

For consideration
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Legislative Council Panel on Financial Affairs Revision of Government Fees and Charges

PURPOSE

This paper seeks Members' views on proposals relating to the revision of Government fees and charges, which do not directly affect people's livelihood or general business activities, under the purview of Finance Bureau.

BACKGROUND

2. We consulted the Financial Affairs Panel on 13 April on proposals to revise various fees and charges not directly affecting people's livelihood or general business activities. In view of the diverse nature of the identified fees and charges, some Members suggested that the proposed revision should be considered by other LegCo Panels. At the House Committee Meeting held on 14 April, Members agreed that the Administration should consult the relevant Panels on whether and, if so by how much, fees and charges under their respective purviews should be increased.

THE PROPOSAL

3. In this revision exercise, we propose to increase the fees by amounts within a range of 4% to 20% with reference to the following guidelines -

- (a) for most fees with existing cost recovery rate of less than 40% of target, achieve full-cost recovery within seven years through a 20% increase;

- (b) for those fees with existing cost recovery rate between 40% and 70% of target, achieve full-cost recovery within three to seven years through a 15% increase; and
- (c) for those fees with existing cost recovery rate of over 70% of target, achieve full-cost recovery within one to three years through a 10% or lower increase.

Official signatures and miscellaneous services provided by various departments

4. The fees for official signatures and miscellaneous services, which are authorised under Section 17C of the Public Finance Ordinance (Cap. 2), are standard fees payable by the public when they obtain certifications, alterations or duplicates of official documents from a Government department. The fee charged for providing an official signature by a public officer is \$140 per certified copy. This was set in October 1994 and represents 81% of the cost at 2000-01 prices. We propose to achieve full-cost recovery by increasing the fee level to \$173 in two consecutive years through increases of \$15 (10% on \$140) and \$18 (11.6% on \$155). Annex A presents the cost computation. Fees are also charged for official signatures by the Chief Executive, the Chief Secretary for Administration and the Financial Secretary. However as there has been no demand for such services over the past 10 years, we propose to withhold any fee revision pending a review of the necessity to continue to provide them.

Annex A

Fee for photocopying of Bills of Quantities by the Finance Bureau

5. A fee is charged for providing photocopying services to a tenderer who has failed to provide the required number of duplicate copies of a Bill of Quantities in a tender exercise. The fee was last revised in February 1998 and the current fee level is \$15 per page which represents 60% of the cost at 2000-01 prices. We propose to achieve full-cost recovery by increasing the fee level to \$25 in four consecutive years through increases of \$2 to \$3 per annum. Annex B presents the cost computation.

Annex B

Fees for provision of information from the Valuation Lists provided by Rating and Valuation Department (RVD)

6. Upon application, RVD provides information contained in the valuation lists under Section 15(4) of the Rating Ordinance (Cap. 116) and Section 12(4) of the Government Rent (Assessment and Collection) Ordinance (Cap. 515). Such information is normally required by solicitors, owners, landlords, tenants and occupiers when they handle property transactions or prepare legal proceedings in court. The fee for this service was last revised in March 1997 to \$70 per property, which represents 96% of the cost at 2000-01 prices. We propose to achieve full-cost recovery by increasing the fee level to \$73 through an increase of \$3 (4% on \$70). Annex C presents the cost computation. If the recipient of the information requests the information to be certified, the “official signature fee” described in paragraph 4 above will be charged instead.

Annex C

Fees for valuation service provided to Official Receiver and Official Administrator by RVD

7. The valuation service is normally provided in response to requests from the Official Receiver’s Office or the Registrar of the High Court in his capacity as Official Administrator, in cases of court insolvency for bankruptcies or compulsory liquidation of companies. Where a real property is involved in these cases, the Official Receiver or Official Administrator will ask the RVD to provide a market valuation of the property concerned as at a specified date. The fee charged for providing this service was set at \$1,000 per valuation in September 1996. This represents 95% of the cost at 2000-01 prices. We propose to achieve full-cost recovery by increasing the fee level to \$1,050 (5% on \$1,000). Annex D presents the cost computation.

