceed before the determination.

(3) An application under subclause (1) must be made in a form approved for the purpose by the chief executive of the Ministry of Justice unless, in a particular case, the Registrar considers that an application in that form is not necessary.

7 Recovery of postponed fee

(1) This regulation applies to a fee (the **fee**) that has been postponed under regulation 6.

(2) If the effect of a determination under regulation 5 or section 123A of the District Courts Act 1947 is that the fee is not to be waived, the fee—

(a) must be paid, without delay, to the Registrar; and

(b) is recoverable as a debt due to the Crown in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(3) Following a determination that has the effect referred to in subclause (2), the person responsible for paying the fee may not take a step in the proceeding to which the fee relates unless the fee is paid.

(4) This regulation has effect subject to regulation 6 during any period that the question of the waiver of the fee is the subject of a pending application under section 123A of the District Courts Act 1947.

8 Power to refund fees

(1) A Registrar may, on application made to him or her, refund a fee that has already been paid if satisfied that—

(a) no application, under regulation 5, for a waiver of the fee was made; and

(b) the fee would have been waived, in accordance with regulation 5, had such an application been made; and

(c) the criteria that would have justified that waiver still apply at the date of the application for the refund.

(2) An application under subclause (1) must be made in a form approved for the purpose by the chief executive of the Ministry of Justice unless, in a particular case, the Registrar considers that an application in that form is not necessary.

9 Prepayment of scheduling fees and estimated hearing fees

(1) An applicant must pay a scheduling fee no later than—

(a) 15 working days after the date on which the Registrar gives to the parties written confirmation of the date on which the hearing is scheduled to begin (the **scheduled hearing date**); or

(b) if the Registrar gives less than 15 working days' notice of the scheduled hearing date, a date specified by the Registrar.

(2) The applicant must pay an estimated hearing fee,—

(a) if the estimated hearing time is 10 days or less, no later than—

(i) 30 working days before the scheduled hearing date; or

(ii) if the Registrar gives less than 30 working days' notice of the scheduled hearing date, the date specified by the Registrar; or

(b) if the estimated hearing time is more than 10 days, no later than—

(i) 45 working days before the scheduled hearing date; or

(ii) if the Registrar gives less than 45 working days' notice of the scheduled hearing date, the date specified by the Registrar.

(3) If 2 or more proceedings are to be heard together, scheduling fees (if any) and hearing fees must be paid in respect of each proceeding unless the court otherwise directs.

(4) For the purpose of subclause (3), a proceeding does not constitute 2 or more proceedings by reason only that it involves—

(a) a claim and 1 or more counterclaims, cross-claims, or claims against a third or subsequent party; or

(b) an appeal and 1 or more cross-appeals.

Regulation 9: replaced, on 1 July 2013, by regulation 8 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/213).

10 Failure to prepay scheduling fees or estimated hearing fees

(1) If a scheduling fee or an estimated hearing fee is not paid in accordance with regulation 9, the Registrar may vacate the hearing.

(2) If the Registrar vacates a hearing under subclause (1), the Registrar must promptly notify the parties.

Regulation 10: replaced, on 1 July 2013, by regulation 8 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/213).

10A Payment of balance of hearing fees if hearing exceeds estimated hearing time

(1) If the actual hearing time exceeds the estimated hearing time, the applicant must pay, on the final day of the hearing, the balance of the hearing fee (being the actual hearing fee less any amount that has been prepaid).

(2) Subclause (1) is subject to any order made under regulation 10D(2)(b)(ii).

Regulation 10A: inserted, on 1 July 2013, by regulation 8 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/213).

10B Refund of prepaid hearing fees if hearing shorter than estimated hearing time

If the actual hearing time is less than the estimated hearing time, the Registrar must refund to the applicant the portion of any prepaid hearing fee that relates to the period of hearing time not used.

Regulation 10B: inserted, on 1 July 2013, by regulation 8 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/213).

10C Refund of prepaid hearing fees if proceeding settled, discontinued, abandoned, or determined before hearing date

(1) If a proceeding is settled, discontinued, abandoned, or determined before the hearing date, the Registrar must refund any prepaid hearing fee to the applicant.

(2) However, subclause (1) does not apply if a counterclaim, cross-claim, claim against a third or subsequent party, or cross-appeal remains to be heard (*see* regulation 10D).

