

Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2) (Family Law) Amendment (2025 Measures No. 1) Rules 2025

We, Judges of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2), make the following Rules of Court.

Dated 2 June 2025

Chief Judge Alstergren

Deputy Chief Judge McClelland

Deputy Chief Judge Mercuri

Judge Lapthorn

Judge Hughes

Judge Riley

Judge O'Sullivan

Judge Cameron

Judge Spelleken

Judge Kelly

Judge Kemp

Judge Bender

Judge Demack

Judge Dunkley

Judge Monahan

Judge Myers

Judge Harland

Judge Vasta

Judge Newbrun

Judge Middleton

Judge Kendall

Judge Betts

Judge Blake

Judge D Humphreys

Judge Boymal

Judge Morley

Judge O'Shannessy

Judge Beckhouse

Judge Howe

Judge Campbell

Judge Turnbull

Judge Dickson

Judge Cope

Judge Forbes

Judge Symons

Judge Murdoch

Judge McGinn

Judge Carty

Judge Suthers

Judge Given

Judge Jenkins

Judge Mansfield

Judge Glass

Judge Burt

Judge Mansini

Judge Laing

Judge J Young

Judge Champion

Judge Lioumis

Judge A Humphreys

Judge Bingham

Judge Jacobs

Judge Corbett

Judge Gostencnik

Judge Skaros

Judge Gerrard

Judge Shoebridge

Judge Fary

Judge Johns

Judge Cleary

Judge Marquard

Judges of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2)

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1 Name

These Rules are the *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2) (Family Law) Amendment (2025 Measures No. 1) Rules 2025*.

2 Commencement

(1) Each provision of these Rules specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

| Commencement information | | |
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| Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 |
| Provisions | Commencement | Date/Details |
| 1. The whole of these Rules | 10 June 2025. | 10 June 2025 |

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of these Rules as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of these Rules.

(2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of these Rules. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of these Rules.

3 Authority

These Rules are made under Chapter 4 of the *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Act 2021*.

4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to these Rules is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to these Rules has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendments

Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2) (Family Law) Rules 2021

1 Rule 2.02 (table items 1 to 3, 24, 25 and 32)

Repeal the items.

2 Schedule 1

Repeal the Schedule, substitute:

Schedule 1—Scale of costs in family law and child support matters

Note: See rule 4.01.

1 Application of this Schedule

This Schedule, as substituted by the *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2) (Family Law) Amendment (2025 Measures No. 1) Rules 2025*, applies to work done or services performed on or after 10 June 2025.

2 Scale of costs in family law and child support matters

The following table sets out the scale of costs in family law and child support matters.

| Scale of costs in family law and child support matters | | |
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| Item | Column 1  Description | Column 2  Amount (including GST) |
| 1 | Initiating or opposing an application up to the completion of the first court date | Both:  (a) $2,730.66; and  (b) the daily hearing fee specified in item 13 that applies to the hearing |
| 2 | Initiating or opposing an application that includes interim orders (other than procedural orders) up to the completion of the first court date | Both:  (a) $3,414.18; and  (b) the daily hearing fee specified in item 13 that applies to the hearing |
| 3 | Initiating or opposing an application for interlocutory orders (including an interim hearing) that is not otherwise described in item 1 or 2 | Both:  (a) $2,275.34; and  (b) the daily hearing fee specified in item 13 that applies to the hearing |
| 4 | Procedural or summary hearing—as a discrete event | $2,275.34 |
| 5 | Conciliation conference (including preparation) | $2,275.34 |
| 6 | Other dispute resolution (including preparation) | $2,275.34 |
| 7 | Preparation for final hearing—1 day matter | $5,818.13 |
| 8 | Preparation for final hearing—2 day matter | $7,214.16 |
| 9 | Preparation for final hearing—each additional hearing day after the second hearing day | $1,545.47 |
| 10 | Attendance at hearing to take judgment and explain orders | Both:  (a) $371.89; and  (b) the daily hearing fee specified in item 13 that applies to the hearing |
| 11 | Application for location order, recovery order or enforcement of an order (other than an application for enforcement by a Registrar under item 12) | Both:  (a) $1,155.06; and  (b) the daily hearing fee specified in item 13 that applies to the hearing |
| 12 | Application for enforcement by a Registrar of:  (a) a warrant under rule 11.15; or  (b) a third party debt notice under rule 11.34 | $763.46 |
| 13 | Daily hearing fee | (a) for a short mention—$371.89; or  (b) for a half day hearing—$1,364.75; or  (c) for a full day hearing—$2,730.66 |
| 14 | Advocacy loading | 50% of the daily hearing fee specified in item 13 that applies to the hearing |
| 15 | Drafting, conferences and chamber work (not otherwise covered by other items in the table) | (a) Senior Counsel—$784.33 per hour;  (b) Junior Counsel—$418.24 per hour;  (c) Solicitor—$301.22 per hour |
| 16 | Disbursements—Court fees and other fees and payments to the extent that they have been reasonably incurred | The amount of the fees and payments |
| 17 | Disbursements—photocopying for each page | $0.95 |
| 18 | Agents’ fees and travelling costs  Note: For 2 or more hours travel. | $768.10 |