

Schedule of Fees



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*Please refer to the Guidance Note made in respect of this
Schedule of Fees for further information on how fees are
collected by the DIFC Courts*

*Please note that all DIFC Courts fees are exempt from
Value Added Tax (VAT).*

Fees arising out of Court claims

Article I: Small Claims Tribunal (SCT)

A. Employment claims

The fee for filing an employment claim shall be 2% of the value of the claim, with a minimum fee of USD 100.

B. All other claims

The fee for filing all other claims shall be 5% of the value of the claim, with a minimum fee of USD 100.

C. Counterclaim

For a claim made by way of counterclaim, the same fee shall be payable as if the relief or remedy sought were the subject of separate proceedings.

D. Applications

The fee for all applications shall be USD 50.

E. Appeals

1. The fee for filing an appeal to the Court of First Instance (CFI) following an employment claim in the SCT shall be 1% of the value of the claim with a minimum fee of USD 100.
2. The fee for filing an appeal to the CFI following any other claim, in the SCT shall be 2.5% of the value of the claim, with a minimum fee of USD 100.

F. Claims transferred from the SCT to the CFI

Where a claim is transferred from the SCT to the CFI, pursuant to Rule 53.41 of the Rules of the DIFC Courts ("RDC"), the SCT Court filing fee will stand and the Claimant will be liable to pay the difference of a Part 7 claim.

Article II: Court of First Instance (CFI)

A. Part 7 claims

Part 7 of the RDC where you are seeking a monetary relief:

Claim value	Fee
Up to and including USD 500,000	5% of the value of the claim and/or the property with a minimum of USD 5,000
USD 500,000 – USD 1 million	USD 25,000 + 1% over USD 500,000
USD 1 million – USD 5 million	USD 30,000 + 0.5% over USD 1 million
USD 5 million – USD 10 million	USD 50,000 + 0.4% over USD 5 million
USD 10 million – USD 50 million	USD 70,000 + 0.15% over USD 10 million
Over 50 million	USD 130,000

B. Counterclaim

The Court fee payable by the Defendant is based on the value of the counterclaim and is calculated as per the schedule above in relation to Part 7 claims.

C. Part 8 claims where no monetary relief is sought

The fee shall be USD 5,000.

D. Part 8 claims where monetary relief is sought

The fee shall be 2.5% of the value of the claim with a minimum fee of USD 5,000 and maximum of USD 130,000.

E. Claims transferred from the CFI to the SCT

Where a claim is transferred from the CFI to the SCT, pursuant to an Order, 50% of the SCT fee shall be payable. In the event that the Defendant does not respond to the SCT claim in any shape or form, no further fees shall be payable by the Claimant. In the event the Defendant responds to the SCT claim, the remaining 50% will be payable by the Claimant seven (7) days after the Defendant in the matter files any of the relevant documents online on the eRegistry portal.

F. Arbitration claims (ARB)

1. Arbitration claims filed pursuant to Articles 41, 42 and/or 43 of the DIFC Arbitration Law, DIFC Law No. 1 of 2008, as amended, seeking recognition, recognition and enforcement or set aside of an arbitral award, shall be on the following part 7 scale:

Claim value	Fee
Up to and including USD 500,000	5% of the value of the claim and/or the property with a minimum of USD 5,000
USD 500,000 – USD 1 million	USD 25,000 + 1% over USD 500,000
USD 1 million – USD 5 million	USD 30,000 + 0.5% over USD 1 million
USD 5 million – USD 10 million	USD 50,000 + 0.4% over USD 5 million
USD 10 million – USD 50 million	USD 70,000 + 0.15% over USD 10 million
Over 50 million	USD 130,000

2. Arbitration claims (as defined in Rule 43(2)(3) of the RDC other than those subject to Article (D)1 above) shall proceed as Part 8 and the fee applicable is USD 5,000.

