

Family Limited Representation Contracts and Disbursement Tariff Increases

Family Limited Representation Contracts (FLRCs)

As part of Legal Aid BC's implementation of key recommendations from the FLRC Evaluation Report and to improve client outcomes, the amount of General Preparation hours under the FLRC has increased from 8 to 14 hours, and the duration (stop date) of the contract has been extended from 120 days to 180 days.

The extension and increased hours apply to all active FLRCs that are not currently past their stop date as of November 14, 2022. The changes will be reflected on eligible contracts the week of November 14. All FLRCs issued after November 14, 2022, will now have 14 hours of General Preparation and be 180 days in duration.

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Disbursement Tariff Increases

Effective immediately, some Disbursement Tariff rates are increasing as a result of Tariff Advisory Committee consultations with the Association of Legal Aid Lawyers and LABC policy to match BC Public Service rates where applicable. Rates are increasing as follows:

Meterage – Meterage rates have increased from \$0.55 to \$0.57 per kilometre reflecting BC Public Services rates.

Photocopying – In-house photocopying rates have increased from \$0.15 to \$0.25 per page reflecting current market rates.

Printing Electronic Disclosure – In-house printing of electronic disclosure rates have increased from \$0.15 to \$0.25 per page reflecting current market rates.

Mediators' Hourly Rate – Mediators' hourly rate has increased from \$83.90 to \$110 per hour representing better alignment with market and lawyers' tariff rates.

Interpreting for language – Current rates of \$35 per hour (certified) and \$25 per hour (uncertified) will increase to \$70 per hour (certified) and \$50 per hour (uncertified) ensuring the rates reflect the professional preparation and skills required to provide successful interpretation for LABC clients.

For draft invoices that already include the above disbursements, the item(s) will need to be deleted and re-added for the new rate(s) to be applied.

As always, we welcome your feedback regarding the *LABC Tariffs*. If you have any comments, please email lawyer.support@legalaid.bc.ca.

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