AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Regulations 1988 No. 24¹

Magistrates Court (Civil Jurisdiction) (Solicitors' Costs) Regulations² (Amendment)

I, MICHAEL CARTER TATE, the Minister of State for Justice, acting for and on behalf of the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, hereby make the following Regulations under the *Magistrates Court (Civil Jurisdiction) Ordinance 1982*.

Dated 30 November 1988.

MICHAEL TATE

Minister of State for Justice

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Commencement

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on 3 January 1989.

Principal Regulations

2. In these Regulations, "Principal Regulations" means the Magistrates Court (Civil Jurisdiction) (Solicitors' Costs) Regulations.

Repeal

3. Regulations 6 to 10 (inclusive) of the Principal Regulations are repealed.

Schedules 1 and 2

4. Schedules 1 and 2 to the Principal Regulations are repealed and the following Schedules are substituted:

SCHEDULE 1

Regulations 3 and 4

SCALE OF SOLICITORS' COSTS—SPECIAL CLAIMS

				Costs			
Item No.	Matter	Where relevant amount does not exceed \$2,000	Where relevant amount exceeds \$2,000 but does not exceed \$5,000	Where relevant amount exceeds \$5,000 but does not exceed \$10,000	Where relevant amount exceeds \$10,000 but does not exceed \$25,000	Where relevant amount exceeds \$25,000 but does not exceed \$40,000	Where relevant amount exceeds \$40,00
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Issue of special claim and entry of judgment by default						
1	Instructions to sue including letter before action, preparation and issuing of special claim and copies (To be entered on special claim)	67.10	84.35	112.45	126.50	134.95	151.80
2	On entry of final judgment pursuant to section 41 of the Ordinance—in addition to item 1	20.30	24.95	33.55	37.40	39.90	44.90
	In addition where a special claim is served outside the Territory and an order is made by the court for leave to proceed in the proceedings	20.30	24.95	33.55	37.40	39.90	44.90

SCHEDULE 2

Regulations 3 and 5

SCALE OF SOLICITORS' COSTS—GENERAL

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		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Issue of claim, notice of grounds of defence, reply, third party notice						
1	Instructions to sue including letter before action, preparation and issuing of claim and copies (To be entered on ordinary claim)	92.95	116.30	154.60	174.45	186.05	209.35
2	Instructions to defend, including perusal of particulars of claim, preparation of notice of grounds of defence, copies and filing	77.30	96.80	128.75	145.20	154.85	174.25
	In addition where cross-claim pleaded	36.70	46.00	60.85	69.05	73.65	82.85
3	Perusal of notice of grounds of defence (where necessary and where item 4 is not applicable)	6.25	8.60	10.90	12.90	13.80	15.50
4	Instructions for reply, where necessary, including perusal of notice of grounds of defence, preparation of reply, copies and filing	31.95	39.80	53.05	59.70	63.65	71.60

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	In addition where defendant sets up a cross-claim	9.40	11.65	15.65	17.50	18.70	21.00
5	Preparation of third party notice, or notice claiming contribution or indemnity, including filing and service	53.05	67.10	89.00	100.65	107.35	120.80
	Particulars						
6	Request for further and better particulars including copies and perusal of further and better particulars	15.65	20.30	26.50	30.45	32.45	36.50
7	Preparing further and better particulars including copies, filing and service and perusal of request	40.60	50.80	67.10	76.15	81.25	91.40
	Discovery						
8	Notice for discovery including filing and service and perusal of affidavit of discovery	28.10	35.15	46.80	52.70	56.20	63.25

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9	Affidavit of discovery including instructions, preparation, copies, attendances, filing and service	81.15	101.45	135.80	152.15	162.30	182.60
	Interrogatories						
10	Interrogatories for examination of one party including instructions, preparation, copies, filing, service and perusal of answers	45.35	56.20	74.90	84.35	89.95	101.20
11	Answers to interrogatories of one party including instructions, preparation, copies, attendances, filing, service and perusal of interrogatories	59.30	74.90	99.95	112.40	119.85	134.85
	Notices						
12	(a) Notice to admit including copies, filing, service and perusal of admissions	26.50	32.75	43.75	49.15	52.40	58.95

