



# The Rules Committee

## Te Komiti mō ngā Tikanga Kooti

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## Updating daily recovery rates for costs

### Consultation with the Legal Profession

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Date of Issue:	Wednesday, 2 July 2025
Deadline for Submissions:	5.00pm, Friday 5 September 2025
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1. The Rules Committee | te Komiti mō ngā Tikanga Kooti has agreed in principle to increase daily recovery rates for costs of represented parties in the High Court and District Court Rules.
2. The Committee proposes to increase daily recovery rates by around 37.8%, in line with the increase in the Producer Price Index<sup>1</sup> (PPI) for legal services since the last time the Committee updated rates in 2018. That is the method by which increases have previously been determined, including in the most recent update in 2018.
3. **Attached** as an appendix to this memorandum is an updated table that records the increasing PPI for legal services per quarter up until Q4 2024.<sup>2</sup> The data in the table reveals an increase of 37.8% in the PPI for legal services from 2017 Q3 (representing the data available to the Committee when it last increased rates in 2018) to 2024 Q4.

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<sup>1</sup> The Producer Price Index (PPI) is a metric created by Stats NZ. The PPI reflects average change in selling prices received by domestic producers for their goods and services. It reflects the price changes from the perspective of the producer, not the consumer.

<sup>2</sup> Located on the Statistics New Zealand website: [Browse- Infoshare- Statistics New Zealand](#).

4. Increasing daily recovery rates by approximately 37.8% rounded to close whole numbers would result in the following changes in the High Court:
  - a. The rate for Category 1 proceedings would increase from \$1,590 to \$2,200.
  - b. The rate for Category 2 proceedings would increase from \$2,390 to \$3,300.
  - c. The rate for Category 3 proceedings would increase from \$3,530 to \$4,850.
5. Increasing daily recovery rates by approximately 37.8% rounded to close whole numbers would result in the following changes in the District Court:
  - a. The rate for Category 1 proceedings would increase from \$1,270 to \$1,750.
  - b. The rate for Category 2 proceedings would increase from \$1,910 to \$2,650.
  - c. The rate for Category 3 proceedings would increase from \$2,820 to \$3,900.
6. The Committee is not proposing to increase costs for self-represented litigants.
7. The Committee invites submissions from the profession on the proposed increases. To be considered, submissions must be sent to the clerk to the Rules Committee **by 5.00pm Friday 5 September 2025.**

Georgia Barclay,  
Clerk to the Rules Committee

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	<b>Legal services</b>
2009Q4	1000
2010Q1	1004
2010Q2	1003
2010Q3	1010
2010Q4	1007
2011Q1	1014
2011Q2	1025
2011Q3	1035
2011Q4	1040
2012Q1	1064
2012Q2	1066
2012Q3	1076
2012Q4	1086
2013Q1	1110
2013Q2	1117
2013Q3	1119
2013Q4	1126
2014Q1	1134
2014Q2	1156
2014Q3	1160
2014Q4	1166
2015Q1	1174
2015Q2	1181
2015Q3	1190
2015Q4	1194
2016Q1	1197
2016Q2	1203
2016Q3	1203
2016Q4	1215
2017Q1	1246
2017Q2	1263
2017Q3	1259
2017Q4	1265
2018Q1	1275
2018Q2	1286
2018Q3	1291
2018Q4	1318
2019Q1	1375
2019Q2	1380

2019Q3	1391
2019Q4	1402
2020Q1	1440
2020Q2	1451
2020Q3	1440
2020Q4	1446
2021Q1	1484
2021Q2	1494
2021Q3	1507
2021Q4	1513
2022Q1	1559
2022Q2	1585
2022Q3	1592
2022Q4	1622
2023Q1	1658
2023Q2	1676
2023Q3	1682
2023Q4	1684
2024Q1	1683
2024Q2	1693
2024Q3	1722
2024Q4	1735

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