



District Court Amendment Rules 2026

Cindy Kiro, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 23rd day of February 2026

Present:

Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

These rules are made under section 228 of the District Court Act 2016—

- (a) on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council; and
- (b) with the concurrence of the Chief District Court Judge and at least 2 other members of the Rules Committee continued under section 155 of the Senior Courts Act 2016 (of whom at least 1 was a District Court Judge).

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Rules

1 Title

These rules are the District Court Amendment Rules 2026.

2 Commencement

These rules come into force on 1 May 2026.

3 Principal rules

These rules amend the District Court Rules 2014.

4 Schedule 5 amended

- (1) In Schedule 5, Part 1, item 1, replace “1,270” with “1,750”.
- (2) In Schedule 5, Part 1, item 2, replace “1,910” with “2,650”.
- (3) In Schedule 5, Part 1, item 3, replace “2,820” with “3,900”.

Rachel Hayward,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the rules but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These rules, which come into force on 1 May 2026, amend Schedule 5 of the District Court Rules 2014 to increase the appropriate daily recovery rates for costs of represented parties in the District Court.

The daily recovery rates are increased by approximately 37.8% to reflect the increase in the Producers Price Index for legal services since 2019, when the rates were last updated.

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These rules are administered by the Ministry of Justice.