G. Technology & Construction Division (TCD)

The fees applicable to claims filed under RDC Part 56 are subject to the following Part 7 scale:

Claim value	Fee
Up to and including USD 500,000	5% of the value of the claim and/or the property with a minimum of USD 5,000
USD 500,000 – USD 1 million	USD 25,000 + 1% over USD 500,000
USD 1 million – USD 5 million	USD 30,000 + 0.5% over USD 1 million
USD 5 million – USD 10 million	USD 50,000 + 0.4% over USD 5 million
USD 10 million – USD 50 million	USD 70,000 + 0.15% over USD 10 million
Over 50 million	USD 130,000

H. Digital Economy Court Division (DEC)

Fees applicable to claims filed under RDC Part 58 are subject to the following Part 7 scale:

Claim value	Fee
Up to and including USD 500,000	5% of the value of the claim and/or the property with a minimum of USD 5,000
USD 500,000 – USD 1 million	USD 25,000 + 1% over USD 500,000
USD 1 million – USD 5 million	USD 30,000 + 0.5% over USD 1 million
USD 5 million – USD 10 million	USD 50,000 + 0.4% over USD 5 million
USD 10 million – USD 50 million	USD 70,000 + 0.15% over USD 10 million
Over 50 million	USD 130,000

I. All other claims

The fee applicable to all other claims shall be USD 5,000, unless the Registrar directs otherwise.

J. Filing proceedings against a party or parties not named in originating proceedings

The fee shall be USD 500.

K. Applications

1. Ordinary applications

- i. Fee for applications without a hearing shall be USD 300.
- ii. Fee for applications likely to require an oral hearing of two (2) hours or less shall be USD 1,000.

2. Heavy applications

- i. Heavy applications are always dealt with at a hearing and the fee shall be USD 2,000.
- ii. Fee for applications likely to require an oral hearing lasting more than two (2) hours shall be USD 2,000.

3. Letter application

From time to time, and in the absence of a prescribed form under the RDC, the Registrar or a Practical Guidance Note may direct that a letter application be filed (along with supporting documents) by an applicant party and the same fee as set out in (K) above will apply whether it is filed as an ordinary application or a heavy application.

4. Interlocutory relief and urgent applications

- i. The fee for filing an urgent application pursuant to RDC Part 25, which has an underlying case in the DIFC Courts shall be USD 2,000.
- ii. The fee for filing an urgent application pursuant to RDC Part 25, which has an underlying case elsewhere (i.e not in the DIFC Courts) shall be USD 5,000.
- iii. The fee for filing an urgent application pursuant to RDC Part 25, which has no underlying case whether in the DIFC Courts or elsewhere shall be subject to either the Part 7 claim fee or Part 8 claim fee (depends on the applicant's preference for an underlying case) in addition to the urgent application notice fee in the amount of USD 2,000.

Article III: Court of Appeal (CA)

The fee for filing an Appellant's Notice or a Respondent's Notice shall be USD 5,000.

Applications

A. Ordinary applications

1. Fee for applications without a hearing shall be USD 300.
2. Fee for applications likely to require an oral hearing of two (2) hours or less shall be USD 1,000.

B. Heavy applications

Fee for applications likely to require an oral hearing lasting more than two hours shall be USD 2,000.

Article IV: Enforcement (ENF)

A. ENF in SCT proceedings

All enforcement applications must be commenced by way of filing a Part 45 ENF application under Part 45 of the RDC, which holds a fee of USD 100.

1. Enforcement of DIFC Courts Judgments or Orders in the DIFC

The fee for enforcing SCT Judgments or Orders under Part 48 of the RDC shall be USD 100.

2. Enforcement of DIFC Courts Orders outside of the DIFC

There is no additional fee for a letter as the fee is already covered upon filing a Part 45 ENF application.

3. ENF application filed under Part 50 of the RDC

- i. The fee shall be USD 300, which includes a free hearing before a Registrar.
- ii. There will be an extra charge of USD 500 per hearing thereafter, before a Judge.

