



Criminal Tariff Changes – Section 525 Detention Reviews

The Legal Services Society has introduced a new tariff fee and revised an existing fee to compensate counsel for work related to s. 525 detention review procedures. The changes are:

- a new fee for section 525 Scheduling Hearings,
- revisions to the Bail Reviews in Supreme Court tariff items, including:
 - creating a new item that no longer requires authorization for Bail Review hearings – section 525, and
 - maintaining the existing fee and authorization process for Bail Review hearings – section 520 and other bail review hearings.

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

The updated Criminal chapter of the LSS Tariffs is now available on the [LSS website](#) at legalaid.bc.ca (under Lawyers – LSS Tariffs) and in LSS Online under Resources.

Transition rule for contracts

Effective July 17, 2019, the new fees have been added to active criminal contracts that have not yet reached their service stop date and new criminal contracts.

Background

The Supreme Court has instituted new procedures for s. 525 detention reviews in response to the Supreme Court of Canada decision in *R. v. Myers* 2019 SCC 18. All 525 detention reviews will be set for a scheduling hearing to determine whether a full detention review is required. The court's expectations of counsel of record are set out in the [Interim Practice Direction](#) dated May 21, 2019.

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

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