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Uniform Civil Procedure and Other Rules Amendment Rule 2022 Part 1 Preliminary

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Part 1 Preliminary

1 Short title

This rule may be cited as the Uniform Civil Procedure and Other Rules Amendment Rule 2022.

Part 2 Amendment of Domestic and Family Violence Protection Rules 2014

2 Rules amended

This part amends the *Domestic and Family Violence Protection Rules 2014.*

3 Amendment of sch 1 (Costs in a proceeding)

Schedule 1, part 2, items 4 to 18 *omit, insert*—

Drafting documents

4	Drafting a document—for each 100 words	
	Producing documents	
5	Producing a document in final form—for each 100 words	4.70
	Preparing exhibit certificates	
6	Preparing an exhibit certificate—for each exhibit, including a paginated book	3.65
	Copying documents	
7	Copying a document—for each page	0.22
	Perusing documents	

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8	Per	using a document—for each 100 words	4.70
	Exa	amining or comparing documents	
9		mining a document or comparing documents, if usal is unnecessary—	
	(a)	by a solicitor—for each quarter-hour	69.35
	(b)	by an employee—for each quarter-hour	20.45
	Ser	ving documents	
10	Ser time	ving on a person 1 or more documents at the same e—	
	(a)	personal service, by a solicitor or a solicitor's employee, if personal service is required for 1 or more of the documents served	40.50
		However, if the clerk of the DFVP court or a costs assessor considers another amount is reasonable (having regard, for example, to the distance travelled, the time involved, and the number of attendances necessary to effect service), the amount to be allowed is the amount the clerk or the costs assessor considers reasonable.	
	(b)	ordinary service, other than ordinary service of a type mentioned in paragraph (c), (d) or (e)	25.45
	(c)	service by post	18.50
	(d)	service by facsimile—	
		(i) for the first page	8.40
		(ii) for each extra page	1.00
	(e)	service by email	8.40
	Att	endances	
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11 Attendance, if capable of being done by an employee—

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	(a)		lle or deliver a document, obtain an appointment, ert an advertisement, or settle an order	25.45
	(b)	to se	earch	25.45
	(c)	to d	o something of a similar nature	25.45
12			the by telephone that does not involve the of skill or legal knowledge	17.00
13			ace in a DFVP court by a solicitor who appears a barrister—for each quarter-hour	76.95
14			the for a hearing held at a place other than the ere the solicitor lives or carries on business—	
	(a)	by t	he solicitor—	
		(i)	for the time spent in attendance at the hearing or trial—for each quarter-hour	70.40
		(ii)	for the time the solicitor is absent from the solicitor's place of business, including time used in travelling to or from the hearing, other than in attendance at the hearing—	
			(A) for an absence of 4 hours or less	528.70
			(B) for an absence of more than 4 hours—for each quarter-hour to a maximum of 8 hours	34.15
		(iii)	the expenses the clerk of the DFVP court or a costs assessor considers reasonable for each day of absence, including Saturdays and Sundays	
		(iv)	the actual expenses of transport to and from the hearing or trial the clerk of the DFVP court or a costs assessor considers reasonable	
	(b)	the	he solicitor's employee—the amount the clerk of DFVP court or a costs assessor considers sonable	

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However, if the solicitor's absence is to attend more than 1 hearing at the same place, the costs are to be divided proportionately.

15 Attendance at a call-over or mention, to be apportioned if the attendance is for more than 1 proceeding 46.40

16 Other attendances—

(a)	by	a	solicitor,	involving	skill	or	legal	
	knov	vled	ge—for eacl	n quarter-hou	ır			70.40

(b) by an employee—for each quarter-hour 20.45

However, the costs allowed under this item are to be reduced by 25% in relation to time necessarily spent at court before an appearance in court.

Correspondence

- 17 (1) Correspondence sent—
 - (a) written message or letter (20 words or less) 14.15

This includes a letter forwarding documents without explanation.

