



New Simplified CFCSA Tariff

The Legal Services Society is pleased to announce that it will implement a simplified tariff for all new CFCSA referrals, effective November 17, 2010. [Highlights](#) of the new CFCSA tariff are now on the LSS website.

Background

In June, LSS successfully implemented simplified tariffs for criminal and family matters. The last phase of the project has been to design a new CFCSA tariff structure that simplifies the policies and procedures for billing, accounts processing, case management, and other administrative obligations for LSS staff and the lawyers who do work on behalf of the Society.

Consultation

Early in the development of the new tariff, LSS held discussions with its Family Tariff Advisory Committee who reviewed the CFCSA model and suggested refinements. LSS also received feedback by inviting comments on the CFCSA consultation paper that was posted online and by holding in-person meetings with the referral bar. This consultation stage identified a number of issues which were addressed in subsequent versions of the simplified CFCSA tariff.

LSS would like to thank the lawyers who assisted in developing the CFCSA tariff by responding to questions, submitting feedback, and meeting with LSS staff.

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The CFCSA tariff now has 11 billable items on 9 pages, with a larger allocation of hours spread among fewer billable items, additional hours for CCO hearings, and the introduction of Extended CFCSA Services. The structure of the simplified CFCSA tariff is similar to the Family tariff.

Transition to the new tariff

LSS will post the new CFCSA tariff guide on the LSS website on November 17, 2010. As well, a Notice to Counsel will be sent out in mid-November that will cover the rules for transition. LSS tariff accounts staff will be available to assist referral lawyers with the new tariff.

We welcome your feedback regarding the LSS tariffs. If you have any comments, please e-mail them to lawyersresources@lss.bc.ca.

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