

Legal Aid Family Law Rates and Allowances

This guide provides a brief description of the items that may appear in a grant of aid letter and the applicable rates and maximum allowances for those items. It may not include all items that are referred to in the grant letter. Please ensure you read the grant letter carefully for full details.

Please refer to the [Legal Aid WA Guide to Claiming Payment](#) for assistance with calculating and submitting claims, available from the [Legal Aid WA website](#) or [Legal Aid WA Connect](#). Information on reporting and record keeping are included in Part 5 of the [Private Practitioner Manual](#), available on the website under [practitioner standards and compliance](#). Please ensure claims for court attendances are in accordance with the applicable rates.

Solicitor	\$179
Counsel	\$224
Senior Counsel	\$338

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Work Package Name	Work Package ID	Description	Unit Price	Quantity	Total Amount
Family Advice, investigations and negotiations	FM01	Preparation	\$179.00	4	\$716.00
	FM01	Nominal Disbursement	\$21.00	1	\$21.00
	Subtotal				\$737.00
Child Representative- Appeal against protection order	FPS4	Preparation	\$179.00	7	\$1,253.00
	FPS4	Court attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	3	\$537.00
	FPS4	Nominal Disbursement	\$26.00	1	\$26.00

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Subtotal			\$1,816.00		
Child Representative - Appointment of a Court Expert	FPS6	Preparation	\$179.00	3	\$537.00
	FPS6	Court attendance	\$179.00	1	\$179.00
	FPS6	Nominal Disbursement	\$31.00	1	\$31.00
	Subtotal			\$747.00	
Child Representative - Further mediation conference	FSM2	Preparation	\$179.00	1	\$179.00
	FSM2	Mediation attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	3	\$537.00
	FSM2	Nominal Disbursement	\$21.00	1	\$21.00
	Subtotal			\$737.00	
Child Representative- Initial to Pre-Hearing Conference	FPS1	Preparation	\$179.00	7	\$1,253.00
	FPS1	Court attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	7	\$1,253.00
	FPS1	Nominal Disbursement	\$31.00	1	\$31.00
	Subtotal			\$2,537.00	
Child Representative - Mediation conference	FSM1	Preparation	\$179.00	2	\$358.00
	FSM1	Mediation attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	3	\$537.00
	FSM1	Nominal Disbursement	\$21.00	1	\$21.00
	Subtotal			\$916.00	
Child Representative- Secure Care Application	FPS7	Preparation	\$179.00	3	\$537.00
	FPS7	Court attendance	\$179.00	1	\$179.00
	FPS7	Travel Time	\$94.00	2	\$188.00
	FPS7	Trave Mileage	\$0.91	76.25	\$69.39

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		Subtotal			\$973.39
Child Representative - Trial preparation	FPS2	Trial Preparation	\$179.00	10	\$1,790.00
	FPS2	Court Attendance	\$179.00	1	\$179.00
	FPS2	Nominal Disbursement	\$31.00	1	\$31.00
	Subtotal				\$2,000.00
Family Court (Complex Track) - Representation up to trial date	F3J	Preparation	\$179.00	10	\$1,790.00
	F3J	Court attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	5	\$895.00
	F3J	Nominal Disbursement	\$26.00	1	\$26.00
	F3J	Process Server Fees	\$128.00	1	\$128.00
	Subtotal				\$2,839.00
Family Court (Counsel) - Full Court Appeal preparation and appearance	FC05	Counsel - Preparation for Full Court appeal	\$224.00	12	\$2,688.00
	Subtotal				\$2,688.00
Family Court (Counsel)- Trial preparation	FC01	Counsel - preparation for trial up to eve of trial	\$224.00	10	\$2,240.00
	Subtotal				\$2,240.00
Family Court (ICL) - CAC to conclusion of pre-hearing conference	FS09	Preparation	\$179.00	3	\$537.00
	FS09	Court attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	2	\$358.00
	FS09	Nominal Disbursement	\$31.00	1	\$31.00
	FS09	Process Server Fees	\$128.00	1	\$128.00
	Subtotal				\$1,054.00
Family Court (ICL) - Full Court Appeal	FS15	Preparation	\$179.00	10	\$1,790.00

