Magistrates' Court (Miscellaneous Civil Proceedings) Rules 2020

## **Arbitration Cost Caps**

**Effective 1 January 2023** 

## **APPENDIX AA**

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

	Amount Awarded	Professional costs If duration of arbitration does not exceed 2 hours	Professional costs If duration of arbitration exceeds 2 hours
1	Is \$500 or more but does not exceed \$3,000	\$1,826	\$2,740
2	Exceeds \$3,000 but is less than \$5,000	\$1,969	\$2,954
3	Is \$5,000 or more but is less than \$10,000	\$2,110	\$3,166

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

	Amount Awarded	Professional costs If duration of arbitration does not exceed 2 hours	Professional costs If duration of arbitration exceeds 2 hours
4	Is \$500 or more but does not exceed \$3,000	\$1,826	\$2,740
5	Exceeds \$3,000 but is less than \$5,000	\$1,969	\$2,954
6	Is \$5,000 or more but is less than \$10,000	\$2,110	\$3,166

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 may be awarded:

- a) \$345 if paragraph (1) or (4) applies
- b) \$428 if paragraph (2) or (5) applies
- c) \$515 if paragraph (3) or (6) 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.