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	(b) Admissions including copies, filing, service and perusal of notice to admit	45.20	56.20	74.90	84.35	89.95	101.20
13	Notice to produce at hearing including preparation and service	14.05	17.25	23.45	25.85	27.55	31.00
14	Notice of payment into court or notice of acceptance including copies, filing and service	35.95	44.55	59.30	66.80	71.25	80.20
15	Any necessary notice undertaking consent or memorandum (not otherwise provided for) including copies, filing and service		21.10	28.10	31.60	33.75	37.95
	Motions						
16	Notice of motion including instructions, preparation, copies, issuing and service	42.15	53.05	70.25	79.55	84.85	95.50
17	Instructions to oppose notice of motion including perusal of notice of motion	28.90	36.70	48.40	55.10	58.75	66.10

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	Affidavits						
18	Instructions for and preparation of any necessary special affidavit (not otherwise provided for) including attendances, copies, filing and service		66.30	89.00	99.45	106.10	119.35
19	Affidavit of service, where necessary, including preparation and filing	10.90	14.05	18.70	21.10	22.50	25.30
	Setting down						
20	Certificate of readiness for hearing including letter requesting certification and attendance to file		18.70	24.95	28.05	29.90	33.65
	Summonses						
21	Summons to witness including issuing and necessary copies (for one person)	9.40	11.65	15.65	17.50	18.70	21.00

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	Second and subsequent summons (per person)	1.60	1.95	2.40	2.90	3.10	3.45
	Documents						
22	Instructions for and drawing of any necessary bond	13.25	16.45	21.90	24.65	26.30	29.60
23	Bill of costs for taxation, including copy for taxing officer, per folio	1.70	2.15	2.85	3.25	3.45	3.90
24	Any necessary document not provided for under item 34 or otherwise, including a copy—per folio		2.15	2.85	3.25	3.45	3.90
	Copies						
25	Any necessary copies of pleadings, briefs and other documents where no other provision is made—per page		.70	.90	1.00	1.10	1.20

SCHEDULE 2—continued

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	Letters						
26	Ordinary letter (including letter between principal and agent), where no other provision is made		6.25	7.80	9.35	9.95	11.20
27	Special letter (including letter between principal and agent), where no other provision is made	9.40	11.65	15.65	17.50	18.70	21.00
28	Circular letters after the first	1.60	1.95	2.40	2.90	3.10	3.45
	Service						
29	Personal service, where necessary	14.05	17.30	23.45	25.85	27.55	31.00
30	Where service by post is authorised, where no other provision is made	5.45	7.05	9.40	10.55	11.25	12.65
31	Where service at address for service, where no other provision is made	5.45	7.05	9.40	10.55	11.25	12.65

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32	For arranging service out of the jurisdiction	9.40	11.65	15.65	17.50	18.70	21.00
	Notes:						
	1. When any 2 or more documents have to be, or may be, served together one fee only for such service may be allowed.						
	2. The service under items 29 to 32 includes attendances as to service and for swearing the affidavit of service.						
	Perusals						
33	Perusal of any document not provided for in item 34 or otherwise—per folio	.80	.90	1.25	1.35	1.45	1.65

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Preparation

Instructions for brief for counsel or brief notes for solicitor, where necessary, for work necessarily and properly done in preparing for a hearing and not otherwise provided for, including preparation and delivery of

> brief to counsel (or brief notes for solicitor) and also including:

- (a) taking instructions for examination of any party or witness;
- (b) considering the facts and law;

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	(c)	attending on and corresponding with client;						
	(d)	interviewing and corresponding with witnesses and potential witnesses and taking proofs of their evidence;						
	(e)	making search in any public office and elsewhere for relevant documents;						
	(f)	arranging to obtain reports or advice from experts and maps, plans, photographs and models;						
	(g)	inspecting any property or place material to the proceedings;						
	(h)	perusing relevant documents; and						
	(i)	the general care and conduct of the proceedings	50.00 per hour or 500.00, whichever is less	62.45 per hour or 624.50, whichever is less	or 833.00,	or 937.00, whichever is	99.90 per hour or 999.00, whichever is less	or 1,124.00, whichever is less

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No. Matter									

If because of special circumstances relating to a particular matter, any party considers that the amount of costs allowable under this item in respect of the matter is not sufficient remuneration for the care and conduct including skill and responsibility involved throughout the course of proceedings and in obtaining instructions for brief or brief notes the party may apply to the court and the court may increase that amount by fixing a higher hourly rate or higher maximum amount than the rate or maximum amount specified in this item or may give such directions as it thinks proper in all the circumstances.