- (b) short letter (21 to 100 words) 28.30
- (c) any other letter—for each 100 words 24.55

This covers any form of written communication including ordinary post, facsimile, email, text or other form of electronic transmission.

This includes the charges of the communication provider, other than charges for sending the correspondence by registered post, international post or courier or serving the correspondence personally.

For a circular letter, the first is to be allowed under this item. For each circular letter after the first, the charge under item 7 applies.

(2) Correspondence received—

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(a)	receiving any correspondence, including by electronic means, and filing, including reading a message (20 words or less) and, for an electronic communication, printing 1 page for filing	14.15
(b)	perusing correspondence—	
	(i) for the first 100 words	18.90
	(ii) for each 100 words or part after the first 100 words	9.45
(c)	if perusing the document is not reasonably necessary, to examine the document—for each page	4.75
Age	ncy correspondence—	
(a)	for sending correspondence to the agent by the principal, or to the principal by the agent—costs under item $17(1)$	
(b)	for receiving correspondence from the agent by the principal, or from the principal by the agent—costs under item $17(2)$	
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solic corre	citors may be charged if it is analogous to agency espondence and the engagement of an agent was	
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Note—

The word count for agency correspondence is based on the body of the correspondence, as defined in schedule 2.

Electronic conduct of proceedings

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18	(1)	elec	mining an electronic document or comparing etronic documents, including emails, if perusal is ecessary—for each 100 words	0.95
	(2)		paring a document for disclosure, or to be hanged electronically, by—	
		(a)	barcoding the document—for each page	0.55
		(b)	electronically scanning or imaging the document—for each page	0.55
		(c)	entering data about the document in a database, including delimiting the document to decide start and end pages, and carrying out quality control of the data, for example, to check for missing data and check spelling—for each document	4.70
	(3)	elec	the extent a proceeding is conducted etronically, the costs to be allowed, including the ts of any electronic service provider, are the costs	

the clerk of the DFVP court or a costs assessor considers have been reasonably incurred and paid.

Part 3 Amendment of Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 1999

4 Rules amended

This part amends the Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 1999.

5 Amendment of sch 1 (Scale of costs—Supreme Court and District Court)

Schedule 1, items 4 to 21—

omit, insert—

Drafting documents

4	Drafting a document—for each 100 words	24.45
	Producing documents	
5	Producing a document in final form—for each 100 words	5.90
	Preparing exhibit certificates	
6	Preparing an exhibit certificate—for each exhibit, including a paginated book	4.60
	Copying documents	
7	Copying a document—for each page	0.27
	Perusing documents	
8	Perusing a document—for each 100 words	5.90
	Examining or comparing documents	
9	Examining a document or comparing documents, if perusal is unnecessary—	
	(a) by a solicitor—for each quarter-hour	86.70
	(b) by an employee—for each quarter-hour	25.60
	Serving documents	
10	Serving on a person 1 or more documents at the same time—	
	 (a) personal service, by a solicitor or a solicitor's employee, if personal service is required for 1 or more of the documents served 	50.65
	However, if the registrar or a costs assessor considers another amount is reasonable (having regard, for example, to the distance travelled, the time involved, and the number of attendances necessary to effect service), the amount to be allowed is the amount the registrar or the costs assessor considers reasonable.	

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	(b)	ordinary service, other than ordinary service of a type mentioned in paragraph (c), (d) or (e)	31.75
	(c)	service by post	23.15
	(d)	service by facsimile—	
		(i) for the first page	10.55
		(ii) for each extra page	1.25
	(e)	service by email	10.55
	Atte	endances	
11	Atte	ndance, if capable of being done by an employee—	
	(a)	to file or deliver a document, obtain an appointment, insert an advertisement, or settle an order	31.75
	(b)	to search	31.75
	(c)	to do something of a similar nature	31.75
12		endance by telephone that does not involve the cise of skill or legal knowledge	21.30
13	com solid	endance in court, mediation or case appraisal, at a pulsory conference or before the registrar, by a citor who appears without a barrister—for each ter-hour	96.15
14		endance for a hearing or trial held at a place other than sown where the solicitor lives or carries on business—	
	(a)	by the solicitor—	
		(i) for the time spent in attendance at the hearing or trial—for each quarter-hour	87.95
		 (ii) for the time the solicitor is absent from the solicitor's place of business, including time used in travelling to or from the hearing or trial, other than in attendance at the hearing or trial— 	

