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Family Law Court fees decreased as of 12 August 2015

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As part of the recent Federal Government budget, it was announced that the filing fees for the Family Court and Federal Circuit Court would significantly increase as of 1 July 2015.

It was anticipated that filing costs for applications such as [divorce would increase](#) from \$845 to \$1,145. After this initial speculation about the increase in fees the Federal Senate blocked the proposed new schedule of fees and they were not introduced.

However this relief provided by the Senate was short lived and it was announced on 14 July 2015, that the filing fees in these courts actually would increase.

But the saga was not over yet. To further add to the confusion, less than a month later on 12 August 2015 the fees were decreased once more!

So for clarification, the common filing fees in the Family Law jurisdiction currently are:

- Application for Divorce is back to \$845. The reduced rate filing fee for an Application for Divorce has remained at \$280. The reduced fee is available for persons who hold a Health Care Concession Card, Pensioner Card or any other card entitling them to Commonwealth health concessions issued by Centrelink or the Department of Veterans' Affairs.
- Application for Consent Orders is back to \$155
- Application for Parenting or Financial Orders is back to \$320

- Conciliation Conference fee is back to \$370

The full list of current fees can be found on the [Federal Circuit Court website](#).

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