

LSS Tariffs changes

Further to our [communication](#) to the bar on March 19, 2018, the Legal Services Society (LSS) is implementing several changes to the *LSS Tariffs* effective April 16, 2018. These changes include:

- additional general preparation hours for Family contracts,
- reinstatement of Extended Family Services, and
- a new tariff item for assisting Indigenous clients under the *Family* and *CFCSA Tariffs*.

For more details, see our [summary](#) of the changes.

The updated chapters of the *LSS Tariffs* will be available on April 16, 2018, on the LSS website at legalaid.bc.ca (under Lawyers — LSS Tariffs) and in LSS Online under Resources.

Transition rules for contracts

Family contracts

All new Family contracts will have 35 hours of general preparation. LSS will also add 10 hours of general preparation to all Family contracts with a service start date on or after October 1, 2016, and a service stop date on or after April 16, 2018. You can bill these additional hours for services provided *on or after April 16, 2018*. You can also bill these additional hours for work done *prior to April 16, 2018*, provided you kept timekeeping records at the same time as you provided the services (this includes contracts where you billed the previous 25 hour maximum before April 16, 2018).

Family and CFCSA contracts

The new Indigenous client support tariff item will be added to all new and existing Family and CFCSA contracts with a service start date on or after October 1, 2016, and a service stop date on or after April 16, 2018. This item is billable for services provided *on or after April 16, 2018*.

Existing contracts in LSS Online will be updated with the applicable changes and notes about the transition rules.

As always, we welcome your feedback regarding the *LSS Tariffs*. If you have any comments, please email lawyersresources@lss.bc.ca.

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