

**Coroners Ordinance**

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**Resolution**

(Under section 54 of the Coroners Ordinance (Cap. 504))

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**Resolved** that the Coroners (Witnesses' Allowances) (Amendment) Rules 2021, made by the Chief Justice on 1 April 2021, be approved.

## Coroners (Witnesses' Allowances) (Amendment) Rules 2021

(Made by the Chief Justice under section 54 of the Coroners Ordinance (Cap. 504) subject to the approval of the Legislative Council)

### 1. Commencement

These Rules come into operation on 1 August 2021.

### 2. Coroners (Witnesses' Allowances) Rules amended

The Coroners (Witnesses' Allowances) Rules (Cap. 504 sub. leg. E) are amended as set out in rules 3, 4 and 5.

### 3. Rule 3 amended (allowances for professional witnesses)

(1) Rule 3(1)—

#### Repeal

“\$3,065”

#### Substitute

“\$3,210”.

(2) Rule 3(2)—

#### Repeal

“must not exceed \$1,530”

#### Substitute

“for that day must not exceed \$1,600”.

### 4. Rule 4 amended (allowances for expert witnesses)

(1) Rule 4(1)—

#### Repeal

“\$3,065”

#### Substitute

“\$3,210”.

(2) Rule 4(2)—

#### Repeal

“must not exceed \$1,530”

#### Substitute

“for that day must not exceed \$1,600”.

### 5. Rule 5 amended (allowances for loss of remuneration or expenses incurred)

(1) Rule 5(1)—

#### Repeal

“\$575”

#### Substitute

“\$615”.

(2) Rule 5(2)—

#### Repeal

everything after “4 hours”

#### Substitute

“on any day of attendance, the witness's loss allowance for that day must not exceed \$305.”.



Chief Justice

1 April 2021

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**Explanatory Note**

These Rules amend the Coroners (Witnesses' Allowances) Rules (Cap. 504 sub. leg. E) to increase the maximum rates of allowances for the following classes of witnesses at inquests under the Coroners Ordinance (Cap. 504)—

- (a) witnesses practising specific professions who give professional evidence;
- (b) expert witnesses who give expert evidence;
- (c) witnesses who give evidence (other than professional or expert evidence) and lose remuneration or incur expenses as a result.