Annex D

Fees for provision of information in Rates and Government Rent Accounts by RVD

8. Upon application, RVD provides information on the amount of Rates and Government Rent which is outstanding and payable to the Government in respect of a specified property. The information is usually provided to solicitors for the purposes of property conveyancing, or for determination of liability for payment of Rates or Government Rent

between vendors and purchasers or landlords and tenants. The current fee is \$65 per property which was set in March 1997 and represents 96% of the cost at 2000-01 prices. We propose to achieve full-cost recovery by increasing the fee level by 4% to \$68. Annex E presents the cost computation.

Annex E

Fees in relation to dutiable commodities charged by the Customs and Excise Department (C&ED)

9. The C&ED provides licences and services relating to the control of dutiable commodities under the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance (Cap. 109). The fees and charges for these were last revised in December 1997 and recover cost at 2000-01 prices at rates ranging from 30% to 95%. We propose to achieve full-cost recovery by increasing the fee levels within one to seven consecutive years, as required. Annex F presents the cost computation and the proposed fee increases for various licences and services in the first year.

Annex F

Judiciary fees and charges

10. Judiciary fees and charges are charged in connection with the services provided by the various courts in legal proceedings, such as fees for commencement of a legal cause or matter in various courts and tribunals, for setting down a case for trial and for execution of court decisions, etc. The judiciary fees and charges were last revised in 1994 and recover 92% of the costs ^(Note) at 2000-01 prices. We propose to increase the fees under the following Rules and Regulations by 8.5%, in a range of from \$0.3 to \$178, to achieve full-cost recovery.

- (a) Bills of Sale (Fees) Regulations;
- (b) Coroners (Fees) Rules;
- (c) Criminal Appeal Rules;
- (d) District Court Civil Procedure (Fees) Rules;
- (e) High Court Fees Rules;
- (f) Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal Fees Rules;
- (g) Magistrates (Fees) Regulations;
- (h) Matrimonial Causes (Fees) Rules; and

^(Note) In view of the diverse nature of the services provided by the various courts and the large number of fee items involved, the Judiciary has since 1989 calculated the cost of its services provided on a global basis. In other words, costs are calculated at the departmental level instead of at the individual service level.

- (i) Small Claims Tribunal (Fees) Rules.

Annex G

Annex G presents the cost computation.

PRODUCTIVITY / EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT MEASURES

11. We are committed to containing the costs incurred in providing services by continuing to implement the Enhanced Productivity Programme and other efficiency improvement measures. For example, we will, as part of an ongoing exercise, review the procedures and explore the possibility of providing some of the information through electronic means with a view to reducing costs. In addition, we will also review whether there is a continuing need to provide services under our purview that require payment of fees and charges. We plan to complete the reviews and report the findings to the Panel by the end of this financial year.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

12. Additional revenue arising from the proposed fee increases is about \$18.9 million per annum in the first year.

ADVICE SOUGHT

13. We should be grateful for Members' views on -
 - (a) the list of fees proposed for revision; and
 - (b) the level of proposed increases for these identified fees.

Subject to Member's views, the proposals will be implemented accordingly in due course.

COST COMPUTATION

Finance Bureau

Fees for Official Signatures and Miscellaneous Services Payable Under the Public Finance Ordinance (Cap 2)

Cost at 2000-01 prices
(for processing one case*)

	\$
Staff Costs	160
Accommodation Costs	6
Central Administrative Overhead	7
	173
Unit Cost	173
Existing fee	\$140
Existing cost recovery rate	81%
Proposed fee increase	10%
Proposed fee	\$155

* Applicable to the following services :

- (a) Issue of a duplicate of any document by a public officer.
- (b) Any alteration, transfer or endorsement of or addition to a document by a public officer.
- (c) Certification of a true extract of any document, book, record or instrument by a public officer.