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		(A)	for an abser	nce of 4 hours	or less		660.85
		(B)					42.70
	(iii)	cons	iders reasor	hable for each	n day of ab	sessor sence,	
	(iv)	hear	ing or trial t	the registrar o	rt to and fro r a costs as	om the sessor	
(b)							
1 he	earing	g or t	rial at the s				
				-	-	if the	57.95
Othe	er att	endan	nces—				
(a)						legal	87.95
(b)	by a	ın emj	ployee—for	each quarter-	hour		25.60
However, the costs allowed under this item are to be reduced by 25% in relation to time necessarily spent at court before an appearance in court.							
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(1)	Cor	respo	ndence sent-				
	(a)	writt	ten message	or letter (20 v	vords or les	s)	17.70
				forwarding de	ocuments w	vithout	
	(b)	shor	t letter (21 to	o 100 words)			35.40
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	(c) any other letter—for each 100 words	30.70
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(2)	Correspondence received—	
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	For printing additional pages received electronically for filing, the charge under item 7 applies.	
	(b) perusing correspondence—	
	(i) for the first 100 words	23.55
	(ii) for each 100 words or part after the first 100 words	11.80
	(c) if perusing the document is not reasonably necessary, to examine the document—for each page	5.95
(3)	Agency correspondence—	
	(a) for sending correspondence to the agent by the principal, or to the principal by the agent—costs under item 17(1)	
	(b) for receiving correspondence from the agent by the principal, or from the principal by the agent—costs under item 17(2)	

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If engagement of the agent was normal and reasonable in the circumstances, costs may be charged under this item by the principal and the agent.

Correspondence between offices of the same firm of solicitors may be charged if it is analogous to agency correspondence and the engagement of an agent was not reasonable in the circumstances.

Note-

The word count for agency correspondence is based on the body of the correspondence, as defined in schedule 3.

Electronic conduct of proceedings

18	(1)	Examining an electronic document or comparing electronic documents, including emails, if perusal is unnecessary—for each 100 words	1.15
	(2)	Preparing a document for disclosure, or to be exchanged electronically, by—	
		(a) barcoding the document—for each page	0.65
		(b) electronically scanning or imaging the document—for each page	0.65
		 (c) entering data about the document in a database, including delimiting the document to decide start and end pages, and carrying out quality control of the data, for example, to check for missing data and check spelling—for each document 	5.90
	(3)	To the extent a proceeding is conducted electronically, the costs to be allowed, including the costs of any electronic service provider, are the costs the registrar or a costs assessor considers have been reasonably incurred and paid.	

Fixed cost items

19 Instructions to sue—claim and statement of claim and service 1,94

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20	Costs for obtaining judgment under chapter 9, part 1, division 2	510.00
21	Costs for obtaining an enforcement warrant	510.00

6 Amendment of sch 2 (Scale of costs—Magistrates Courts)

(1) Schedule 2, part 2—

omit, insert—

Part 2

Costs (up to \$50,000)

		A Under \$2,500	B \$2,501 to \$5,000	C \$5,001 to \$20,000	D \$20,001 to \$50,000
		\$	\$	\$	\$
			(includi	ng GST)	
1	Instructions to sue—claim and statement of claim and service	415.45	784.70	1,228.00	1,363.00
2	Instructions to defend—notice of intention to defend and defence and filing	415.45	784.70	1,228.00	1,363.00
3	Appearance in court in undefended proceedings (or in defended proceedings in which a claim or defence is not proceeded with—additional to costs for instructions to sue but including costs under item 4) to obtain judgment	109.65	182.90	277.30	304.45
4	Obtaining judgment by default	109.65	182.90	277.30	304.45