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	FS15	Court attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	2	\$358.00
	FS15	Nominal Disbursement	\$31.00	1	\$31.00
	Subtotal				\$2,179.00
Family Court (ICL) - Initial grant up to CAC/Interim Hearing	FS02	Preparation	\$179.00	10	\$1,790.00
	FS02	Court attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	2	\$358.00
	FS02	Case Assessment Conference	\$538.00	1	\$538.00
	FS02	Interim Hearing	\$718.00	1	\$718.00
	FS02	Nominal Disbursement	\$51.00	1	\$51.00
	FS02	Process Server Fees	\$215.00	1	\$215.00
	Subtotal				\$3,670.00
Family Court (ICL) - Interim application	FS03	Preparation	\$179.00	5	\$895.00
	FS03	Court attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	2	\$358.00
	FS03	Nominal Disbursement	\$26.00	1	\$26.00
	Subtotal				\$1,279.00
Family Court (ICL) - Procedural hearing	FS05	Preparation	\$179.00	1	\$179.00
	FS05	Court attendance	\$179.00	1	\$179.00
	Subtotal				\$358.00
Family Court (ICL) - Reportable Family Therapy and Report	FS30	Reportable Family Therapy Report	\$241.00	9	\$2,169.00
	Subtotal				\$2,169.00
Family Court (ICL) - SEW application and peruse report	FS04	Preparation	\$179.00	4	\$716.00
	FS04	Court Attendance	\$179.00	1	\$179.00
	FS04	Nominal Disbursement	\$31.00	1	\$31.00

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	FS04	Process Server Fees	\$128.00	1	\$128.00
		Subtotal	\$517.00	7	\$1,054.00
Family Court (ICL) - Single Judge Appeal	FS14	Preparation	\$179.00	7	\$1,253.00
	FS14	Court attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	3	\$537.00
	FS14	Nominal Disbursement	\$26.00	1	\$26.00
		Subtotal			\$1,816.00
Family Court (ICL) - Take Judgment	FS12	Preparation	\$179.00	1	\$179.00
		Subtotal			\$179.00
Family Court (ICL) - Trial preparation	FS10	Trial Preparation	\$179.00	8	\$1,432.00
	FS10	Nominal Disbursement	\$31.00	1	\$31.00
	FS10	Process Server Fees	\$128.00	1	\$128.00
		Subtotal			\$1,591.00
Family Court (ICL Counsel)- Trial preparation	FC03	Counsel - trial preparation as ICL	\$224.00	10	\$2,240.00
		Subtotal			\$2,240.00
Family Court (Magistrates Track) - Representation up to trial date	F3M	Preparation	\$179.00	6	\$1,074.00
	F3M	Court attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	4	\$716.00
	F3M	Nominal Disbursement	\$26.00	1	\$26.00
	F3M	Process Server Fees	\$128.00	1	\$128.00
		Subtotal			\$1,944.00
Family Court (XEM) - Initial grant	XEM1	Take instructions, review trial documents, providing advice and negotiations	\$179.00	8	\$1,432.00

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	XEM1	Prepare for and attend Callover	\$179.00	2	\$358.00
	XEM1	Prepare for and attend Pre-trial Conference	\$179.00	4	\$716.00
	XEM1	Nominal Disbursement	\$56.00	1	\$56.00
	Subtotal				\$2,562.00
Family Court (XEM) - Trial preparation	XEM2	Trial Preparation	\$179.00	20	\$3,580.00
	XEM2	Nominal Disbursement	\$51.00	1	\$51.00
	XEM2	Process Server Fees	\$128.00	1	\$128.00
	Subtotal				\$3,759.00
Family Court - Additional preparation for Urgent application	F2IA	Preparation of urgent application	\$179.00	2	\$358.00
	Subtotal		\$179.00	2	\$358.00
Family Court - Advice on SEW Report	F2H	Preparation	\$179.00	2	\$358.00
	F2H	Nominal Disbursement	\$26.00	1	\$26.00
	Subtotal				\$358.00
Family Court - Application under the Acts Amendment (Abortion) Act	FA01	Preparation	\$179.00	4	\$716.00
	FA01	Nominal Disbursement	\$21.00	1	\$21.00
	Subtotal				\$358.00
Family Court - Attendance with limited preparation	FM12	Preparation	\$179.00	1	\$179.00
	FM12	Court attendance	\$179.00	1	\$179.00
	Subtotal				\$358.00
Family Court - Attendance with some follow-up preparation	FM13	Preparation	\$179.00	1	\$179.00
	FM13	Court attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	2	\$358.00