Regulation 10C: inserted, on 1 July 2013, by regulation 8 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/213).

10D Hearing fees in proceedings involving counterclaims, cross-claims, claims against third or subsequent parties, or cross-appeals

(1) This regulation applies if a hearing involves 1 or more counterclaims, cross-claims, claims against a third or subsequent party, or cross-appeals.

(2) At the end of the hearing, the court—

(a) may give a direction as to what portion of the scheduling fee and actual hearing fee each party is liable to pay; and

(b) may, in order to give effect to a direction under paragraph (a), make 1 or both of the following orders:

(i) an order that a party other than the applicant pay an amount to the applicant:

(ii) an order that a portion of the balance of the hearing fee payable under regulation 10A (if applicable) be paid by a party other than the applicant.

Regulation 10D: inserted, on 1 July 2013, by regulation 8 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/213).

10E Prepayment of judicial settlement conference fee

The plaintiff, applicant, or appellant (as applicable) must pay the fee for a judicial settlement conference no later than—

(a) 15 working days after the Registrar confirms the date of the judicial settlement conference to all parties to the proceeding; or

(b) if the Registrar confirms the date less than 15 working days before the judicial settlement conference, the date specified by the Registrar.

Regulation 10E: inserted, on 1 July 2014, by regulation 8 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2014 (LI 2014/178).

10F Failure to prepay judicial settlement conference fee

(1) If the fee for the judicial settlement conference is not paid in accordance with regulation 10E, the Registrar may vacate the scheduled judicial settlement conference.

(2) If the Registrar vacates a judicial settlement conference under subclause (1), the Registrar must promptly notify the parties.

Regulation 10F: inserted, on 1 July 2014, by regulation 8 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2014 (LI 2014/178).

10G Refund of prepaid fee for judicial settlement conference that does not take place

If a judicial settlement conference does not take place, the Registrar must refund any prepaid judicial settlement conference fee.

Regulation 10G: inserted, on 1 July 2014, by regulation 8 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2014 (LI 2014/178).

11 GST included

The fees fixed by these regulations are inclusive of goods and services tax.

12 Transitional and savings provision

(1) In respect of proceedings commenced before 1 July 2013,—

(a) these regulations as in force immediately before 1 July 2013 apply in respect of any step taken before that date; and

(b) these regulations as in force on and from 1 July 2013 apply in respect of any step taken on or after that date.

(2) However,—

(a) item 12 of the fees table as in force immediately before 1 July 2013 continues to apply until immediately before the date on which regulation 11(3) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2013 (the **amendment regulations**) comes into force; and

(b) item 13 of the fees table as in force immediately before 1 July 2013 continues to apply until immediately before the date on which regulation 11(2) of the amendment regulations comes into force; and

(c) item 14 of the fees table as in force immediately before 1 July 2013 continues to apply until immediately before the date on which regulation 11(5) of the amendment regulations comes into force.

Regulation 12: replaced, on 1 July 2013, by regulation 9 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/213).

Schedule 1
Fees payable in respect of proceedings in District Courts

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Schedule 1: replaced, on 1 July 2013, by regulation 10 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/213).

Category	Item	Matter for which fee is payable	Fee ($)
Documents initiating proceedings	1	Filing an initiating document (as defined in regulation 3A), unless a different filing fee is prescribed for that document elsewhere in the fees table	275
	2	Filing a claim, an objection, an application, or other proceedings under section 21 of the Land Valuation Proceedings Act 1948	69
Interlocutory applications	3	Filing an interlocutory application (including an application for summary judgment and a review of a Registrar's decision unless a different filing fee is prescribed for that application elsewhere in the fees table—*see* items 19A and 19B),—	
		(a) in the case of an application made under DCR 5.44	no fee
		(b) in the case of an application to vary, discharge, or suspend an attachment order made under section 161 of the District Court Act 2016	no fee
		(ba) in the case of an application under rule 16 (review of Registrar's decision on application to register Australian judgment) of the Trans-Tasman Proceedings Regulations and Rules 2013	no fee
		(c) in any other case	345
	4	Filing an application under DCR 9.17 for an order that a witness be examined otherwise than at the time and place appointed for the hearing of the proceeding	248
Statements of defence and other documents in response	5	Filing—	
		(a) a statement of defence	104
		(b) an amended statement of defence	104
		(c) an amended statement of claim	104
		(d) *[Revoked]*	
		(e) an appearance	104
	6	Filing a counterclaim (which may include in the same document, for no additional fee, a statement of defence)	275
	7	Filing the first affidavit filed by a party in answer to an affidavit filed in support of an interlocutory application for summary judgment	124
Other filing fees	8	*[Revoked]*	
	9	Filing an application for—	
		(a) default judgment (the fee for this item also covers sealing of the judgment)	124
		(b) judgment as admission of facts (the fee for this item also covers sealing of the judgment)	124