4. All other enforcement applications

The fee for any other enforcement applications at the DIFC Courts shall be USD 300.

5. Applications

The fee for all applications filed in the ENF proceedings shall be USD 50.

B. General ENF

All enforcement applications must be commenced by way of filing a Part 45 ENF application under Part 45 of the RDC which holds a fee of USD 100.

1. Enforcement of DIFC Courts Judgments or Orders in the DIFC

The fee for enforcing DIFC Courts Judgments or Orders under Part 48 of the RDC shall be USD 300.

2. Enforcement of non-DIFC Courts Judgments or Orders in the DIFC

The fee for enforcing Judgments or Orders made outside of the DIFC Courts shall be 1% of the value of the judgment or order, with a minimum of USD 100 and capped at USD 20,000.

3. Enforcement of DIFC Courts Orders outside of the DIFC

The fee for a letter or information from the DIFC Courts to enforce outside of the DIFC shall be USD 100.

4. ENF application filed under Part 50 of the RDC

- i. The fee shall be USD 1,300, which includes a hearing before a Registrar.
- ii. There will be an extra charge of USD 1,000 per hearing thereafter, before a Judge.

5. All other enforcement applications

The fee for any other enforcement applications at the DIFC Courts shall be USD 300.

6. Applications

- i. The fee for applications without a hearing shall be USD 300.
 - ii. The fee for applications likely to require an oral hearing of two (2) hours or less shall be USD 1,000.
 - iii. The fee for applications likely to require an oral hearing lasting more than two hours be USD 2,000.
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Article V: Hearings

A. The following fees will be applicable in the event that the hearing fee is not already encompassed within another fee chargeable at the time of filing:

1. The fee for a hearing of up to one day shall be USD 1,000.
 2. The fee for a half-day hearing shall be USD 500.
 3. The fee for a directions hearing shall be USD 500, unless the Registrar directs otherwise.
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Article VI: Determination of costs

A. Notice of commencement of assessment

The fee for commencing detailed assessment proceedings, under Part 40.5 of the RDC, is 7.5% of the sum claimed in the bill of costs, capped at USD 130,000.

B. Default cost certificates

The fee for a default costs certificate, or certificate for an agreed amount, shall be USD 300.

Article VII: Objection to a Probate Order

The fee for the entry or the extension of an objection shall be subject to the application fee as below:

1. The fee for applications without a hearing shall be USD 300.
 2. The fee for applications likely to require an oral hearing of two (2) hours or less shall be USD 1,300.
 3. The fee for applications likely to require an oral hearing lasting more than two (2) hours shall be USD 2,000.
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Article VIII: Administrative fees

A. Transcripts of hearings

1. Fees applicable to the production of a transcript shall be subject to fees provided by the Registry upon request.
2. The Court shall charge an administrative fee of USD 300.

B. Photocopies

The fee for photocopies of documents shall be USD 2 for the first page and USD 1 for each subsequent page.

C. Amendment to the claim form

The fee shall be USD 100 to any amendments made to the claim form once it has been filed and sealed, and before it is served.

D. Late filing fees

1. A late filing fee of USD 200 may be charged for every day that a document(s) to be filed pursuant to a Rule, Direction or Order of the Court, is filed late. This includes filing documents after the deadline has passed, even if filed on the same day.
2. Unless the Registrar directs otherwise, documents which have not been filed on the eRegistry portal will not be considered “filed”.

E. Issuing of amended orders/sealed documents

Where an amended Order or court sealed document must be issued due to an error on the form resulting from an error or misrepresentation made by a party, a fee of USD 300 will be charged by the Registry to that party, for the issuing of a new Order.

F. Late identification of assets (probate)

A fee of USD 300 shall be chargeable for the late identification of assets. The fee will apply to the administrative costs (including the issuing of a further Probate Order and Deputation Letter) associated with the late identification of assets.