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Subtotal					\$537.00
Family Court - Attendance with substantive preparation	FM14	Preparation	\$179.00	2	\$358.00
	FM14	Court attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	2	\$358.00
	Subtotal				\$716.00
Family Court - Call-over Hearing	F2CO	Court attendance	\$179.00	1	\$179.00
	Subtotal				\$179.00
Family Court - Case Assessment Conference	FCAC	Preparation	\$179.00	1	\$179.00
	Subtotal				\$179.00
Family Court - Contempt/breach of Court Orders	FM11	Preparation	\$179.00	2	\$358.00
	FM11	Court attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	2	\$358.00
	Subtotal				\$716.00
Family Court - Directions Hearing	F2DH	Court attendance	\$179.00	1	\$179.00
	Subtotal				\$179.00
Family Court - Documents only initial grant	F2DO	Preparation	\$179.00	6	\$1,074.00
	F2DO	Nominal Disbursement	\$56.00	1	\$56.00
	Subtotal				\$1,130.00
Family Court - Enforcement of Final Orders	FM04	Preparation	\$179.00	4	\$716.00
	FM04	Court attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	1	\$179.00
	FM04	Nominal Disbursement	\$149.00	1	\$149.00
	Subtotal				\$1,044.00
Family Court - Explain Judgment	F5TB	Preparation	\$179.00	1	\$179.00
	Subtotal				\$179.00

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Family Court - Full Court Appeal	F6FP	Preparation	\$179.00	10	\$1,790.00
	F6FP	Nominal Disbursement	\$31.00	1	\$31.00
	Subtotal				\$1,821.00
Family Court - Initiate/Respond up to CAC and Interim Hearing	F2PC	Preparation	\$179.00	8	\$1,432.00
	F2PC	Court attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	2	\$358.00
	F2PC	Case Assessment Conference	\$179.00	3	\$537.00
	F2PC	Interim Hearing	\$179.00	3	\$537.00
	F2PC	Nominal Disbursement	\$56.00	1	\$56.00
	F2PC	Process Server Fess	\$144.00	1	\$144.00
	Subtotal				\$3,064.00
Family Court - Initiate/Respond up to first return /directions	F2SC	Preparation	\$179.00	8	\$1,432.00
	F2SC	Court attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	3	\$537.00
	F2SC	Nominal Disbursement	\$56.00	1	\$56.00
	F2SC	Process Server Fees	\$144.00	1	\$144.00
	Subtotal				\$2,169.00
Family Court - Interim Hearing	F2IH	Preparation	\$179.00	1	\$179.00
	F2IH	Court attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	2	\$358.00
	Subtotal				\$537.00
Family Court - Judge Trial preparation	F4J	Trial Preparation	\$179.00	20	\$3,580.00
	F4J	Nominal Disbursement	\$169.00	1	\$169.00
	Subtotal				\$3,749.00
Family Court - Magistrates Trial preparation	F4MT	Trial Preparation	\$179.00	15	\$2,685.00

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	F4MT	Nominal Disbursement	\$169.00	1	\$169.00
		Subtotal			\$2,854.00
Family Court - Ongoing monitoring in special circumstances	FM19	Preparation	\$179.00	3	\$537.00
	FM19	Nominal Disbursement	\$21.00	1	\$21.00
		Subtotal	\$200.00	4	\$558.00
Family Court - Readiness Hearing	F2RH	Preparation	\$179.00	1	\$179.00
	F2RH	Court attendance	\$179.00	1	\$179.00
		Subtotal			\$358.00
Family Court - Recovery order (existing court order)	F2G	Preparation	\$179.00	3	\$537.00
	F2G	Court attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	3	\$537.00
	F2G	Nominal Disbursement	\$154.00	1	\$154.00
		Subtotal			\$1,228.00
Family Court - Single Judge Appeal	F6S	Preparation	\$179.00	8	\$1,432.00
	F6S	Court attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	4	\$716.00
	F6S	Nominal Disbursement	\$26.00	1	\$26.00
		Subtotal			\$2,174.00
Family Court - Subpoena and inspect documents	F2CS	Preparation	\$179.00	2	\$358.00
	F2CS	Court attendance	\$179.00	1	\$179.00
	F2CS	Nominal Disbursement	\$26.00	1	\$26.00
	F2CS	Process Server Fees	\$128.00	1	\$128.00
		Subtotal			\$691.00
Family Court - Urgent Interim application	F2IB	Preparation	\$179.00	3	\$537.00