COST COMPUTATION**Finance Bureau****Fee for Photocopying of Bills of Quantities**

Cost at 2000-01 prices
(for providing one photocopy)

	\$
Staff Costs	18
Departmental Expenses	1
Accommodation Costs	3
Depreciation	2
Central Administrative Overhead	1
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Unit Cost	<u>25</u>
Existing fee	\$15
Existing cost recovery rate	60%
Proposed fee increase	13%
Proposed fee	\$17

COST COMPUTATION

Rating and Valuation Department

Fees for Provision of Information Contained in Valuation List and Government Rent Roll under the Rating Ordinance (Cap 116) and the Government Rent (Assessment and Collection) Ordinance (Cap 515)

Cost at 2000-01 prices

	\$
Staff Costs	10,643
Departmental Expenses	656
Accommodation Costs	1,497
Depreciation	53
Central Administrative Overhead	1,752
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Total Cost	<u>14,601</u>
Estimated number of cases in 2000-01	200
Unit Cost	\$73
Existing fee	\$70
Existing cost recovery rate	96%
Proposed fee increase	4%
Proposed fee	\$73

COST COMPUTATION

Rating and Valuation Department

Fee for Provision of Valuation Advice to Official Receiver and Official Administrator

Cost at 2000-01 prices

	\$
Staff Costs	114,818
Departmental Expenses	7,072
Accommodation Costs	16,144
Depreciation	567
Central Administrative Overhead	18,900
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Total Cost	<u>157,501</u>
Estimated number of requests for valuation advice in 2000-01	150
Unit Cost	\$1,050
Existing fee	\$1,000
Existing cost recovery rate	95%
Proposed fee increase	5%
Proposed fee	\$1,050

COST COMPUTATION

Rating and Valuation Department

Fee for Enquiry on Outstanding Rates/Government Rent Accounts

Cost at 2000-01 prices

	\$
Staff Costs	976,568
Departmental Expenses	60,148
Accommodation Costs	137,309
Depreciation	4,823
Central Administrative Overhead	160,752
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Total Cost	<u>1,339,600</u>
Estimated number of enquiries in 2000-01	19,700
Unit Cost	\$68
Existing fee	\$65
Existing cost recovery rate	96%
Proposed fee increase	4%
Proposed fee	\$68

COST COMPUTATION

Customs and Excise Department

Fees payable under the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance (Cap 109)

Cost at 2000-01 prices

	(1) \$	(2) \$	(3) \$	(4) \$	(5) \$	(6) \$	(7) \$
Staff Costs	1,075,656	1,075,656	1,075,656	364,720	364,720	364,720	364,720
Departmental Expenses	37,149	37,149	37,149	12,560	12,560	12,560	12,560
Accommodation Costs	32,657	32,657	32,657	11,037	11,037	11,037	11,037
Depreciation	4,072	4,072	4,072	1,371	1,371	1,371	1,371
Central Administrative Overhead	41,881	41,881	41,881	14,190	14,190	14,190	14,190
Total Cost	<u>1,191,415</u>	<u>1,191,415</u>	<u>1,191,415</u>	<u>403,878</u>	<u>403,878</u>	<u>403,878</u>	<u>403,878</u>
Estimated number of cases in 2000-01	54	54	54	18	18	18	18
Unit Cost (\$)	22,063	22,063	22,063	22,438	22,438	22,438	22,438
Existing fee (\$)	15,200	15,200	15,200	14,170	14,170	14,170	14,170
Existing cost recovery rate	69%	69%	69%	63%	63%	63%	63%
Proposed fee increase	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%
Proposed fee (\$)	17,480	17,480	17,480	16,296	16,296	16,296	16,296

Legend

- (1) General bonded warehouse licence or public bonded warehouse licence
- (2) Warehouse licence (with manufacturer's licence)
- (3) Warehouse licence (without manufacturer's licence)
- (4) Liquor manufacturer's licence
- (5) Distillery licence
- (6) Brewery licence
- (7) Tobacco manufacturer's licence

COST COMPUTATION

Customs and Excise Department

Fees payable under the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance (Cap 109)

Cost at 2000-01 prices

	(8) \$	(9) \$	(10) \$	(11) \$	(12) \$
Staff Costs	364,720	298,626	298,626	16,722	64,647
Departmental Expenses	12,560	33,271	33,271	777	2,421
Accommodation Costs	11,037	14,824	14,824	918	8,389
Depreciation	1,371	30,458	30,458	-	-
Central Administrative Overhead	14,190	12,039	12,039	726	2,312
Total Cost	<u>403,878</u>	<u>389,218</u>	<u>389,218</u>	<u>19,143</u>	<u>77,769</u>
Estimated number of cases in 2000-01	18	456	456	93	* 48,911
Unit Cost (\$)	22,438	854	854	206	1.6
Existing fee (\$)	21,250	250	250	110	1.00
Existing cost recovery rate	95%	29%	29%	53%	63%
Proposed fee increase	6%	20%	20%	15%	15%
Proposed fee (\$)	22,438	300	300	127	1.15

