



FEDERAL MAGISTRATES SERVICE

15 July 2000.

FEDERAL MAGISTRATES SERVICE NEW FEE REGULATIONS.

The Federal Magistrates Service today announced the reduction of fees for filing applications in relation to family law matters.

The new regulations will abolish Federal Magistrates Service fees for family law matters that do not attract a fee in the Family Court.

Federal Magistrates Service Chief Federal Magistrate, Diana Bryant, said maintenance and child support cases continue to be free of charge within the Federal Magistrates Service.

"The new fee regulations will increase the accessibility of the Federal Magistrates Service for all Australians. The only fees payable family law matters are for parenting orders or applications seeking final property orders, as is the case in the Family Court", Chief Federal Magistrate Bryant said.

The Federal Magistrates Service was established by the Federal Government to provide affordable, quick and simple justice in family law, bankruptcy, administrative law, discrimination and consumer protection matters.

The Federal Magistrates Service operates in all capital cities throughout Australia as well as from some regional cities. Video and audio conferencing will enable participation by parties or witnesses in remote localities or in different states.

Plans being made for federal magistrates to conduct circuits to regional areas to provide greater access to the court system.

Attached: Federal Magistrates Fees as at 15th September, 2000.



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From 15 September 2000

Application - Dissolution	
Dissolution - unopposed	\$250
Response - opposing dissolution - setting down	\$300
Response - objecting to jurisdiction - setting down	\$300
Application for Final Orders	
Property and/or Parenting only	\$100
Response - Final Orders	\$100
Setting Down Fee	
Final Orders Property and/or Children only	\$300

Note: Other than above, no fees are payable.