



In the Royal Court of the Island of Guernsey

Orders of the Royal Court IV 2025

IN THE ROYAL COURT OF THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

The 15th day of December, 2025 before Jessica Elizabeth Roland, Deputy Bailiff; present:
- Stephen Murray Jones, OBE, Claire Helen Le Pelley, Steven John Morris, Stuart Michael Crisp, Tina Jane Le Poidevin, Felicity Jane Quevâtre, Simon Ernest Bodkin, Jillian Clark, Richard Jeremy Wallen James, Ian Michael Brown, Kay Alison Parnwell, Sally-Ann May David, Susan Elizabeth Gallienne, Jurats.

No.IV Order, 2025

ENTITLED

THE MATRIMONIAL CAUSES (COSTS AND FEES) (AMENDMENT)

RULES, 2025

The Matrimonial Causes (Costs and Fees) (Amendment) Rules, 2025

THE ROYAL COURT, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 49 of the Matrimonial Causes (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2022^a, section 34 of the Domestic Proceedings and Magistrate's Court (Guernsey) Law, 1988^b, section 121 of the Children (Guernsey and Alderney) Law, 2008^c and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby order:-

Amendment of the 2024 Rules.

1. (1) The Matrimonial Causes (Costs and Fees) Rules, 2024^d ("the **principal Rules**") are amended as follows.

(2) In Rule 3 –

(a) in paragraph (2), for "£325" substitute "£351", and

(b) in paragraph (3), for "September" substitute "June".

(3) In Rule 11(2)(d), for "£325" substitute "£351".

(4) For the Schedule to the principal Rules, substitute the Schedule set out in the Schedule to these Rules.

^a Order in Council No. I of 2023.

^b Ordres en Conseil Vol. XXXI, p. 171; this enactment has been amended.

^c Order in Council No. XIV of 2009; this enactment has been amended.

^d O.R.C. No. IV of 2024; this enactment has been amended.

Repeal.

2. The Matrimonial Causes (Costs and Fees) (Amendment) Rules, 2024^e are repealed.

Citation.

3. These Rules may be cited as the Matrimonial Causes (Costs and Fees) (Amendment) Rules, 2025.

Commencement.

4. These Rules come into force on the 1st January, 2026.

^e O.R.C. No. VI of 2024.

SCHEDULE

Rule 1(4)

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Rule 2

	1. DESCRIPTION OF PROCEEDING OR MATTER	2. FEES PAYABLE TO COURT, GREFFIER & SERGEANT
1.	All Applications.	Court: £154
2.	Determination of an application on the papers.	Court: £98
3.	Hearing of causes, applications or issues, including hearings conducted by video, telephone, or MS Teams.	Court: £142 per hour or part thereof
4.	Preparatory reading by a judge and writing of judgment in respect of any proceedings, unless the judge otherwise directs and provided that no fee shall be payable for the first hour of such reading time or the first hour of such writing time.	Court: £231 per hour or part thereof (in excess of the first hour).
5.	Issuing of a copy of an order.	Greffier: £31
6.	Filing of document, including any item of correspondence.	Greffier: £20
7.	Issuing of Vesting Orders.	Court: £144
8.	Witnessing a declaration of a rescission of Judicial separation.	Greffier: £34
9.	Hearing of an Appeal from the Magistrate's Court	Court: £142 per hour or part thereof
10.	Service of any document including a notice of application.	Sergeant: £231 for expedited or special service at request of party or in cases where acknowledgement of service required, £79 otherwise.

		<p>In this item, "special service" means service which is to be given –</p> <p>(a) at an address or place known to HM Sergeant which is other than the address given by the applicant for service,</p> <p>(b) á personne at an address or place known to HM Sergeant which is other than the address given by the applicant for service, and "expedited service" means same day service.</p>
11.	Service: certificate of service.	Sergeant: £43
12.	Service: sealing document to be served.	Greffier: £20
13.	Service: transmission of document to be served to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.	Sergeant: £20
14.	Service: certificate of transmission of document to be served to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.	Sergeant: £43
15.	Reserving or setting down a date for a hearing.	Court: £144
16.	Listening to digital recording of proceedings.	Greffier: £43 per hour or part thereof.
17.	Setting up equipment for a hearing by video or Microsoft Teams.	Greffier: £31
18.	Taxation proceedings -	
	(a) Filing of request for taxation,	Greffier: £94
	(b) Determination of request to appoint judge/commissioner,	Court: £180
	(c) Filing of Points of Dispute by paying party,	Greffier: £180
	(d) Filing of Response by receiving party,	Greffier: £180
	(e) Fixing of date for taxation hearing,	Court: £180
	(f) preparatory reading by a judge and writing of judgment in respect of any proceedings, unless	Court: £231 per hour or part thereof (in excess of the first hour),

	<p>the judge otherwise directs and provided that no fee shall be payable for the first hour of such reading time or the first hour of such writing time,</p>	
(g)	taxation hearing,	Court: £540 per hour or part thereof,
(h)	Other Applications relating to taxation hearings.	Court: £180.

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