Category	Item	Matter for which fee is payable	Fee ($)
		(c) judgment for costs following a discontinuance of a statement of claim or counterclaim (the fee for this item also covers sealing of the judgment)	124
Scheduling	10	For scheduling the hearing date for an application or a proceeding,—	
		(a) in the case of an interlocutory application	no fee
		(b) in the case of an appeal to the District Court	no fee
		(c) in the case of a limited licence application under section 103 of the Land Transport Act 1998	no fee
		(d) in any other case	1,240
	10A	Judicial settlement conference	1,227
Hearings (see regulation 4A)	11	Hearing fee for each half-day or part of a half-day after the first half-day	1,240
Attendance before Registrar	12	Attendance before a Registrar in an inquiry or a reference	551
	13	Examination of witnesses by Registrar under an order of the court	551
Enforcing judgments	13A	Filing a judgment or an order for the payment of money under section 139 of the District Court Act 2016	41
	13B	Filing a financial statement under section 145 of the District Court Act 2016	89
	13C	Filing an application for a financial assessment under section 147 of the District Court Act 2016	109
	13D	Filing an application for a financial assessment hearing under section 149 of the District Court Act 2016	178
	13E	Requesting service by an authorised process server of a summons to attend a financial assessment hearing issued under section 149 of the District Court Act 2016	69
	13F	Filing an application for an attachment order under section 155(1)(c) of the District Court Act 2016	69
	13G	Filing an application for an order for contempt of enforcement proceedings under section 163(3) of the District Court Act 2016	273
	13H	Requesting service by an authorised process server of a copy of an application and notification of the time and place for the hearing of that application that is required to be served under section 164(5) of the District Court Act 2016	69
	13I	Filing an application for 1 of the following, or more than 1 if applied for at the same time and in respect of the same execution address:	273
		(a) a warrant to seize property:	
		(b) a warrant for recovery of chattels:	
		(c) a warrant for recovery of land (including filing a possession order under section 106 of the Residential Tenancies Act 1986)	

Category	Item	Matter for which fee is payable	Fee ($)
	13J	Obtaining a warrant to seize property for the value of chattels under section 203 of the District Court Act 2016	no fee
	14	Filing an application under DCR 19.3 for an order that any party be examined, for each party	248
	15	Filing an application for an interim charging order or a final charging order	345
	16	Filing an affidavit in support of garnishee summons	345
	16A	Filing a new address for service where service is by an authorised process server, or where execution of a warrant pursuant to Part 10 of the District Court Act 2016 is by a bailiff or constable (provided that a maximum of 1 fee only may be added to the judgment debt)	69
	17	For expenses of execution of any warrant of committal or writ of arrest **Note:** For the purposes of this item, **actual expenses** means the actual expenses incurred by the bailiff or constable, including the costs of conveyance and lodging in prison of the person arrested	actual expenses
	18	For storage, cartage, and removal of goods, advertising goods for sale, or auctioning or otherwise disposing of goods	actual and reasonable disbursements
	19	For each person left in possession of any premises **Note:** For the purposes of this item, **fees, allowances, and expenses** means fees, allowances, and expenses as allowed to a witness in accordance with the Witnesses and Interpreters Fees, Allowances, and Expenses Regulations 2023	fees, allowances, and expenses
Applications under Trans-Tasman Proceedings Act 2010	19A	Filing an application under section 56 of the Trans-Tasman Proceedings Act 2010 to register in the court under subpart 5 of Part 2 of that Act a registrable Australian judgment	138
	19B	Filing either of the following applications: (a) an application to set aside registration of an Australian judgment (under section 61 of the Trans-Tasman Proceedings Act 2010): (b) an application for a stay of enforcement of a registered Australian judgment (under section 65 of the Trans-Tasman Proceedings Act 2010)	345
Administrative fees	20	Sealing the original copy of any document	69
	21	Issuing a certificate of judgment or order	69
	22	Copying any document (other than a document specified in item 23)— (a) for the first copy of any part or parts of the court file or any document relating to the proceeding that is provided to a party to the proceeding or that party's counsel	no fee
		(b) where paragraph (a) does not apply,— (i) for each black and white page	0.30
		(ii) for each colour page	0.50

