

Tariff Reductions

Legal Services Society (LSS) regrets to advise you that reduced funding for legal aid from the Ministry of Attorney General makes it necessary to impose further reductions to the tariffs.

For all referrals issued on or after May 1, 1997, an additional holdback of 5% will be added to the holdbacks already in place.

Total holdbacks will be as follows:

Immigration current 12% + additional 5% = total 17%

Family current 5% + additional 5% = total 10%

Criminal current 10% + additional 5% = total 15%

The holdbacks will be deducted automatically at the time of billing and apply only to fees, not disbursements. When LSS accounts are audited at the end of the fiscal year 1997-98, the LSS Board of Directors will determine whether any money is available in the tariff budgets to repay the holdbacks. When this amount, if any, is determined, the LSS Finance department will review the amounts held back. All counsel who have had money deducted as a holdback during the April 1, 1997 to March 31, 1998 fiscal year will receive a pro rata share of the amount available for repayment in that tariff.

Referrals for appeal cases in all areas of law, issued on or after May 1, 1997, will be subject to the 5% holdback only. The reductions currently in place for appeals cases will be incorporated into the single reduction.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

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