



Criminal Tariff changes

Changes have been made to the Criminal Tariff which affect travel to visit clients in custody and Supreme Court bail matters, effective January 18, 2013.

Travel to visit clients in custody

- Currently, counsel may bill only one travel fee (\$180) to interview a client in custody if the trip exceeds 160 km per round trip, regardless of the length of the visit. This rule does not account for situations where travel routinely exceeds a half day. The travel rule for in-custody visits has been changed to permit counsel to bill standard travel fees (a maximum of \$360 per day). Further, if counsel is required to spend the night while travelling to visit a client in custody due to weather conditions, late interviews, or other unforeseen challenges, standard accommodation disbursements will apply. These changes will apply across all tariffs.

Supreme court bail matters

- The *Bail Matters in Supreme Court* tariff item has been amended to clarify that informal bail variations cannot be billed under this item and that the Case Management Section should be contacted to request authorization to bill for bail review hearings in Supreme Court. The *Bail Matters in Supreme Court* tariff item is intended to cover bail reviews initiated by written application in accordance with the Comprehensive Criminal Rules.

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