

Arbitration Cost Caps

Effective 1 January 2018

For all professional costs including solicitors' costs and fees to counsel where the amount awarded:

	Amount Awarded	Professional Costs
A	Is \$500 or more but does not exceed \$3000	Not more than \$1544 for the first 2 hours of arbitration
B	Exceeds \$3000 but is less than \$5000	Not more than \$1665 for the first 2 hours of arbitration
C	Is \$5000 or more but less than \$10,000	Not more than \$1785 for the first 2 hours of arbitration

If a party is awarded costs only and the amount claimed in the complaint:

	Amount Awarded	Professional Costs
D	Is \$500 or more but does not exceed \$3000	Not more than \$1544 for the first 2 hours of arbitration
E	Exceeds \$3000 but is less than \$5000	Not more than \$1665 for the first 2 hours of arbitration
F	Is \$5000 or more but less than \$10,000	Not more than \$1785 for the first 2 hours of arbitration

If an arbitration exceeds 2 hours, the Court may award in respect of each further 2 hours of arbitration or part thereof an amount not exceeding 50% of the amount for the first 2 hours of arbitration.

If a complaint has been the subject of a pre-hearing conference under section 107 or mediation under section 108 of the **Magistrates' Court Act 1989**, the following additional amounts are payable:

- i) \$292 if paragraph (a) or (d) applies
- ii) \$361 if paragraph (b) or (e) applies
- iii) \$434 if paragraph (c) or (f) applies

Disbursements:

In addition to the above, amounts properly paid or payable out of pocket and the expenses of witnesses and interpreters are to be allowed.