Category	Item	Matter for which fee is payable	Fee ($)
		(iii) for documents in electronic form	actual and reasonable costs
	23	Copying a judgment or order,—	
		(a) for the first copy provided to a party to the proceeding or that party's counsel	no fee
		(b) where paragraph (a) does not apply	4
Searching and accessing court records	24	Searching or inspecting the formal court record kept in an office of a court under rule 8 of the District Court (Access to Court Documents) Rules 2017—	
		(a) for the first name or case searched	41
		(b) for each additional name or case searched	7
	25	Requesting access to a document under rule 11 of the District Court (Access to Court Documents) Rules 2017, or applying under rule 8 or 9 of the District Court (Access to Court Documents) Rules 2017 for permission to access documents, a court file, or the formal court record,—	
		(a) if a fee has been paid under item 24 in respect of the document, court file, or formal court record	no fee
		(b) in any other case	41

Schedule 1 item 1: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 2: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 3: amended, on 11 October 2013, by regulation 4 of the District Courts Fees (Trans-Tasman Proceedings Act 2010—Australian Judgments) Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/348).

Schedule 1 item 3(a): amended, on 1 July 2014, by regulation 9(1) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2014 (LI 2014/178).

Schedule 1 item 3(b): amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(1) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 3(ba): inserted, on 11 October 2013, by regulation 4 of the District Courts Fees (Trans-Tasman Proceedings Act 2010—Australian Judgments) Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/348).

Schedule 1 item 3(c): amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 4: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 4: amended, on 1 July 2014, by regulation 9(2) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2014 (LI 2014/178).

Schedule 1 item 5(a): amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 5(b): amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 5(c): amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 5(d): revoked, on 1 July 2014, by regulation 9(3) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2014 (LI 2014/178).

Schedule 1 item 5(e): amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 6: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 7: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 8: revoked, on 1 July 2014, by regulation 9(4) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2014 (LI 2014/178).

Schedule 1 item 9: replaced, on 1 July 2014, by regulation 10 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2014 (LI 2014/178).

Schedule 1 item 9(a): amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 9(b): amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 9(c): amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 10(b): replaced, on 16 September 2013, by regulation 5 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2013 (SR 2013/387).

Schedule 1 item 10(c): inserted, on 16 September 2013, by regulation 5 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2013 (SR 2013/387).

Schedule 1 item 10(d): inserted, on 16 September 2013, by regulation 5 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2013 (SR 2013/387).

Schedule 1 item 10(d): amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 10A: inserted, on 1 July 2014, by regulation 10 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2014 (LI 2014/178).

Schedule 1 item 10A: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 11: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 12: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 13: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 13A: inserted, on 14 April 2014, by regulation 11(1) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/213).

Schedule 1 item 13A: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(2) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 13A: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 13B: inserted, on 14 April 2014, by regulation 11(2) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/213).

Schedule 1 item 13B: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(3) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 13B: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 13C: inserted, on 14 April 2014, by regulation 11(2) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/213).

Schedule 1 item 13C: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(4) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 13C: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 13D: inserted, on 14 April 2014, by regulation 11(2) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/213).

Schedule 1 item 13D: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(5) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 13D: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 13E: inserted, on 14 April 2014, by regulation 11(2) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/213).

Schedule 1 item 13E: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(5) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 13E: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 13F: inserted, on 14 April 2014, by regulation 11(3) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/213).

Schedule 1 item 13F: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(6) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 13F: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 13G: inserted, on 14 April 2014, by regulation 11(4) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/213).

Schedule 1 item 13G: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(7) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 13G: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 13H: inserted, on 14 April 2014, by regulation 11(4) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/213).

