

L.N. 143 of 2023

Adoption (Amendment) Rules 2023

(Made by the Chief Justice under section 12(1) of the Adoption Ordinance (Cap. 290))

1. Commencement

- (1) These Rules, except rule 3(2) and (3), come into operation on 1 January 2024.
- (2) Rule 3(2) comes into operation on 1 January 2025.
- (3) Rule 3(3) comes into operation on 1 January 2026.

2. Adoption Rules amended

The Adoption Rules (Cap. 290 sub. leg. A) are amended as set out in rule 3.

3. Rule 8 amended (Director of Social Welfare to be guardian ad litem subject to rule 9)

- (1) Rule 8(2)—

Repeal

“\$3,970”

Substitute

“\$4,210”.

- (2) Rule 8(2)—

Repeal

“\$4,210”

Substitute

“\$4,440”.

(3) Rule 8(2)—

Repeal

“\$4,440”

Substitute

“\$4,670”.

Andrew CHEUNG
Chief Justice

4 September 2023

Explanatory Note

The purpose of these Rules is to amend rule 8(2) of the Adoption Rules (Cap. 290 sub. leg. A) to increase in three phases the fee payable under that rule to the Director of Social Welfare for acting as the guardian ad litem of an infant (*fee*). The current amount of the fee is \$3,970.

2. From 1 January 2024, the amount of the fee will be \$4,210.
3. From 1 January 2025, the amount of the fee will be \$4,440.
4. From 1 January 2026, the amount of the fee will be \$4,670.