

LEGAL COSTS AS OF 1st January 2025

MAGISTRATES COURT – STANDARD CIVIL FEE CATEGORY

COMPLAINT ISSUE

	Total Costs	Court Fee (GST Exempt)	Service Fee	Solicitor Fees (incl. Certificates)
Debt				
Up to \$499	\$645.60	\$166.60	\$89.00	\$390.00
\$500 - \$999	\$1,034.60	\$166.60	\$89.00	\$779.00
\$1,000 - \$4,999	\$1,215.80	\$347.80	\$89.00	\$779.00
\$5,000 - \$7,499	\$1,379.80	\$347.80	\$89.00	\$943.00
\$7,500 - \$9,999	\$1,572.80	\$347.80	\$89.00	\$1,136.00
\$10,000 - \$19,999	\$1,754.10	\$529.10	\$89.00	\$1,136.00
\$20,000 - \$39,999	\$2,031.10	\$529.10	\$89.00	\$1,413.00
\$40,000 - \$69,999	\$2,568.60	\$793.60	\$89.00	\$1,686.00
\$70,000 - \$100,000	\$2,905.60	\$793.60	\$89.00	\$2,023.00

NB: Where a debtor is a Company the service fee is \$15.00.

Where the debtor is an individual, attempted service fee charges of \$61.00 for each attempt may apply together with \$0.84 per Kilometer in travel fees.

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Where the debtor is in regional Victoria or interstate, an additional country or interstate handling and/or service fee may apply, depending upon the whereabouts of the defendant.

In relation to debts up to \$10,000.00, Solicitor's costs are deferred until a result or any payment is obtained. If there is no result, Solicitor's costs on the complaint are not charged. Solicitor's costs of only \$250 will be charged if the matter is defended. The remaining balance of these costs is only charged to you if they are recovered from the debtor.

Request for order	Total Costs	Court Fee (GST Exempt)	Solicitor Fees
Debt Up to \$100,000	\$105.00	\$49.00	\$56.00
Business Search - if account goes legal			\$ 50.00 (\$20.00 recoverable)
Company Search - if account goes legal			\$ 26.10 (recoverable)
Field Calls in Victoria			\$140.00
Field Calls – Interstate			\$180.00
Skip Trace – if successful			\$340.00
- if unsuccessful			\$215.00
Mercantile Enquiry Listing			\$120.00

WARRANT	Total Costs	Court fee	Solicitors Costs (GST Exempt)	Sheriff's Fee
Up to \$499	\$312.50	\$19.60	\$69.00	\$223.90
\$500 - \$4999	\$386.50	\$19.60	\$143.00	\$223.90
\$5000 - \$7499	\$412.50	\$19.60	\$169.00	\$223.90
\$7500 - \$19,999	\$456.50	\$19.60	\$213.00	\$223.90
\$20,000 - \$39,999	\$510.50	\$19.60	\$267.00	\$223.90
\$40,000 - \$69,999	\$562.50	\$19.60	\$319.00	\$223.90
\$70,000 - \$100,000	\$618.50	\$19.60	\$375.00	\$223.90

ORAL EXAMINATION

	TOTAL COSTS	COURT & HEARING FEE (GST Exempt)	SERVICE FEE	SOLICITORS FEE
Debt				
Up to \$499	\$275.30	\$114.30	\$89.00	\$72.00
\$500 - \$4,999	\$374.30	\$114.30	\$89.00	\$171.00
\$5000 - \$7499	\$410.30	\$114.30	\$89.00	\$207.00
\$7500 - \$19,999	\$431.30	\$114.30	\$89.00	\$228.00
\$20,000 - \$39,999	\$492.30	\$114.30	\$89.00	\$289.00
\$40,000 - \$69,999	\$554.30	\$114.30	\$89.00	\$351.00
\$70,000 - \$100,000	\$611.30	\$114.30	\$89.00	\$408.00

Attempted service fees and mileage will be charged in accordance with the Magistrates' Court scale. Additional service fees will apply where service is effected in Country Victoria and where the debtor is outside Victoria.