G. Administrative fee for incorrect filings

1. Where a party files a case under an incorrect originating process, and a transfer order is issued by the Court, an administrative transfer fee of USD 300 will be charged to the filing party.
2. This fee will be charged in addition to any uplift fee from transferring the claim from one court to another.

H. Letter relating to court proceedings

The fee shall be USD 100 for any request for a letter whether in English or Arabic.

I. Administration of non-DIFC Courts related affidavits

The fee shall be USD 100.

Article IX: Ancillary services

A. The DIFC Register of Legal Practitioners

Below are the fees applicable to the registration of legal practitioners.

Part I Registration	USD 2,700
Part I Renewal	USD 1,350
Part II Registration	USD 2,500
Part II Renewal	USD 1,450
Part I Certificate	USD 300
Part II Certificate	USD 150
A firm can add up to seven (7) lawyers under its Part I Registration at no extra cost. Any additional lawyer is charged this extra fee.	USD 100

B. The DIFC Courts Wills Service

1. The following fees are charged by the DIFC Courts Wills Service in relation to the registration of a DIFC Courts Will.

Type	Applicable service fee	
	Single Will	Mirror Wills*
Full Will (Form 1) Covers all moveable and immoveable assets	AED 10,000	AED 15,000
<i>Non-refundable booking fee**</i>	AED 1,000	AED 2,000
Guardianship Will (Form 2) Covers guardianship provision for minors below the age of 21	AED 5,000	AED 7,500
<i>Non-refundable booking fee</i>	AED 500	AED 750
Property Will (Form 3) Covers all shares in up to five (5) real estate properties within the UAE	AED 7,500	AED 10,000
<i>Non refundable booking fee</i>	AED 750	AED 1,000
Business Owners Will (Form 4) Covers all shares in up to five (5) different companies within the UAE	AED 5,000	AED 7,500
<i>Non-refundable booking fee</i>	AED 500	AED 750
Financial Assets Will (Form 5) Covers all shares in up to 10 different bank accounts within the UAE	AED 5,000	AED 7,500
<i>Non-refundable booking fee</i>	AED 500	AED 750

*Mirror Wills would apply to a married couple who wish to register their DIFC Courts Wills at the same time.

**Booking fee is deductible from service fee but non-refundable in the event a registered appointment is cancelled.

2. Other fees

Type	Description	Applicable fees	
		Service fee	Booking fee*
Will modification	Modification of any DIFC Courts Will	AED 550	AED 55
Inspection	On inspection of any Will or other document (in the presence of a Compliance Officer)	AED 375	AED 37.50
Withdrawal of Will	On the withdrawal of any Will or other document (in the presence of a Compliance Officer)	AED 0	AED 0
Search	On an application for a standing search to be carried out in an estate, for each period	AED 1,500	AED 150
Copy documents - on a request for a copy of any document, whether or not provided as a certified copy:	(a) for the first copy	AED 7	AED 0
	(b) for every subsequent copy of the same document if supplied at the same time	AED 3	AED 0
	(c) where copies of any document are made available on a computer disk or in other electronic form, for each such copy	AED 165 (including USB stick)	AED 0
	(d) where a search of the index is required, in addition to fee 19(a), 19(b) or 19(c) as appropriate, for each period of four (4) years searched after the first four (4) years	AED 240	AED 0

Type	Description	Applicable fees	
		Service fee	Booking fee*
Wills draftsman	All lawyers advising on the drafting and registration of DIFC Courts Wills must be registered with the DIFC Courts Wills Service	AED 1,000 Annual renewal fee: AED 500	AED 0

**Booking fee is deductible from service fee but non-refundable.*

C. Tejourri services

1. The initial registration fee with 1GB storage for 25 years shall be USD 150.
2. Any additional storage subscription fee with 5GB storage for five (5) years renewable shall be USD 100.
3. Any request for search and retrieve shall be USD 10.