

## LSS Tariffs changes

Further to our [communication](#) to the bar on March 19, 2018, the Legal Services Society (LSS) is implementing several changes to the *LSS Tariffs* effective April 16, 2018. These changes include:

- additional general preparation hours for Family contracts,
- reinstatement of Extended Family Services, and
- a new tariff item for assisting Indigenous clients under the *Family* and *CFCSA Tariffs*.

For more details, see our [summary](#) of the changes.

The updated chapters of the *LSS Tariffs* will be available on April 16, 2018, on the LSS website at [legalaid.bc.ca](http://legalaid.bc.ca) (under Lawyers — LSS Tariffs) and in LSS Online under Resources.

## Transition rules for contracts

### Family contracts

All new Family contracts will have 35 hours of general preparation. LSS will also add 10 hours of general preparation to all Family contracts with a service start date on or after October 1, 2016, and a service stop date on or after April 16, 2018. You can bill these additional hours for services provided *on or after April 16, 2018*. You can also bill these additional hours for work done *prior to April 16, 2018*, provided you kept timekeeping records at the same time as you provided the services (this includes contracts where you billed the previous 25 hour maximum before April 16, 2018).

### Family and CFCSA contracts

The new Indigenous client support tariff item will be added to all new and existing Family and CFCSA contracts with a service start date on or after October 1, 2016, and a service stop date on or after April 16, 2018. This item is billable for services provided *on or after April 16, 2018*.

Existing contracts in LSS Online will be updated with the applicable changes and notes about the transition rules.

As always, we welcome your feedback regarding the *LSS Tariffs*. If you have any comments, please email [lawyersresources@lss.bc.ca](mailto:lawyersresources@lss.bc.ca).

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