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SENIOR COURTS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

COUNTY COURT, ENGLAND AND WALES

FAMILY PROCEEDINGS, ENGLAND AND WALES

**The Civil Proceedings and Family Proceedings Fees
(Amendment) Order 2015**

Made - - - - - *5th March 2015*

Coming into force in accordance with article 1

The Lord Chancellor, with the consent of the Treasury, makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 92(1) and (2) of the Courts Act 2003(a) and section 180(1) of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014(b).

The Lord Chancellor has had regard to the matters referred to in section 180(3) of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

The Lord Chancellor has consulted in accordance with section 92(5) and (6) of the Courts Act 2003.

A draft of this Order was laid before Parliament and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament in accordance with section 180(7) of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Civil Proceedings and Family Proceedings Fees (Amendment) Order 2015 and comes into force on 1st March 2015 or, if later, the next Monday after the day on which the Order is made.

Amendments to the Civil Proceedings Fees Order 2008

2.—(1) The Civil Proceedings Fees Order 2008(c) is amended as follows.

(2) In article 5 (remissions and part remissions), for paragraph (2)(a), substitute—

(a) 2003 c. 39. Section 92 has been amended by sections 15(1), 59(5), Schedule 4 Part 1 paragraphs 308 and 345 and Schedule 11 Part 2 paragraph 4 of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4) and by section 17(5) and (6), Schedule 9 Part 2 paragraph 40(a) and Schedule 10 Part 2 paragraphs 83 and 95 of the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c. 22).

(b) 2014 c.12

(c) S.I. 2008/1053. Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2013/2302 and S.I. 2014/874.

“(a) fee 1.2 if the fee relates to proceedings to recover a sum of money in cases brought by Money Claim OnLine users; or”

(3) In Schedule 1 (fees to be taken), for the column headers and for the text (in both columns) from “1. Starting proceedings (High Court and County Court)” to the end of the entry headed “Fees 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3”, substitute—

<i>“Column 1 Number and description of fee</i>	<i>Column 2 Amount of fee (or manner of calculation)</i>
1 Starting proceedings (High Court and County Court)	
1.1 On starting proceedings (including proceedings issued after permission to issue is granted but excluding CCBC cases brought by Centre users or cases brought by Money Claim OnLine users) to recover a sum of money where the sum claimed:	
(a) does not exceed £300;	£35
(b) exceeds £300 but does not exceed £500;	£50
(c) exceeds £500 but does not exceed £1,000;	£70
(d) exceeds £1,000 but does not exceed £1,500;	£80
(e) exceeds £1,500 but does not exceed £3,000;	£115
(f) exceeds £3,000 but does not exceed £5,000;	£205
(g) exceeds £5,000 but does not exceed £10,000;	£455
(h) exceeds £10,000 but does not exceed £200,000;	5% of the value of the claim
(i) exceeds £200,000 or is not limited.	£10,000
1.2 On starting proceedings in CCBC cases brought by Centre users or cases brought by Money Claim OnLine users, to recover a sum of money where the sum claimed:	
(a) does not exceed £300;	£25
(b) exceeds £300 but does not exceed £500;	£35
(c) exceeds £500 but does not exceed £1,000;	£60
(d) exceeds £1,000 but does not exceed £1,500;	£70
(e) exceeds £1,500 but does not exceed £3,000;	£105
(f) exceeds £3,000 but does not exceed £5,000;	£185
(g) exceeds £5,000 but does not exceed £10,000;	£410
(h) exceeds £10,000 but does not exceed £100,000.	4.5% of the value of the claim
Fee 1.1	
Where the claimant does not identify the value of the claim when starting proceedings to recover a sum of money, the fee payable is the one applicable to a claim where the sum is not limited.	
Fees 1.1 and 1.2.	
Where the claimant is making a claim for interest on a specified sum of money, the amount on which the fee is calculated is the total amount of the claim and the interest.”	

(4) In Schedule 1 (fees to be taken), for the entry in column 2 (amount of fee) corresponding to fee 2.1(a) (case on the multi track) substitute “£1090”.

(5) In Schedule 1 (fees to be taken) for the entry in column 2 (amount of fee) corresponding to fee 2.1(b) (case on the fast track) substitute “£545”.

Amendment to the Family Proceedings Fees Order 2008

3.—(1) The Family Proceedings Fees Order 2008(a) is amended as follows.

(a) S.I. 2008/1054. Schedule 1 was substituted by S.I. 2014/877.

(2) In Schedule 1 (fees to be taken) for the entry in column 2 (amount of fee) corresponding to fee 1.2 (application for divorce etc), substitute “£410”.

Signed by the authority of the Lord Chancellor

5th March 2015

Shailesh Vara
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Ministry of Justice

5th March 2015

David Evennett
Gavin Barwell
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Treasury

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Civil Proceedings Fees Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1053) and the Family Proceedings Fees Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1054).

Article 2(3) increases the fee (Fee 1.1) for starting proceedings to recover money where the sum exceeds £10,000 and alters the basis on which that fee is calculated. The fee is 5% of the amount claimed. Article 2(3) also merges two existing fees (Fees 1.2 and 1.3) which apply to starting proceedings by users of the County Court Business Centre and Money Claims Online. In those cases, the fee for starting proceedings where the sum exceeds £10,000 is 4.5% of the amount claimed.

Article 2(2) makes a minor amendment to the provision identifying exceptions from the provisions for remission to reflect the altered number of the fee for starting proceedings electronically by the Money Claims OnLine facility.

Articles 2(4) and (5) and 3 prescribe afresh, without altering the amount, three fees set before the enactment of section 180 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (c. 12). Those three fees currently recover more than the costs of providing the service.

A full impact assessment accompanies this instrument.

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