Legend

(8) Hydrocarbon oil manufacturer's licence

(9) Amendment of licence (without transfer)

(10) Amendment of licence (with transfer)

(11) Landing certificate, Certificate of Shortage and Breakage and Certificate of Accuracy or Statistics

(12) Storage fee

* Number of storages per day.

COST COMPUTATION

Customs and Excise Department

Fees payable under the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance (Cap 109)

	Cost at 2000-01 prices			
	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Staff Costs	844,300	664,065	556,951	341,153
Departmental Expenses	28,927	23,150	20,723	17,887
Central Administrative Overhead	34,215	24,107	19,859	14,896
Total Cost (a)	907,442	711,322	597,533	373,936
Hourly Cost (\$) [(a) / 2,183 hours]	416	326	274	171
Existing hourly fee (\$)	355	275	215	140
Existing cost recovery rate	85%	84%	78%	82%
Proposed fee increase	10%	10%	10%	10%
Proposed hourly fee (\$)	391	303	237	154
Daily Cost (\$) [(a) / 291 days]	3,118	2,444	2,053	1,285
Existing daily fee (\$)	2,665	2,060	1,600	1,050
Existing cost recovery rate	85%	84%	78%	82%
Proposed fee increase	10%	10%	10%	10%
Proposed daily fee (\$)	2,932	2,266	1,760	1,155
Monthly Cost (\$) [(a) / 12 months]	75,620	59,277	49,794	31,161
Existing monthly fee (\$)	64,600	49,900	38,900	25,400
Existing cost recovery rate	85%	84%	78%	82%
Proposed fee increase	10%	10%	10%	10%
Proposed monthly fee (\$)	71,060	54,890	42,790	27,940

Legend

Bonded warehouse supervision -

(13) Attendance by Inspector

(14) Attendance by Chief Customs Officer

(15) Attendance by Senior Customs Officer

(16) Attendance by Customs Officer

COST COMPUTATION**Judiciary****Judiciary Fees and Charges under various Rules and Regulations (Note 1)****Cost at 2000-01 prices**

	\$'000
Staff Costs	179,174
Departmental Expenses	12,814
Accommodation Costs	2,737
Depreciation	4,924
Cost of Services Provided by Other Departments	3,801
Central Administrative Overhead	11,317
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Operating Cost (Note 2) (a)	<u>214,767</u>
Revenue (Note 3) (b)	\$197,985
Existing Cost Recovery Rate (b)/(a)	92.2%
Proposed Increase [(a)/(b)-100%]	8.5%

Please refer to Appendix I for details of fee items

Note :

(1) The Rules and Regulations are :

- Bankruptcy (Fees and Percentages) Order
- **Bills of Sale (Fees) Regulations**
- Companies (Fees and Percentages) Order
- Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Regulations
- **Coroners (Fees) Rules**
- **Criminal Appeal Rules**
- **District Court Civil Procedure (Fees) Rules**
- Estate Agents (Registration of Determination and Appeal) Regulation
- **High Court Fees Rules**
- **Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal Fees Rules**
- Labour Tribunal (Fees) Rules
- Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) Ordinance
- Lands Tribunal (Fees) Rules
- Legal Practitioners (Fees) Rules
- **Magistrates (Fees) Regulations**
- **Matrimonial Causes (Fees) Rules**
- Money Lenders Regulations
- Probate and Administration Ordinance
- **Small Claims Tribunal (Fees) Rules**

Only the Rules and Regulations in **bold** type are under the purview of Finance Bureau.

- (2) Costs attributed to court hearing and other free service (e.g. Criminal cases, Coroner's Court) are excluded.
- (3) Court fines and fixed penalty fines are excluded.