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	Note:								
	This i	tem should begin with a short statement of:							
	(i)	the main issues;							
	(ii)	any particular difficulties of fact or law; and							
	(iii)	any special skill, knowledge or responsibility required.							
	Atten	adances							
35		ding court or magistrate's chambers in ded matter:							
	(a) p	principal solicitor with counsel, per hour; or	37.4	0 46.80	62.45	70.20	74.90	84.2	

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	(b) employed solicitor or clerk with counsel, per hour	26.50	32.75	43.75	49.15	52.40	58.95
36	Attending court or magistrate's chambers in undefended matter:						
	(a) principal solicitor with counsel, per hour; or	33.55	42.15	56.20	63.25	67.45	75.90
	(b) employed solicitor or clerk with counsel, per hour	22.65	28.10	37.50	42.15	45.00	50.60
37	On taxation of costs, per hour	22.65	28.10	37.50	42.15	45.00	50.60
38	In court to hear reserved judgment, with or without counsel, or to mention a matter for the purpose of adjournment or otherwise		18.70	24.95	28.05	29.90	33.65

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39	Appointing and attending conference with counsel, when necessary, or attendances to produce documents for inspection or to inspect documents, where necessary, or on a view or on witnesses or other persons:								
	(a) by principal solicitor if attendance warranted, per hour; or	33.55	42.15	56.20	63.25	67.45	75.90		
	(b) by employed solicitor or clerk, per hour	22.65	28.10	37.50	42.15	45.00	50.60		
40	Telephone attendance if of substance or importance (other telephone calls not allowed), where no other provision is made		6.25	7.80	9.35	9.95	11.20		
41	Any necessary attendance not provided for in item 34 or otherwise	7.80	9.40	12.45	14.10	15.05	16.95		

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	Cou	nsel's fees							
42	coun	Where a solicitor briefs himself or herself as a sel three-quarters of the fees set out in items e) and (g); or							
		Where a solicitor briefs his or her partner as a sel five-sixths of the fees set out in item 43:							
43	(a)	For drawing or settling any necessary document including a claim, notice of grounds of defence, interrogatories, etc. per hour		80.00	106.65	120.00	128.00	144.00	
	(b)	To advise on evidence or for opinion, per hour	64.00	80.00	106.65	120.00	128.00	144.00	
	(c)	Conference, when necessary, per hour	64.00	80.00	106.65	120.00	128.00	144.00	
	(d)	On view, per hour	64.00	80.00	106.65	120.00	128.00	144.00	

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	(e)	Brief to appear on interlocutory application in court or in chambers	76.00	95.00	126.65	142.50	152.00	171.00		
		(i) unopposed								
		(ii) opposed	154.00-324.00	192.50-405.00	256.65-540.00	288.75-607.50	308.00-648.00	346.50-729.00		
	(f)	To hear reserved judgment	38.00-64.00	47.50-80.00	63.35-106.65	71.25-120.00	76.00-128.00	85.50-144.00		
	(g)	Brief— on hearing	282.40-324.00	353.00-405.00	470.65-540.00	529.50-607.50	564.80-648.00	635.40-729.00		
		on assessments (where liability is not in issue)	192.00-244.00	240.00-305.00	320.00-406.65	360.00-457.50	384.00-488.00	432.00-549.00		
	Enfo	orcement								
44	regis	lication for certificate of judgment for stration in the Supreme Court including filing	10.20	13.25	17.10	19.90	21.20	23.85		

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45	Costs (to be included in amount of costs endorsed on warrant) of obtaining a warrant of execution, including documents and attendances	22.65	28.10	37.50	42.15	45.00	50.60
46	Examination of judgment debtor as to debts owing to him or her and as to his or her property, including instructions, preparation of application for summons, filing and preparing necessary documents	81.15	101.45	135.10	152.15	162.30	182.60
47	Application for order under section 171 of the <i>Magistrates Court Ordinance 1930</i> for attachment of debt including instructions, preparation of application and affidavit in support, filing and obtaining order	46.80	58.60	78.10	87.90	93.75	105.50

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48	Preparing application to the court for order under Division 5 of Part IX of the <i>Magistrates Court Ordinance 1930</i> including instructions, preparation of application, necessary documents and supporting affidavit and filing		62.45	82.75	93.70	99.90	112.40	

Savings

5. Notwithstanding regulations 3 and 4, regulations 6 to 10 (inclusive) and Schedules 1 and 2 of the Principal Regulations as in force immediately before the commencement of these Regulations continue to apply in respect of work done or services performed before that commencement.

NOTES

- 1. Notified in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette on 14 December 1988.
- 2. Regulations 1982 No. 31 as amended by Ordinance No. 67, 1985 and by Regulations 1986 Nos. 3 and 26; 1987 No. 14; 1988 Nos. 1, 5 and 19.