			A Under \$2,500	B \$2,501 to \$5,000	C \$5,001 to \$20,000	D \$20,001 to \$50,000
			\$	\$	\$	\$
				(includi	ng GST)	
5	inclu	aring for trial, up to and iding settlement erence—				
	(a)	including brief for counsel to appear at conference	471.95	1,121.00	1,805.00	2,125.00
	(b)	if no counsel appears at conference	424.80	1,062.00	1,647.00	1,947.00
6	Bala trial-	nce of preparing for				
	(a)	including trial brief if counsel engaged	553.35	1,233.00	1,917.00	2,425.00
	(b)	if no counsel at trial	389.45	908.55	1,446.00	1,847.00
7		aring for trial, if no ement conference—				
	(a)	including trial brief if counsel engaged	943.90	2,241.00	3,611.00	4,426.00
	(b)	if no counsel at trial	743.35	1,858.00	2,980.00	3,670.00
8	Cour	nsel's fees—				
	(a)	to settle claim and statement of claim, counterclaim, notice of intention to defend or notice of appeal	_	_	265.50	317.45
	(b)	to settle special affidavit, reply or particulars that the magistrate, registrar or costs assessor is satisfied are reasonably necessary or proper	_	_	171.20	207.65
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		A Under \$2,500	B \$2,501 to \$5,000	C \$5,001 to \$20,000	D \$20,001 to \$50,000
		\$	\$	\$	\$
			(includi	ng GST)	
(c)	to settle interrogatories or answers to interrogatories that the magistrate, registrar or costs assessor is satisfied are reasonably necessary or proper	_	_	259.60	311.55
(d)	on conference, inspection of works or other site inspection, or a similar attendance that the magistrate, registrar or costs assessor is satisfied is reasonably necessary or proper—each hour	_	_	265.50	317.45
(e)	to advise on evidence or for any other opinion	_	_	277.30	355.10
(f)	on trial or hearing (other than an application in a proceeding)—first day	896.80	1,014.00	1,686.00	2,053.00
(g)	on each subsequent day of hearing (if the matter occupies 2 or more hours of the day and the appearance is certified for by the court)	595.90	677.35	1,126.00	1,363.00
(h)	on each subsequent day of hearing not included	202.65	225.10		(00.20

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in paragraph (g)

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		A Under \$2,500	B \$2,501 to \$5,000	C \$5,001 to \$20,000	D \$20,001 to \$50,000
		\$	\$	\$	\$
			(includi	ng GST)	
(i)	if a proceeding is heard outside the town where counsel ordinarily practises, a further fee by way of out-of-chambers fee (not less than \$60.00 a day) may be allowed for each day it is not reasonably practicable for counsel to be in attendance at chambers for a total of at least 1 hour, between 8.30a.m. and 5.30p.m.				
(j)	on an application in a proceeding	_	_	271.40	317.45
(k)	to hear deferred judgment	_	_	141.55	182.90
Soli	citor on hearing—				
(a)	appearance without counsel on hearing—first day	814.30	861.40	1,370.00	1,670.00
(b)	appearance without counsel on second and each subsequent day of hearing (if the matter occupies 2 or more hours of the day and the appearance is certified for by the court)	579.45	579.45	943.90	1,145.00
(c)	attendance of clerk with solicitor acting as advocate—each day	98.50	292.65	306.75	355.10

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			A Under \$2,500	B \$2,501 to \$5,000	C \$5,001 to \$20,000	D \$20,001 to \$50,000
			\$	\$	\$	\$
				(includi	ng GST)	
	para allo cert of th	ts under agraph (c) are not wed if the court ifies the attendance ne clerk was not onably required.				
10	On h	earing with counsel—				
	(a)	attendance of solicitor with counsel (if the attendance is certified for by the court)—each day	365.90	433.00	678.55	820.15
	(b)	attendance of clerk with counsel—each day	98.50	292.65	306.75	335.10
	para allo cert of th	ts under agraph (b) are not wed if the court ifies the attendance ne clerk was not onably required.				
11	On h	earing with counsel—				
	(a)	counsel's fees (if no fee is payable under item 8(f))	292.65	311.55	519.10	613.70
	(b)	solicitor for appearance without counsel	292.65	292.65	471.95	567.65
12	(othe	lications to the court er than an application for ljournment)	201.10	348.20	548.65	683.35