Revision of Judiciary Fees and Charges

Item	Description	Existing Fee	Proposed Fee (increase by 8.5%)	Increase
Bills of Sale (Fees) Regulations				
1(a)	On filing a bill of sale and affidavit therewith	\$440	\$477	\$37
1(b)	For an official certificate of the result of a search in one name in any register or Index under the custody of the Registrar	\$210	\$228	\$18
1(c)	For every additional name, if included in the same certificate	\$110	\$119	\$9
1(d)	For a duplicate copy or certificate, for each page or part thereof	\$28	\$30	\$2
1(e)	For a continuation search if made within 14 days of the date of the official certificate (the result to be endorsed on such certificate)	\$110	\$119	\$9
1(f)	For a search of the register	\$18	\$20	\$2
1(g)	For an inspection of each bill of sale	\$18	\$20	\$2
Coroners (Fees) Rules				
1(a)	Transcription of notes or record of evidence, documentary exhibits or a document made at a death inquiry, per page	\$36	\$39	\$3
1(b)	Additional copies, per page	\$4	\$4.3	\$0.3
2	For a copy of a Coroner's warrant, order or certificate, per page	\$36	\$39	\$3
3(a)	For a photostatic copy of a document made in the Coroner's office, per page	\$4	\$4.3	\$0.3
3(b)	Photostatic copy and certification, per page	\$5.5	\$6	\$0.5
4(a)	Translation made in the Coroner's Office of a document from Chinese into English, or vice versa, including certificate, per page	\$72	\$78	\$6
4(b)	Transcription and translation made in the Coroner's Office, from Chinese into English, or vice versa of a tape or recording including certificate, per page	\$132	\$143	\$11
5(a)	Certifying translations made outside the Coroner's Office from Chinese into English, or vice versa, per page	\$36	\$39	\$3

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5(b)	Certifying transcription made outside the Coroner's Office from Chinese into English, or vice versa, per page	\$36	\$39	\$3
6	Search (include inspection) in the Coroner's Office, for each document or file referred to or required	\$18	\$20	\$2
7	Copy of police officer's report on death of person, per page	\$4	\$4.3	\$0.3
Criminal Appeal Rules				
1	Transcript of shorthand note of trial or other proceedings (s.12 & 63), per page	\$17	\$18	\$1
District Court Civil Procedure (Fees) Rules				
1	Commencement of a cause or matter on sealing -			
1(a)	A writ of summons (except a concurrent, renewed or amended writ)	\$630	\$684	\$54
1(b)	An originating summons	\$630	\$684	\$54
1(c)	An originating notice of motion	\$630	\$684	\$54
1(d)	An originating petition	\$630	\$684	\$54
1(e)	An originating ex parte application	\$630	\$684	\$54
1(f)	Any other originating document	\$630	\$684	\$54
2	Entry or setting down for trial in Court			
2(a)	Setting down a cause or issue for hearing	\$630	\$684	\$54
2(b)	Setting down a civil appeal, motion or summons for hearing	\$630	\$684	\$54
2(c)	Entering a reference for hearing of an assessment of damages by the Registrar	\$630	\$684	\$54
3	For every witness examined de bene esse by a Judge or the Registrar, per day or part thereof	\$530	\$575	\$45
4	Attendance of a public officer to produce or prove in the District Court any record or document	\$440	\$477	\$37

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Item	Description	Existing Fee	Proposed Fee (increase by 8.5%)	Increase
5	Attendance of a public officer to give evidence as an expert witness, per hour or part thereof	\$440 (or such other fee as is specially assessed by the judge or Registrar)	\$477	\$37
6	Attendance of a public officer to give evidence other than as an expert witness, per hour or part thereof	\$220 (with a minimum of \$440)	\$239	\$19
7	Attendance by the Registrar or officer outside the District Court	\$630	\$684	\$54
8(a)	Copy of documents typed in the Registry and certifying same, per page	\$36	\$39	\$3
8(b)	Additional copies, per page	\$4	\$4.3	\$0.3
9(a)	Photostatic copy of a document made in the Registry, per page	\$4	\$4.3	\$0.3
9(b)	Photostatic copy and certification, per page	\$5.5	\$6	\$0.5
9(c)	Photostatic copy of a library book, per page	\$4	\$4.3	\$0.3
10(a)	Translation made in the Registry of a document from Chinese into English, or vice versa including certificate, per page	\$72	\$78	\$6
10(b)	Transcription and translation made in the Registry, from Chinese into English, or vice versa, of a tape or recording including certificate, per page	\$132	\$143	\$11
11(a)	Certifying translations made outside the Registry, from Chinese into English, or vice versa, per page	\$36	\$39	\$3
11(b)	Certifying transcription made outside the Registry, from Chinese into English, or vice versa, of a tape or recording, per page	\$36	\$39	\$3
12	Search in the Registry, for each document or file referred to or required	\$18	\$20	\$2

