

LEGAL PROFESSION (PUBLIC NOTARIES) REPORT 2021

Made by the Legal Costs Committee under Division 5 of Part 10 of the *Legal Profession Act 2008 (Act)*.

PART 1 – PRELIMINARY

1. Citation

- (1) This Report may be cited as the *Legal Profession (Public Notaries) Report 2021*.
- (2) The determination set out in the Schedule to this Report is referred to in this Report as the *Legal Profession (Public Notaries) Determination 2021*.

PART 2 – NOTICE AND INQUIRIES

2. Notice under section 278 of the Act

The Legal Costs Committee has complied with the notice provisions of section 278 of the Act.

3. Inquiries and submissions under section 277 of the Act

Before making the *Legal Profession (Public Notaries) Determination 2021* the Legal Costs Committee:

- (a) reviewed all submissions received as a result of the notice given under section 277 of the Act;
- (b) consulted with the Public Notaries Society of Western Australia Incorporated; and
- (c) considered the hourly and daily rates applicable under the *Legal Profession (Solicitors Costs) Determination 2021*¹.

PART 3 – REPORT OF THE LEGAL COSTS COMMITTEE'S CONCLUSIONS

4. Adjustment in fees

The Legal Costs Committee had regard to submission made by the Public Notaries Society of Western Australia Incorporated and resolved that prevailing market and economic considerations did not warrant an increase in the rates set out in Table A of the *Legal Profession (Public Notaries) Determination 2019*.

5. Scale of costs to be adopted

It is the determination 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 set out in Table A to clause 4 of the *Legal Profession (Public Notaries) Determination 2019* be adopted for the business of Public Notaries.

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¹ To be published in the Government Gazette on or about the same time as the *Legal Profession (Public Notaries) Determination 2021*

Made by the Legal Costs Committee under section 275 of the *Legal Profession Act 2008* (**Act**).

This Determination may be cited as the *Legal Profession (Public Notaries) Determination 2021*.

This Determination comes into operation on 1 July 2021.

- (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.

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

Item No	Matter	Maximum amount \$
1	Affidavits, affirmations and declarations:	
	(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	140
	and for each additional deponent, affirmant or declarant swearing, affirming or declaring at the same time	70
	(b) For preparing an affidavit, affirmation or declaration verifying the execution of a document by a company or by a person	140
	(c) For preparing a notarial certificate in respect of an oath, affirmation or declaration and for completing the certificate	140
	(d) For completing a second and third certificate, if required	70
	(e) For preparing an exhibit to an affidavit, affirmation or declaration and for completing an exhibit	70
	(f) For each page over and above the first 5 pages which requires signing by each deponent or declarant and witnessing by the Public Notary	0.70

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	<p>subsequent determination made in substitution for that determination</p> <p>(c) For preparing, issuing and entering a protest of a bill of exchange and supplying one copy of protest</p> <p>together with the reasonable disbursements necessarily incurred in connection with any of those services</p>	222
6	<p>Ship's protests:</p> <p>(a) Preparing and attesting a ship's protest including three copies (if required)</p> <p>(b) Preparing and attesting extension of ship's protest</p>	<p>280</p> <p>280</p>
7	<p>Duplicates:</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>(a) for each copy, after the first, up to the tenth: one half of the prescribed fee</p> <p>(b) for each copy, after the tenth: one quarter of the prescribed fee</p>	
8	<p>Miscellaneous services:</p> <p>For instructions, attendances, correspondence, drawing, engrossing, travel 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>Legal Profession (Solicitors Costs) Determination 2021</i> or any subsequent determination made in substitution for that determination, having regard to the time skill and responsibility involved</p>	
	For photocopies where necessary, including of documents for which allowance is otherwise made in this Determination	1.00 per page