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	F2IB	Court attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	2	\$358.00
	F2IB	Nominal Disbursement	\$26.00	1	\$26.00
	F2IB	Process Server Fees	\$128.00	1	\$128.00
	Subtotal				\$1,049.00
FDR (ICL) - Preparation and representation	FS01	FDR preparation	\$179.00	3	\$537.00
	FS01	FDR attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	4	\$716.00
	Subtotal				\$1,253.00
FDR (Parenting)- Preparation and representation	FR3C	FDR Preparation	\$179.00	4	\$716.00
	FR3C	Attendance at FDR to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	4	\$716.00
	FR3C	Nominal Disbursement	\$21.00	1	\$21.00
	Subtotal				\$1,453.00
FDR (Property/Financial) - First Conference	PDR1	FDR Preparation	\$179.00	8	\$1,432.00
	PDR1	FDR Conference Attendance	\$179.00	6	\$1,074.00
	PDR1	Nominal Disbursement	\$26.00	1	\$26.00
	Subtotal				\$2,532.00
FDR (Property/Financial) Initial Advice	PDR3	Advice and negotiations	\$179.00	4	\$716.00
	Subtotal				\$716.00
FDR (Property/Financial) - Second Conference	PDR2	FDR Preparation	\$179.00	4	\$716.00
	PDR2	FDR Conference Attendance	\$179.00	4	\$716.00
	PDR2	Nominal Disbursement	\$21.00	1	\$21.00
	Subtotal				\$1,453.00
FDR (Property/Financial) - Strength to Strength	FSSP	Preparation	\$179.00	4	\$716.00

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	FSSP	FDR attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	4	\$716.00
	FSSP	Nominal Disbursement	\$21.00	1	\$21.00
	Subtotal				\$1,453.00
FDR (Property Valuation)	PDR4	Property Valuation Disbursement	\$1,000.00	1	\$1,000.00
	Subtotal				\$1,000.00
FDR Chairperson	FRCH	Chairperson fees	\$342.00	1	\$342.00
	Subtotal				\$342.00
FDR - Child Consultant fees	FRW	Child consultant fees	\$636.00	1	\$636.00
	Subtotal				\$636.00
FDR - Late Intervention	FR4	Preparation	\$179.00	4	\$716.00
	FR4	FDR attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	4	\$716.00
	FR4	Nominal Disbursement	\$21.00	1	\$21.00
	Subtotal				\$1,453.00
FVRO - Advice and negotiations	FR05	Preparation	\$179.00	5	\$895.00
	FR05	Nominal Disbursement	\$21.00	1	\$21.00
	Subtotal				\$916.00
FVRO - District Court Appeal	FR04	Preparation	\$179.00	6	\$1,074.00
	FR04	Court attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	2	\$358.00
	FR04	Nominal Disbursement	\$26.00	1	\$26.00
	Subtotal				\$1,458.00
FVRO - Final Order Hearing	FR06	Preparation	\$179.00	3	\$537.00
	FR06	Court attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	4	\$716.00

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	FR06	Nominal Disbursement	\$26.00	1	\$26.00
		Subtotal			\$1,279.00
FVRO - Initial Interim Order Application	FR01	Preparation	\$179.00	5	\$895.00
	FR01	Nominal Disbursement	\$21.00	1	\$21.00
	FR01	Process Server Fees	\$113.00	1	\$113.00
		Subtotal			\$1,029.00
FVRO - Shuttle Conference	FR11	Preparation and attendance	\$179.00	3	\$537.00
		Subtotal		3	\$537.00
FVRO - Variation Application	FR03	Preparation	\$179.00	3	\$537.00
	FR03	Nominal Disbursement	\$21.00	1	\$21.00
		Subtotal			\$558.00
Hague Convention - Application to Central Authority	FM02	Preparation	\$179.00	4	\$716.00
	FM02	Nominal Disbursement	\$26.00	1	\$26.00
		Subtotal			\$742.00
Protection and Care - Advice and initial representation	FP01	Preparation	\$179.00	7	\$1,253.00
	FP01	Court attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	3	\$537.00
	FP01	Nominal Disbursement	\$21.00	1	\$21.00
		Subtotal			\$1,811.00
Protection and Care - Advice and negotiations only	FP13	Preparation	\$179.00	3	\$537.00
	FP13	Court Attendance	\$179.00	1	\$179.00
	FP13	Nominal Disbursement	\$31.00	1	\$31.00
		Subtotal			\$747.00