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Item	Description	Existing Fee	Proposed Fee (increase by 8.5%)	Increase
13	Service of a document by a bailiff, per document	\$72	\$78	\$6
14	Arresting any person	\$385	\$418	\$33
15	Execution of writ of possession	\$630	\$684	\$54
16	Execution on sealing			
16(a)	A warrant for arrest of a defendant or for the attachment of property before judgment	\$630	\$684	\$54
16(b)	A writ of execution or writ of possession	\$630	\$684	\$54
16(c)	A prohibitory order	\$630	\$684	\$54
16(d)	An order for the examination of a judgment debtor (or an officer thereof)	\$630	\$684	\$54
16(e)	A prohibitory order	\$630	\$684	\$54
17	Watchman's fee, per day or part thereof for all cases	\$330	\$358	\$28
18	Authentication of document by the Registrar	\$125	\$136	\$11

High Court Fees Rules***First Schedule***

1	Commencement of a cause or matter On sealing -			
1(a)	A writ of summons (except a concurrent, renewed or amended writ)	\$1,045	\$1,134	\$89
1(b)	An originating summons	\$1,045	\$1,134	\$89
1(c)	An originating notice of motion	\$1,045	\$1,134	\$89
1(d)	An originating petition	\$1,045	\$1,134	\$89
1(e)	An originating ex parte application	\$1,045	\$1,134	\$89
1(f)	Any other originating document	\$1,045	\$1,134	\$89
2	Entry or setting down for trial in Court			
2(a)	Setting down a cause or issue for hearing	\$1,045	\$1,134	\$89

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2(b)	Setting down a civil appeal, motion or summons for hearing	\$1,045	\$1,134	\$89
2(c)	Entering a reference for hearing of an assessment of damages by the Registrar	\$1,045	\$1,134	\$89
3	For every witness examined de bene esse by a judge or the Registrar, per day or part thereof	\$880	\$955	\$75
4	Attendance of a public officer to produce or prove in the High Court any record or document	\$440	\$477	\$37
5	Attendance of a public officer to give evidence as an expert witness, per hour or part thereof	\$440 (or such other fee as is specially assessed by the judge or Registrar)	\$477	\$37
6	Attendance of a public officer to give evidence other than as an expert witness, per hour or part thereof	\$220 (with a minimum of \$440)	\$239	\$19
7	Attendance by the Registrar or officer outside the High Court	\$1,045	\$1,134	\$89
8	Copies, translations and searches			
8(a)	Copy of documents typed in the Registry and certifying same, per page	\$36	\$39	\$3
8(b)	Additional copies, per page	\$4	\$4.3	\$0.3
9(a)	Photostatic copy of a document made in the Registry, per page	\$4	\$4.3	\$0.3
9(b)	Photostatic copy and certification, per page	\$5.5	\$6	\$0.5
9(c)	Photostatic copy of a library book, per page	\$4	\$4.3	\$0.3
10(a)	Translation made in the Registry of a document from Chinese into English, or vice versa including certificate, per page	\$72	\$78	\$6
10(b)	Transcription and translation made in the Registry, from Chinese into English, or vice versa, of a tape or recording including certificate, per page	\$132	\$143	\$11

