

Family Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2024

Cindy Kiro, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 27th day of May 2024

Present:

Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

These regulations are made under section 16B(1) of the Family Court Act 1980 and section 187 of the Family Proceedings Act 1980 on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council.

Contents

		Page
1	Title	1
2	Commencement	1
3	Principal regulations	2
4	Schedule 1 amended	2
5	Schedule 2 amended	2
6	Schedule 3 amended	2

Regulations

1 Title

These regulations are the Family Courts Fees Amendment Regulations 2024.

2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 1 July 2024.

3 Principal regulations

These regulations amend the Family Courts Fees Regulations 2009.

4 Schedule 1 amended

In Schedule 1, items 1 to 4, replace "211.50" with "233".

5 Schedule 2 amended

In Schedule 2, items 1 and 2, replace "220" with "242".

6 Schedule 3 amended

- (1) In Schedule 3, items 1 and 2, replace "700" with "770".
- (2) In Schedule 3, item 3, replace "906" with "997".

Nicola Purvis, Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations, which come into force on 1 July 2024, amend the Family Courts Fees Regulations 2009 to increase fees relating to applications to the Family Court for various orders and declarations. The new fees include goods and services tax. These regulations implement a 10% increase to fees payable—

- for an application under the Family Proceedings Act 1980 for—
 - a declaration as to whether, according to the law of New Zealand, a marriage or civil union is valid or has been validly dissolved (under section 27 of that Act):
 - an order declaring a marriage or civil union to be void *ab initio* (under section 29 of that Act):
 - an order declaring that the other party to a marriage or civil union is presumed to be dead and that the marriage or civil union is dissolved (under section 32 of that Act):
 - an order dissolving a marriage or civil union (under section 37 of that Act):
- for an application under the Care of Children Act 2004 for—
 - a parenting order determining the time or times when specified persons have the role of providing day-to-day care for, or may have contact with, a child (under section 48 of that Act):

- an order varying or discharging a parenting order or other order about the role of providing day-to-day care for, or about contact with, a child (under section 56(1)(a) or (b) of that Act):
- for—
 - 1 or more applications for an order or a declaration under the Property (Relationships) Act 1976:
 - each half-day or part half-day of the hearing of any application under that Act.

Regulatory impact statement

The Ministry of Justice produced a regulatory impact statement on 11 April 2024 to help inform the decisions taken by the Government relating to the contents of this instrument.

A copy of this regulatory impact statement can be found at—

- https://www.justice.govt.nz/justice-sector-policy/regulatory-stewardship/regulatory-impact-assessments/
- https://treasury.govt.nz/publications/informationreleases/ris

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2019.

Date of notification in *Gazette*: 30 May 2024.

These regulations are administered by the Ministry of Justice.

Wellington, New Zealand: