

IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERPRETATION FEES

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

S/No	TOPICS	Proposed Reply
1.	Why is there a new fee being implemented for interpretation services?	The implementation of interpretation fees is necessary to manage the manpower resources of the Interpretation services at the Supreme Court. Parties are not obliged to use the interpretation services of the Supreme Court and may engage suitable interpreters from private agencies for civil proceedings in the Supreme Court.
2.	Who can use the interpretation services provided by the Courts?	Currently, interpretation services are provided to external parties such as law firms and Litigants-in-person (LIPs) by the Supreme Court, the State Courts and the Family Justice Courts in all criminal and civil proceedings in all languages, subject to the availability of court interpreters proficient in the required language. With effect from 1 August 2017, a fee of \$300 per day or part thereof will be payable for the services of an interpreter for Civil Proceedings in any open court hearing at the Supreme Court or any hearing in open Court before the Family Division of the High Court, not being a hearing in any proceedings under any of the Acts as set out in item 60 of Part 1 of the Fifth Schedule to the Family Justice Rules 2014.
3.	What can Litigants-in-person (LIPs) do if they are unable to afford the Interpretation Fees?	LIPs with financial difficulty may write in to the Registrar of the Supreme Court, or (as the case may be) the Registrar of the Family Justice Courts, for a waiver or deferment of payment of the fees on a case-by-case basis.
4.	Is the new fee applicable to all Courts in Singapore?	The new fee has been implemented wef 1 Aug 2017 in the Supreme Court and the Family Division of the High Court for proceedings which do not fall within the Acts as set out in item 60 of Part 1 of the Fifth Schedule to the Family Justice Rules.
5.	How do the law firms or LIPs request for interpretation services?	Law firms and LIPs may request for the services of Supreme Court interpreters by completing and submitting Form 2 of Appendix A to the Supreme Court Practice Directions via e-Litigation system or an e-Form available on the Supreme Court website. Any request for interpretation services must be submitted at least 7 working days before the day on which the services of an interpreter are required. Should you

		<p>require any clarification, please contact the respective Head Interpreters for assistance:</p> <p>Tel:</p> <p>6557 7637 (Chinese);</p> <p>6332 3970 (Malay);</p> <p>6332 3930 (Indian).</p>
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