

MAGISTRATES COURT OF TASMANIA

CIRCULAR TO PRACTITIONERS

No 1 of 2026

Fees (Annual Increase) Effective 1 July 2026

Lawyers and parties are advised that the annual indexation of a “fee unit” pursuant to the *Fee Units Act 1997* takes effect from 1 July 2026.

From 1 July 2026 a fee unit will have a prescribed value of \$1.96.

Accordingly, fees are increased in the Court’s various jurisdictions under the following legislation:

- *Justices Regulations 2013*
- *Magistrates Court (Civil Division) (Fees) Regulations 2018*
- *Magistrates Court (Administrative Appeals Division) (Fees) Regulations 2012*
- *Coroners (Fees, Expenses and Allowances) Regulations 2026*
- *Surrogacy Regulations 2013*

A schedule of all current fees (amended from 1 July to include the abovementioned increase) is published on the Magistrates Court website at:

<http://www.magistratescourt.tas.gov.au/fees>

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Civil Division - Costs & Fees Claimable - Ready Reckoner

Following the annual indexation of a "fee unit" (now \$1.96) under the *Fee Units Act 1997*, which takes effect from 1 July 2026, lawyers and parties are advised that the calculation of fees payable and costs and expenses currently claimable in liquidated claims in the Magistrates Court (Civil Division), based on a single Claimant and a single Defendant, are as follows:

	<\$1,000	\$1,001 - \$3,000	\$3,001 - \$5,000	\$5,001 - \$10,000	>\$10,000
Filing fee on originating process.	137.20	137.20	137.20	274.40	274.20
Appeal Costs Fund fee.	9.80	9.80	9.80	9.80	9.80
Total filing fees payable on Claim	147.00	147.00	147.00	284.20	284.20
Solicitors' costs allowed.	102.00	204.00	306.00	408.00	510.00
Service allowed per Defendant.	51.00	51.00	51.00	51.00	51.00
Total costs & fees endorsed on Claim	300.00	402.00	504.00	743.20	845.20
Solicitors' costs on entering default judgment.	51.00	51.00	51.00	51.00	51.00
Total costs & fees claimed on signing judgment	351.00	453.00	555.00	794.20	896.20
Solicitors' costs on preparing enforcement process.	51.00	51.00	51.00	51.00	51.00
Filing fee on enforcement process.	49.00	49.00	49.00	49.00	49.00
Service expense allowed (per party per service).	51.00	51.00	51.00	51.00	51.00
or Bailiff's execution fee allowed (Warrants to Sell Property) .	205.80	205.80	205.80	205.80	205.80

1. For filing fees, see:
*Magistrates Court (Civil Division) (Fees) Regulations 2018, Schedule 1; and
Fee Units Act 1997 s6*
2. For Appeal Costs Fund fee, see:
*Appeal Costs Fund Act 1968 s5(1) and Appeal Costs Fund Regulations 2013 reg.4
and reg.5*
3. For costs allowable, see:
Magistrates Court (Civil Division) Rules 1998, Schedule 1, Part 3
4. For service fee allowable, see:
Magistrates Court (Civil Division) Rules 1998, Schedule 1, Parts 1 & 2, Item 14(b)
5. For garnishee applications, a service expense is allowable once upon the Judgment Debtor (Application and Provisional Order), and twice upon the Garnishee (Application, Provisional Order, and Final Order).