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				Under \$2,500	\$2,501 to \$5,000	\$5,001 to \$20,000	\$20,001 to \$50,000		
				\$	\$	\$	\$		
					(includiı	ng GST)			
13	Instru	uctions	s—						
	(a) for disclosure, preparing list of documents and making inspection and copies of documents—		ring list of ments and making ction and copies						
		(i)	allowance to party requesting disclosure	170.65	262.10	365.90	433.00		
		(ii)	allowance to party making disclosure	170.65	595.90	660.85	796.60		
	(b)	for interrogatories and answers to interrogatories (including preparation, filing and perusing)—							
		(i)	allowance to party delivering interrogatories	170.65	452.00	475.65	548.65		
		(ii)	allowance to party answering interrogatories	170.65	421.35	438.90	598.45		
14	Enfo	rceme	nt hearing—						
	(a)		sel's fees	408.35	463.80	719.90	885.00		
	(b)	if no	counsel engaged	292.65	402.45	637.15	767.05		

15 Enforcement warrant—

			A Under \$2,500	B \$2,501 to \$5,000	C \$5,001 to \$20,000	D \$20,001 to \$50,000
			\$	\$	\$	\$
				(includi	ng GST)	
	(a)	costs of preparing warrant and attending issuing and for return—to be marked on warrant (exclusive of court or other fees)	87.95	182.90	277.30	335.10
	(b)	costs of registration of warrant against land	87.95	182.90	277.30	335.10
16	enfor of pr		87.95 items 4 to	182.90 D 21—	277.30	335.10
	Dra	fting documents				
4	Dra	fting a document—for	each 100	words		19.55
	Pro	ducing documents				
5	Proc	lucing a document in f	final form-	—for each	100 words	4.70
	Pre	paring exhibit certific	cates			
6	Preparing an exhibit certificate—for each exhibit, including a paginated book 3.65					3.65
	Cop	ying documents				
7	Сор	ying a document—for	each page	e		0.22
	Per	using documents				

8	Per	using a document—for each 100 words	4.70			
		xamining or comparing documents				
9		umining a document or comparing documents, if usal is unnecessary—				
	(a)	by a solicitor—for each quarter-hour	69.35			
	(b)	by an employee—for each quarter-hour	20.45			
	Ser	ving documents				
10	Ser time	ving on a person 1 or more documents at the same e—				
	(a)	personal service, by a solicitor or a solicitor's employee, if personal service is required for 1 or more of the documents served	40.50			
		However, if the registrar or a costs assessor considers another amount is reasonable (having regard, for example, to the distance travelled, the time involved, and the number of attendances necessary to effect service), the amount to be allowed is the amount the registrar or the costs assessor considers reasonable.				
	(b)	ordinary service, other than ordinary service of a type mentioned in paragraph (c), (d) or (e)	25.45			
	(c)	service by post	18.50			
	(d)	service by facsimile—				
		(i) for the first page	8.40			
		(ii) for each extra page	1.00			
	(e)	service by email	8.40			
	Att	endances				