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11(b)	Certifying transcription made outside the Registry, from Chinese Into English, and vice versa, of a tape or recording, per page	\$36	\$39	\$3
12	Search in the Registry, for each document or file referred to or required	\$18	\$20	\$2
13	Service of a document by a bailiff, per document	\$110	\$119	\$9
14	Arresting any person	\$630	\$684	\$54
15	Execution of writ of possession	\$1,045	\$1,134	\$89
16	Execution On sealing -			
16(a)	A warrant for arrest of a defendant, for the arrest and detention of a ship or for the attachment of property before judgment	in each case \$1,045	\$1,134	\$89
16(b)	A writ of execution or writ of possession	\$1,045	\$1,134	\$89
16(c)	A writ of habeas corpus	\$1,045	\$1,134	\$89
16(d)	A prohibitory order	\$1,045	\$1,134	\$89
16(e)	An order for the examination of a judgment debtor (or an officer thereof)	\$1,045	\$1,134	\$89
16(f)	A prohibition order	\$1,045	\$1,134	\$89
17	Bailiff's expenses			
17(a)	Watchman's fee, per day or part thereof	\$330	\$358	\$28
18	Authentication of document by the Registrar	\$125	\$136	\$11
19	On sealing of a notice in form No.80 under Order 50, Rule 11(2)	\$1,045	\$1,134	\$89
20	On sealing of an injunction order undertaken before commencement of a cause	\$1,045	\$1,134	\$89
21	Registration of an enduring power of Attorney	\$440	\$477	\$37

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High Court Fees Rules				
<i>Second Schedule</i>				
1	Filing application (except an amended application) for probate or letters of administration or application for resealing of the same	\$265	\$288	\$23
2	Double or cessate probates, or cessate letters of administration or letters of Administration de bonis non, or duplicate probates or letters of Administration	\$145	\$157	\$12
3	Probate of a codicil, or letters of Administration with a codicil to a will already proved	\$145	\$157	\$12
4	Exemplification of a probate or letters of Administration, in addition to the fees for engrossing	\$145	\$157	\$12
5	Engrossing wills and other documents, per page	\$72	\$78	\$6
6	Every search	\$18	\$20	\$2
7	Commission of appraisalment	\$72	\$78	\$6
8	Caveat, each	\$72	\$78	\$6
9	Warning to caveat	\$145	\$157	\$12
10	Service of warning	\$44	\$48	\$4
11	Removing caveat	\$36	\$39	\$3
12	Approving and settling administrator's bond and filing	\$145	\$157	\$12
13	Making alteration in grant pursuant to Order	\$72	\$78	\$6
14	Every citation	\$72	\$78	\$6
15	Settling citation or abstract of citation for advertisement, per page	\$72	\$78	\$6
16	Filing inventory	\$36	\$39	\$3

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Item	Description	Existing Fee	Proposed Fee (increase by 8.5%)	Increase
Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal Fees Rules				
1	On filing -			
1(a)	An application for leave to appeal	\$1,045	\$1,134	\$89
1(b)	Any other originating application	\$1,045	\$1,134	\$89
1(c)	A notice of appeal	\$2,090	\$2,268	\$178
2(a)	Copy of documents typed in the Registry, per page	\$36	\$39	\$3
2(b)	Additional copies, per page	\$4	\$4.3	\$0.3
3(a)	Photostatic copy of a document made in the Registry, per page	\$4	\$4.3	\$0.3
3(b)	Photostatic copy of a library book, per page	\$4	\$4.3	\$0.3
4	Search in the Registry -			
4(a)	For the register of appeals	\$18	\$20	\$2
4(b)	For each document or file referred to or required	\$18	\$20	\$2
5	Authentication of document by the Registrar	\$125	\$136	\$11
Magistrates (Fees) Regulations				
1	For affixing the signature of a Magistrate, with or without the Magistrate's seal, to any statutory declaration or other document made or required for a purpose other than in or for a magisterial proceeding or matter exclusively within the duties of the office of a Magistrate	\$125	\$136	\$11
2(a)	Typed copy of depositions, charges or documentary exhibits in summary cases, per page	\$36	\$39	\$3
2(b)	Additional copies, per page	\$4	\$4.3	\$0.3
3(a)	Photostatic copy of a document made in the Magistracy, per page	\$4	\$4.3	\$0.3
3(b)	Photostatic copy and certification, per page	\$5.5	\$6	\$0.5
4(a)	Translation made in Magistracy of a document from Chinese into English or vice versa, including certificate, per page	\$72	\$78	\$6

