



HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

NOTICE TO PRACTITIONERS AND LITIGANTS

The **High Court of Australia (Fees) Regulations 2004** have been amended by the **High Court of Australia (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 1)** Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 110
New Regulations commence on 1 July 2005

In proceedings commenced on or after 1 July 2005 where a party succeeds in an application for waiver of a fee on the basis of financial hardship (Regulation 10) the Registrar may waive payment of **two-thirds** of the amount of the fee but **not the whole** of the fee. This means that the applicant will need to pay **one-third** of the filing fee and **one-third** of any hearing fees at the time of lodging the application for waiver on the basis of financial hardship.

This amendment **does not** apply to a party exempt from payment of fees under Regulation 9 (ie. the holder of a concession card; an inmate of a prison; a child; a person in receipt of youth allowance, austudy payment or ABSTUDY benefits).

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