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GST/HST

HST will continue to be added to accounts received before April 1, 2013. GST will be added to accounts received on or after April 1, 2013.

Updates to disbursement rates

LSS policy is to adopt BC Public Sector rates for meterage, meals, and BCMA fees for medical experts. As of April 1, 2013, meterage rates are increasing to \$0.52 per kilometre, and rates paid for meals while lawyers are travelling will increase by 2 percent, as follows:

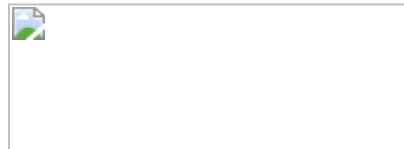
Breakfast	from \$11.50 to \$11.75
Lunch	from \$13.25 to \$13.50
Dinner	from \$22.25 to \$22.75
Per Diem	from \$47.00 to \$48.00

The new meterage and meals rates will apply to all accounts submitted to LSS on or after April 1.

BCMA rates will also be increasing by 2 percent on April 1, 2013. The *LSS Tariffs* has been updated to reflect the new rates. New BCMA rates will apply to any services provided on or after April 1.

Protection order referrals

Protection order referrals are now available for clients who are eligible to obtain protection orders under the *Family Law Act (FLA)* but who are not eligible for any other relief under the *FLA*. [Find out more...](#)



Out-of-court dispute resolution

The Family Tariff has been revised to expand the collaborative processes and/or mediation tariff items to include arbitration. [Find out more...](#)

Transcript orders

When you place a transcript order, please request an electronic copy on the applicable transcript form. Electronic copies are available at no cost when you initially place your order. However, if you don't request the e-copy at that time and you subsequently require one, LSS won't be responsible for the expense (see the Disbursements Tariff, page 17).

New criminal law publication

We recently launched an updated and redesigned version of *Representing Yourself in a Criminal Trial*. [Find out more...](#)

Bursary offer: TLABC seminar

As part of our ongoing Quality Assistance Program, we're offering bursaries for the Trial Lawyers Association of BC's **Developments in Forensics & Eyewitness ID** two-day seminar in Vancouver (Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11, 2013) to lawyers with **less**

than five years' call. We'll pay the registration fee for a limited number of these lawyers, provided they agree to accept 12 referrals in the coming year. To apply, email lawyersresources@lss.bc.ca indicating your call date and your agreement to accept 12 referrals. For more information, visit the [TLABC website](#).

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