

Legal Profession National Rules
under the
Legal Profession National Law
December 2010

Part 4.3 Legal costs

Division 1 Preliminary

4.3.1 Authorising provision

The rules in this Part are made under Part 4.3 of the National Law.

Division 2 Disclosure

4.3.2 Exception for disclosure obligations

For the purposes of section 4.3.6 (6) of the National Law, the specified amount is \$750 (excluding GST and disbursements).

Division 3 Vacant

Division 4 Bills for costs

- (1) For the purposes of section 4.3.20 of the National Law, a bill for costs given by a law practice to a client must be given:
 - (a) by personal delivery to the client or an agent of the client; or
 - (b) by sending it by post to the client or an agent of the client:
 - (i) at the usual or last known business or residential address of the client or an agent of the client; or
 - (ii) at the address nominated to the law practice for that purpose by the client or an agent of the client; or
 - (c) by delivery to a person:
 - (i) at the usual or last known business or residential address of the client or an agent of the client; or
 - (ii) at the address nominated to the law practice for that purpose by the client or an agent of the client;
- being a person who appears to be at least 16 years of age and to be employed at, or to reside at, that address; or

- (d) electronically to an electronic address given to the law practice by the client or an agent of the client for that purpose.
- (2) In this rule, *agent*, in relation to a person, includes a law practice that or an Australian legal practitioner who has authority to accept service of legal process on behalf of the person.

4.3.4 Interest on unpaid legal costs

- (1) For the purposes of section 4.3.25 of the National Law, the rate of interest is the rate that is equal to the Cash Rate Target as at the relevant date, increased by 2 percentage points.
- (2) In this rule:

Cash Rate Target means the percentage (or maximum percentage) specified by the Reserve Bank of Australia as the Cash Rate Target.

relevant date means the date the bill was issued by the law practice concerned.