Family law court fees

The Court does not set the fees payable in the court. Fees are set by Federal Government Regulations - Family Law (Fees) Regulation 2012.

GST does not apply to court fees.

Filing Fees

Application for divorce	**$940**
Application for divorce – reduced fee^	**$310**
Application for consent orders	**$170**
Application as to validity of Marriage, Divorce Annulment	**$1,335**
Application for decree as to nullity	**$1,335**
Application for decree as to nullity - reduced fee^	**$445**
Initiating Application (Parenting **OR** Financial, Final only)	**$365**
Initiating Application (Parenting **OR** Financial, Final **AND** Interim)	**$490***
Initiating application (Parenting **AND** Financial, Final only)	**$595**
Initiating Application (Parenting **AND** Financial, Final **AND** Interim)	**$720***
Response to initiating application (Final)	**$365**
Notice of appeal or an application for leave to appeal	**$1,425**
Interim order application/Application in a case (Parenting **AND/OR** Financial)	**$125**
Issue subpoena	**$55**
Application under the *Trans Tasman Proceedings Act 2010*	**$125**
Filing an application to register a New Zealand judgment	**$110**

Court Event Fees

Setting down for hearing fee (defended matter) *(This fee is not refundable)*	**$660 (Div2)** **$900 (Div1)**
Daily hearing fee (for each hearing day, excluding the first hearing day)	**$660 (Div2)** **$900 (Div1)**
Conciliation conference	**$415 (both)**

* Initiating applications that seek interim AND final orders also attract the interim order fee. Example:

- Initiating Application (Parenting AND Financial) $595 + Interim order application $125 = Total filing fee $720
- Initiating Application (Parenting OR Financial, Final) $365 + Interim order application $125 = Total filing fee $490

If you hold certain Government concession cards or you can demonstrate financial hardship, you may be eligible for:

^ a reduced fee for an application for divorce (both parties must be eligible if filing a joint application) or decree of nullity.

See the *Guidelines for reduced fee - divorce and decree of nullity application*

For all other applications you may be eligible for an exemption of fees.

See the *Guidelines for exemption of court fees*

Filing fees can be paid online when eFiling using the Commonwealth Courts Portal www.comcourts.gov.au

Court event fees can also be paid online (once you have received a statement with your PID number) via eservices.comcourts.gov.au

Payment for filing and court event fees can be made in registries via:

- eftpos
- debit card
- credit card

or by mail using:

- Visa and Mastercard credit/debit card

NOTE: If you DO NOT have a credit/debit card you can buy a pre-paid debit card from various retail outlets for a nominal fee.

Credit card payment form

You may need this form when making a payment.

This form must be included with any mailed application or request. Please do not fax this form unless you have been directly requested to do so by the Court.

The Credit card payment form is available on the forms page.

These fees apply from 1 July 2021 and are set by Federal Government regulations Family Law (Fees) Regulation 2012.

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