Schedule 1 item 13H: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(8) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 13H: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 13I: inserted, on 14 April 2014, by regulation 11(5) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/213).

Schedule 1 item 13I: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 13J: inserted, on 14 April 2014, by regulation 11(6) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/213).

Schedule 1 item 13J: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(9) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 14: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 14: amended, on 1 July 2014, by regulation 9(5) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2014 (LI 2014/178).

Schedule 1 item 15: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 16: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 16A: inserted, on 14 April 2014, by regulation 11(7) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/213).

Schedule 1 item 16A: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(10) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 16A: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 19: amended, on 1 May 2023, by regulation 16(1) of the Witnesses and Interpreters Fees, Allowances, and Expenses Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/18).

Schedule 1 item 19A: inserted, on 11 October 2013, by regulation 4 of the District Courts Fees (Trans-Tasman Proceedings Act 2010—Australian Judgments) Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/348).

Schedule 1 item 19A: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 19B: inserted, on 11 October 2013, by regulation 4 of the District Courts Fees (Trans-Tasman Proceedings Act 2010—Australian Judgments) Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/348).

Schedule 1 item 19B: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 20: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 21: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 22(b)(i): amended, on 1 July 2024, by regulation 4 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2024 (SL 2024/93).

Schedule 1 item 22(b)(ii): amended, on 1 July 2024, by regulation 4 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2024 (SL 2024/93).

Schedule 1 item 23(b): amended, on 1 July 2024, by regulation 4 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2024 (SL 2024/93).

Schedule 1 item 24: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(11) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 24(a): amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 24(b): amended, on 1 July 2024, by regulation 4 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2024 (SL 2024/93).

Schedule 1 item 25: amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(12) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 1 item 25(b): amended, on 1 July 2026, by regulation 4(13) of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102).

Schedule 2
Transitional provisions relating to District Courts Rules 2014

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Schedule 2: inserted, on 1 July 2014, by regulation 11 of the District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2014 (LI 2014/178).

(1) If, under Schedule 1 of the District Courts Rules 2014, the District Courts Rules 2009 (the **2009 rules**) continue to apply to a proceeding, the District Courts Fees Regulations 2009 (as in force immediately before 1 July 2014) continue to apply to that proceeding, but only while the 2009 rules continue to apply to that proceeding.

(2) However,—

(a) if a notice of pursuit of claim or a notice of pursuit of counterclaim is filed on or after 1 July 2014, no filing fee is payable under the 2009 rules:

(b) if a notice of pursuit of claim or a notice of pursuit of counterclaim was filed before 1 July 2014 but as at 1 July 2014 a judicial settlement conference or a short trial has not taken place, then no fee is payable for whichever of the following is the first to occur on or after 1 July 2014:

(i) a judicial settlement conference:

(ii) a short trial:

(c) no filing fee is payable in respect of any of the items listed in clause 5(3) of Schedule 1 of the District Courts Rules 2014.

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Notes

1 General

This is a consolidation of the District Courts Fees Regulations 2009 that incorporates the amendments made to the legislation so that it shows the law as at its stated date.

2 Legal status

A consolidation is taken to correctly state, as at its stated date, the law enacted or made by the legislation consolidated and by the amendments. This presumption applies unless the contrary is shown.

Section 78 of the Legislation Act 2019 provides that this consolidation, published as an electronic version, is an official version. A printed version of legislation that is produced directly from this official electronic version is also an official version.

3 Editorial and format changes

The Parliamentary Counsel Office makes editorial and format changes to consolidations using the powers under subpart 2 of Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019. See also PCO editorial conventions for consolidations.

4 Amendments incorporated in this consolidation

District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (SL 2026/102)

Gangs Act 2024 (2024 No 36): section 37

District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2024 (SL 2024/93)

Witnesses and Interpreters Fees, Allowances, and Expenses Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/18): regulation 16(1)

Social Security Act 2018 (2018 No 32): section 459

District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2016 (LI 2016/228)

District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2014 (LI 2014/346)

Veterans' Support Act 2014 (2014 No 56): section 278

District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2014 (LI 2014/221)

District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2014 (LI 2014/178)

District Courts Fees (Trans-Tasman Proceedings Act 2010—Australian Judgments) Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/348)

District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2013 (SR 2013/387)

District Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/213)

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