

LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ACT 1893

INTERPRETATION ACT 1984

LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (PUBLIC NOTARIES) REPORT 1999

Made by the Legal Costs Committee under section 58ZA of the *Legal Practitioners Act 1893* and section 25 of the *Interpretation Act 1984*.

PART 1 – PRELIMINARY

Citation

1. (1) This report may be cited as the *Legal Practitioners (Public Notaries) Report 1999*.
- (2) The determination set out in the Schedule to this report is referred to in this report as the *Public Notaries Determination 1999*.

PART 2 – NOTICE AND INQUIRIES

Notice under section 58Y of the *Legal Practitioners Act 1893*

2. The Legal Costs Committee has complied with the notice provisions of section 58Y of the *Legal Practitioners Act 1893*.

Inquiries and submissions under section 58Y of the *Legal Practitioners Act 1893*

3. (1) Before making the *Public Notaries Determination 1999* the Legal Costs Committee reviewed all submissions received as a result of the notice given under section 58Y of the *Legal Practitioners Act 1893*.
- (2) The Legal Costs Committee consulted with the Court.
- (3) The Legal Costs Committee consulted with the Public Notaries Committee of the Law Society of Western Australia (Inc).

PART 3 – REPORT OF COMMITTEE'S CONCLUSIONS

Scale of costs amended

3. It is the recommendation of the Legal Costs Committee, after reviewing the information gained as a result of the inquiries and submissions described in clause 3, that the scale of costs be varied in the manner set out in the Table to clause 4 of the *Public Notaries Determination 1999*.

Ted Sharp, Chairman
Chris Pullin QC, Deputy Chairman
Patrick Coward, Member
Angela Gaffney, Member
Jill Vander Wal, Member
Janet Davidson, Member

Schedule

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PUBLIC NOTARIES DETERMINATION 1999

Made by the Legal Costs Committee under section 58W of the *Legal Practitioners Act 1893* and section 25 of the *Interpretation Act 1984*.

Citation

1. This determination may be cited as the *Public Notaries Determination 1999*.

Commencement

2. This determination comes into operation on the day on which the *Public Notaries Amendment Act 1997* comes into operation.

Application

3. (1) This determination applies to the remuneration of a Public Notary for the provision of notarial services.
(2) This determination does not apply to the remuneration of a Public Notary based on costs incurred in respect of instructions taken before the commencement of this determination.

Scale of costs

4. The fee charged by a Public Notary for providing notarial services shall not exceed the fee for those services set out in the Table to this clause.

TABLE
SCALE OF NOTARIES FEES

Item No	Matter	\$
1	<i>Affidavits, affirmations and declarations:</i>	
	(a) For administering an oath or affirmation or taking a declaration and for signing the jurat or its equivalent –	
	where there is one deponent or declarant	40
	and for each additional deponent, affirmant or declarant swearing, affirming or declaring at the same time	6
	(b) For preparing an affidavit, affirmation or declaration verifying the execution of a document by a company or by a person	27
	(c) For preparing a notarial certificate in respect of an oath, affirmation or declaration	27
	(d) For completing the certificate	14
	(e) For completing a second and third certificate (if required)	14
	(f) For preparing an exhibit to an affidavit, affirmation or declaration	6
	(g) For completing an exhibit	3
2	<i>Deeds and other documents:</i>	
	(a) Witnessing and attesting the execution or signing of a deed or other document –	
	where there is one party	40
	and for each additional party signing at the same time	6
	(b) For preparing a notarial certificate in respect of the attestation	27
	(c) For completing the certificate	14
3	<i>Verification of copies of documents:</i>	
	(a) For examining with the original a photographic copy of the document	14
	for each page exceeding one	1.40
	(b) For examining with the original a copy of a document other than a photographic copy	27
	for each folio exceeding five	3
	(c) For preparing a notarial certificate verifying a copy of a document	27
	(d) For completing the certificate	14

4	<p><i>Certificates under seal not otherwise prescribed by this scale:</i></p> <p>(a) For preparing a notarial certificate 27</p> <p>(b) For completing the certificate 14</p>	
5	<p><i>Bills of Exchange:</i></p> <p>(a) For noting a bill of exchange, entering in the register and supplying one copy of note 85</p> <p>(b) For presenting bill – a fee for the time so occupied calculated in accordance with the <i>Solicitors Costs Determination 1998*</i></p> <p>(c) For preparing, issuing and entering a protest of a bill of exchange and supplying one copy of protest 85</p> <p>together with the reasonable disbursements necessarily incurred in connection with any of those services.</p>	
6	<p><i>Ship's protests:</i></p> <p>(a) Preparing and attesting a ship's protest including three copies (if required) 85</p> <p>(b) Preparing and attesting extension of ship's protest 110</p>	
7	<p><i>Duplicates:</i></p> <p>Except where otherwise provided, for more than one copy of any of the above notarial documents completed at the same time –</p> <p>for each copy (after the first) up to ten - one half of the prescribed fee</p> <p>for each copy (after the tenth) - one quarter of the prescribed fee</p>	
8	<p><i>Miscellaneous services:</i></p> <p>For instructions, attendances, correspondence, drawing, engrossing and all other services not covered by this scale, or, if so covered, for matters involving unusual work or difficulty</p> <p>- a fee calculated in accordance with the <i>Solicitors Costs Determination 1998*</i> having regard to the time skill and responsibility involved.</p>	

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