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4(b)	Transcription and translation made in the Magistracy, from Chinese into English, or vice versa, of a tape or recording including certificate, per page	\$132	\$143	\$11
5(a)	Certifying translations made outside the Magistracy, from Chinese into English, and vice versa, per page	\$36	\$39	\$3
5(b)	Certifying transcription made outside the Magistracy, from Chinese into English and vice versa, of a tape or recording, per page	\$36	\$39	\$3
6	Search in the Magistracy, for each document or file referred to or required	\$18	\$20	\$2
Matrimonial Causes (Fees) Rules				
1	Commencement of proceedings			
1(a)	On sealing an originating application or an originating summons	\$630	\$684	\$54
1(b)	On filing a petition	\$630	\$684	\$54
1(c)	On filing a joint application	\$630	\$684	\$54
1(d)	Entering a joint application in the special procedure list	\$630	\$684	\$54
2	On filing a notice of application for an appointment before a Judge	\$630	\$684	\$54
3(a)	Setting down an undefended cause	\$630	\$684	\$54
3(b)	Setting down a defended cause	\$1,045	\$1,134	\$89
4	Transfer from District Court to Court of First Instance or vice versa at the request of the parties	\$1,045	\$1,134	\$89
5	Attendance of a public officer to produce or prove any record or document	\$440	\$477	\$37
6(a)	Copy of a document typed in the Registry and certifying same, per page	\$36	\$39	\$3
6(b)	Additional copies, per page	\$4	\$4.3	\$0.3

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7(a)	Photostatic copy of a document made in the Registry, per page	\$4	\$4.3	\$0.3
7(b)	Photostatic copy & certification, per page	\$5.5	\$6	\$0.5
8	Sealing a copy of document with seal of the Court	\$28	\$30	\$2
9	Search in the Registry, for each document or file referred to or required	\$18	\$20	\$2
10(a)	On filing a notice of appeal	\$1,045	\$1,134	\$89
10(b)	On setting down an appeal	\$1,045	\$1,134	\$89
11	Execution			
11(a)	On sealing a writ of execution	\$630	\$684	\$54
11(b)	On sealing an order for the examination of a judgment debtor	\$630	\$684	\$54
11(c)	On issuing a judgment summons	\$630	\$684	\$54
12	On filing an election to take fixed costs under District Court (fixed costs in Matrimonial Causes Rules (Cap. 336 Sub. Leg.)	\$220	\$239	\$19
Small Claims Tribunal (Fees) Rules				
1	Filing of claim where the claim does not exceed \$3,000	\$20	\$22	\$2
1(a)	Where the claim exceeds \$3,000 but does not exceed \$17,000	\$40	\$43	\$3
1(b)	Where the claim exceeds \$17,000 but does not exceed \$33,000	\$70	\$76	\$6
1(c)	Where the claim exceeds \$33,000 but does not exceed \$50,000	\$120	\$130	\$10
2	Summons and copy including service, each witness	\$33	\$36	\$3
3	Application for review	\$61	\$66	\$5
4	Application for leave to appeal	\$61	\$66	\$5

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5	Copy of any document (including written award or order) made in the Registry of the Tribunal and certifying the same, per page	\$5.5	\$6	\$0.5
6	Photostatic copy of document made in the Registry of the tribunal and certification			
6(a)	For each page or portion of a page	\$5.5	\$6	\$0.5
7	Certifying translation made elsewhere, per page	\$20	\$22	\$2
8	Every search in the Registry of the Tribunal for each register, file or document	\$18	\$20	\$2
9	Watchman's fee per diem (to be paid in Cash)	\$83	\$90	\$7
10	Attendance of any Government official to produce or prove in the Tribunal any record or document called by any party other than the Government	\$61	\$66	\$5
11	Attendance of any Government official to give any other evidence in the tribunal			
11(a)	When not called as an expert, per hour or portion of an hour of attendance	\$61	\$66	\$5
12	Filing any affidavit or declaration (other than affidavit or declaration of a bailiff of Court) (including administering any oath or taking any declaration in the Registry)	\$121	\$131	\$10
13	Filing any notice or document in the Tribunal not hereinbefore referred to (other than a notice or document expressing an intention not to proceed with a claim or a defence)	\$55	\$60	\$5
14	Sealing any document in connection with proceedings in the tribunal not hereinbefore referred to	\$55	\$60	\$5