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Protection and Care - Appeal	FP05	Preparation	\$179.00	7	\$1,253.00
	FP05	Court attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	3	\$537.00
	FP05	Nominal Disbursement	\$26.00	1	\$26.00
	Subtotal				\$1,816.00
Protection and Care - Case Management List	FPC1	Preparation	\$179.00	5	\$895.00
	FPC1	Court attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	2	\$358.00
	FPC1	Nominal Disbursement	\$31.00	1	\$31.00
	Subtotal				\$1,284.00
Protection and Care - Further mediation conference	FPM2	Preparation	\$179.00	1	\$179.00
	FPM2	Mediation attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	3	\$537.00
	FPM2	Nominal Disbursement	\$21.00	1	\$21.00
	Subtotal				\$737.00
Protection and Care - Further Pre-Hearing conference	FP14	Preparation	\$179.00	1	\$179.00
	FP14	Court attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	3	\$537.00
	Subtotal				\$716.00
Protection and Care - Informal Signs of Safety Meeting	FPP5	Preparation and attendance	\$179.00	3	\$537.00
	FPP5	Nominal Disbursement	\$21.00	1	\$21.00
	Subtotal				\$558.00
Protection and Care - Mediation conference	FPM1	Preparation	\$179.00	2	\$358.00
	FPM1	Mediation attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	3	\$537.00
	FPM1	Nominal Disbursement	\$21.00	1	\$21.00

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Protection and Care - Pre-Birth Meeting	FPP1	Preparation	\$179.00	4	\$716.00
	FPP1	Nominal Disbursement	\$21.00	1	\$21.00
	Subtotal				\$737.00
Protection and Care - Pre-Hearing Conference	FP02	Preparation	\$179.00	7	\$1,253.00
	FP02	Court attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	3	\$537.00
	FP02	Nominal Disbursement	\$31.00	1	\$31.00
	Subtotal				\$1,821.00
Protection and Care - Pre-Hearing conference to eve of trial	FP03	Preparation	\$179.00	10	\$1,790.00
	FP03	Nominal Disbursement	\$31.00	1	\$31.00
	Subtotal				\$1,821.00
Protection and Care - Second Signs of Safety Meeting	FPP2	Preparation	\$179.00	4	\$716.00
	FPP2	Nominal Disbursement	\$21.00	1	\$21.00
	Subtotal				\$737.00
Protection and Care - Therapeutic Listing	FPT1	Preparation	\$179.00	5	\$895.00
	FPT1	Court attendance to be claimed pro-rata	\$179.00	3	\$537.00
	Subtotal				\$1,432.00

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WORK ITEMS - quantities and totals are set by the assessor

Work Item Description	Work item ID	Unit Price
Family Court - Further Attendance (Hourly Rate)	WP-00356	\$179.00
Family Court - ICL Further Attendance (Hourly	WP-01172	\$179.00
Family Court Appeal (Full Court) - Additional Days	WP-00345	\$1,256.00
Family Court Appeal (Full Court) - Counsel (Daily Rate)	WP-00348	\$1,575.00
Family Court Appeal (Full Court) - ICL (Daily Rate)	WP-00378	\$1,256.00
Family Court Trial - (Daily Rate)	WP-00606	\$1,256.00

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Family Court Trial - Counsel (Daily Rate)	WP-00346	\$1,575.00
Family Court Trial - ICL (Daily Rate)	WP-00374	\$1,256.00
Family Court Trial - ICL Counsel (Daily Rate)	WP-00347	\$1,575.00
Family Court Trial - XEM (Daily Rate)	WP-00377	\$1,256.00
Children's Court - Case Management Listing	WP-00360	\$179.00
Children's Court - Further Attendance	WP-00366	\$179.00
Children's Court - Further Attendance (Hourly Rate)	WP-00358	\$179.00
Children's Court - Mediation Conference	WP-00362	\$179.00
Children's Court - Mediation Conference	WP-00363	\$179.00
Children's Court - Sep Rep Further Attendance (Hourly rate)	WP-01177	\$179.00
Children's Court - Therapeutic Listing	WP-00368	\$179.00
Children's Court Trial - Sep Rep (Daily Rate)	WP-00365	\$1,256.00
Children's Court Trial (P&C) - (Daily Rate)	WP-00357	\$1,256.00
Travel Time	WP-00352	\$94.00
Mileage	WP-00353	\$0.91

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