A fee for conduct money will also apply depending on the location of the Defendant.

Who pays the Standard Civil Fee Rate?

People and businesses who pay the standard rate include:

- individuals
- sole trader businesses
- businesses set up as a partnership
- businesses with a turnover of less than \$200,000 in the last financial year NB If a company believes that they are a standard fee payer and they are filing by email, they need to complete the 'MCV Fee Payer Statement' with their fee document to state their turnover is less than \$200,000.
- not-for-profit organisations
- the executor or administrator of a deceased estate

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MAGISTRATES COURT – CORPORATE CIVIL FEE CATEGORY

COMPLAINT ISSUE

	Total Costs	Court Fee (GST Exempt)	Service Fee	Solicitor Fees (incl. Certificates)
Debt				
Up to \$499	\$812.10	\$333.10	\$89.00	\$390.00
\$500 - \$999	\$1,201.10	\$333.10	\$89.00	\$779.00
\$1,000 - \$4,999	\$1,563.70	\$695.70	\$89.00	\$779.00
\$5,000 - \$7,499	\$1,727.70	\$695.70	\$89.00	\$943.00
\$7,500 - \$9,999	\$1,920.70	\$695.70	\$89.00	\$1,136.00
\$10,000 - \$19,999	\$2,283.20	\$1,058.20	\$89.00	\$1,136.00
\$20,000 - \$39,999	\$2,560.20	\$1,058.20	\$89.00	\$1,413.00
\$40,000 - \$69,999	\$3,362.30	\$1,587.30	\$89.00	\$1,686.00
\$70,000 - \$100,000	\$3,699.30	\$1,587.30	\$89.00	\$2,023.00

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Business Search - if account goes legal			\$ 50.00 (\$20.00 recoverable)
Company Search - if account goes legal			\$ 26.10 (recoverable)
Field Calls in Victoria			\$140.00
Field Calls – Interstate			\$180.00
Skip Trace – if successful			\$340.00
- if unsuccessful			\$215.00
Mercantile Enquiry Listing			\$120.00

WARRANT	Total Costs	Court fee	Solicitors Costs (GST Exempt)	Sheriff's Fee
Up to \$499	\$332.10	\$39.20	\$69.00	\$223.90
\$500 - \$4999	\$406.10	\$39.20	\$143.00	\$223.90
\$5000 - \$7499	\$432.10	\$39.20	\$169.00	\$223.90
\$7500 - \$19,999	\$476.10	\$39.20	\$213.00	\$223.90
\$20,000 - \$39,999	\$530.10	\$39.20	\$267.00	\$223.90
\$40,000 - \$69,999	\$582.10	\$39.20	\$319.00	\$223.90
\$70,000 - \$100,000	\$638.10	\$39.20	\$375.00	\$223.90

ORAL EXAMINATION

	TOTAL COSTS	COURT & HEARING FEE (GST Exempt)	SERVICE FEE	SOLICITORS FEE
Debt				
Up to \$499	\$389.60	\$228.60	\$89.00	\$72.00
\$500 - \$4,999	\$488.60	\$228.60	\$89.00	\$171.00
\$5000 - \$7499	\$524.60	\$228.60	\$89.00	\$207.00
\$7500 - \$19,999	\$545.60	\$228.60	\$89.00	\$228.00
\$20,000 - \$39,999	\$606.60	\$228.60	\$89.00	\$289.00
\$40,000 - \$69,999	\$668.60	\$228.60	\$89.00	\$351.00
\$70,000 - \$100,000	\$725.60	\$228.60	\$89.00	\$408.00

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Who pays the Corporate Civil Fee Rate?

Businesses with a turnover of more than \$200,000 in the last full financial year pay the corporate fee rate.

For example, if a fee document is filed in April 2024, use the turnover from the 2022/2023 financial year.

Schools and government organisations are part of this fee category.