11 Attendance, if capable of being done by an employee—

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	(a)		ile or deliver a document, obtain an appointment, ert an advertisement, or settle an order	25.45	
	(b)	to s	earch	25.45	
	(c)	to d	o something of a similar nature	25.45	
12		ttendance by telephone that does not involve the arcise of skill or legal knowledge			
13	Attendance in court, mediation or case appraisal, at a compulsory conference or before the registrar, by a solicitor who appears without a barrister—for each quarter-hour				
14	Attendance for a hearing or trial held at a place other than the town where the solicitor lives or carries on business—				
	(a)	by t	he solicitor—		
		(i)	for the time spent in attendance at the hearing or trial—for each quarter-hour	70.40	
		(ii)	for the time the solicitor is absent from the solicitor's place of business, including time used in travelling to or from the hearing or trial, other than in attendance at the hearing or trial—		
			(A) for an absence of 4 hours or less	528.70	
				(B) for an absence of more than 4 hours—for each quarter-hour to a maximum of 8 hours	34.15
		(iii)	the expenses the registrar or a costs assessor considers reasonable for each day of absence, including Saturdays and Sundays		
		(iv)	the actual expenses of transport to and from the hearing or trial the registrar or a costs assessor considers reasonable		
	(b)		the solicitor's employee—the amount the strar or a costs assessor considers reasonable		

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	(a)	by a solicitor, involving skill or legal knowledge—for each quarter-hour	70.40
	(b)	by an employee—for each quarter-hour	20.45
	However, the costs allowed under this item are to be reduced by 25% in relation to time necessarily spent at court before an appearance in court.		
	Correspondence		
17	(1)	Correspondence sent—	
		(a) written message or letter (20 words or less)	14.15
		This includes a letter forwarding documents without explanation.	
		(b) short letter (21 to 100 words)	28.30
		(c) any other letter—for each 100 words	24.55
		This covers any form of written communication including ordinary post, facsimile, email, text or other form of electronic transmission.	
		This includes the charges of the communication provider, other than charges for sending the correspondence by registered post, international post or courier or serving the correspondence personally.	
		For a circular letter, the first is to be allowed under this item. For each circular letter after the first, the charge under item 7 applies.	
	(2)	Correspondence received	

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	(a)	 (a) receiving any correspondence, including by electronic means, and filing, including reading a message (20 words or less) and, for an electronic communication, printing 1 page for filing 				
	For printing additional pages received electronically for filing, the charge under item 7 applies.					
	(b)	(b) perusing correspondence—				
		(i) for the first 100 words	18.90			
		(ii) for each 100 words or part after the first 100 words	9.45			
	(c)	if perusing the document is not reasonably necessary, to examine the document—for each page				
(3)	Age	Agency correspondence—				
	(a)	for sending correspondence to the agent by the principal, or to the principal by the agent—costs under item $17(1)$				
	(b)	for receiving correspondence from the agent by the principal, or from the principal by the agent—costs under item 17(2)				
	If engagement of the agent was normal and reasonable in the circumstances, costs may be charged under this item by the principal and the agent.					
	Correspondence between offices of the same firm of solicitors may be charged if it is analogous to agency correspondence and the engagement of an agent was not reasonable in the circumstances.					
	Note—					

The word count for agency correspondence is based on the body of the correspondence, as defined in schedule 3.

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18	(1) Examining an electronic document or comparing electronic documents, including emails, if perusal is unnecessary—for each 100 words			0.95
	(2)	(2) Preparing a document for disclosure, or to be exchanged electronically, by—		
		(a)	barcoding the document—for each page	0.55
		(b)	electronically scanning or imaging the document—for each page	0.55
		(c)	entering data about the document in a database, including delimiting the document to decide start and end pages, and carrying out quality control of the data, for example, to check for missing data and check spelling—for each document	4.70
	(3)	elec cost the	the extent a proceeding is conducted tronically, the costs to be allowed, including the s of any electronic service provider, are the costs registrar or a costs assessor considers have been onably incurred and paid.	
	Fixed cost items			
19		Instructions to sue-claim and statement of claim and service		
20	Costs for obtaining judgment under chapter 9, part 1, division 2			408.00
21	Costs for obtaining an enforcement warrant			408.00

Endnotes

ENDNOTES

- 1 Made by the Governor in Council on 30 June 2022.
- 2 Notified on the Queensland legislation website on 1 July 2022.
- 3 The administering agency is the Department of Justice and Attorney-General.

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