

Guideline Hourly Rates (GHR)

Guideline Hourly Rates are to be calculated by reference to both a provider's experience and to the forum category

NB: All rates are GST inclusive

Proceedings Category	Level of Experience			
	Other (\$/hr)	Level 1 (\$/hr)	Level 2 (\$/hr)	Level 3 (\$/hr)
FC1 (other tribunal / judicial authority)		105	132	143
FC2 (Family Court, District Court, ...)		121	138	154
FC3 (High Court)		138	154	171
FC4 (Court of Appeal / Supreme Court)		149	165	182
Travel Time		55	66	77
Employment advocates	(Rate A)	94		
Qualified legal executives	(Rate A)	94		
Non qualified legal executives / para-legals	(Rate B)	83		
Law clerks	(Rate B)	83		

For example a level 2 Provider's Guideline Hourly Rate is \$138 (incl. GST) in a FC2 matter

FORUM CATEGORIES

Forum Category 1

Any tribunal or judicial authority not included in any other category.

Forum Category 2

Family Court, District Court (including any mental health hearing before a District Court Judge), Environment Court, Employment Court, Maori Land Court.

Forum Category 3

High Court, Maori Appellate Court, Waitangi Tribunal.

Forum Category 4

Court of Appeal and Supreme Court.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Interpreter

For Family cases requiring an interpreter an increased loading of up to 30% on the standard rates for preparation may be claimed. For example, the standard preparation rate of 5 hours @ GHR for Step 1 of Custody and Access would be increased to 6.5 hours @ GHR.

Form 9: Application for Amendment to Grant

A Form 9 application must be approved IN ADVANCE by the Agency.

PROVIDER EXPERIENCE

Level 1

A person with up to four complete years litigation experience.

Level 2

A person with at least four and up to nine complete years litigation experience.

Level 3

A person with at least nine complete years litigation experience.