

# Designs Regulations Costs changes

## Part 1 Costs

Item	Matter	Existing amount	Proposed amount
1	Preparing a notice of opposition	\$180	<b>\$200</b>
2	Receiving and perusing notice of opposition	\$90	<b>\$130</b>
3	Preparation of cases for hearing	\$360	<b>\$525</b>
4	Attendance at hearing by registered patent attorney, <b>registered trade marks attorney</b> or solicitor without counsel	\$180 an hour, but not more than \$810 a day	<b>\$260</b> an hour, but not more than <b>\$1,170</b> a day
5	Attendance at hearing by registered patent attorney, <b>registered trade marks attorney</b> or solicitor instructing counsel	\$145 an hour, but not more than \$650 a day	<b>\$200</b> an hour, but not more than <b>\$900</b> a day
6	Counsel fees for attendance at a hearing	\$240 an hour, but not more than \$1,080 a day	<b>\$300</b> an hour, but not more than <b>\$1,350</b> a day

## Part 2 Expenses and allowances

### Division 1 Expenses

- 1 A person who has paid a fee prescribed in these Regulations in relation to proceedings before the Registrar may be paid the amount of the fee.

*Note* If the person wishes to be paid, the person must apply for an award of costs in respect of the proceedings: see regulation 10.02.

- 2 A person attending proceedings before the Registrar must be paid:
- (a) a reasonable amount for allowances for transport between the person's usual place of residence and the place where he or she attends the proceedings; and
  - (b) if the person is required to be absent overnight from his or her usual place of residence — a reasonable amount for allowances up to a daily maximum of ~~\$405~~ **\$700** for meals and accommodation.

### Division 2 Allowances

- 3 A person who, because of his or her professional, scientific or other special skill or knowledge, is summoned to appear as a witness before the Registrar must be paid:
- (a) if the person is remunerated in his or her occupation by wages, salary or fees — an amount equal to the amount of wages, salary or fees not paid to the person because of his or her attendance as a witness; or
  - (b) in any other case — an amount of not less than ~~\$95~~ **\$140**, or more than ~~\$475~~ **\$700**, for each day when he or she so attends.

- 4 A person summoned to appear as a witness, other than a witness referred to in clause 3, before the Registrar must be paid:
- (a) if the person is remunerated in his or her occupation by wages, salary or fees — an amount equal to the amount of wages, salary or fees not paid to the person because of his or her attendance as a witness; or
  - (b) in any other case — an amount of not less than ~~\$54~~ **\$80**, or more than ~~\$89~~ **\$130**, for each day when he or she so attends.