

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NO. R. 2413

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RULES BOARD FOR COURTS OF LAW ACT, 1985 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1985)

**AMENDMENT OF THE RULES REGULATING THE CONDUCT OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE SEVERAL PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL DIVISIONS OF THE HIGH COURT OF
SOUTH AFRICA**

The Rules Board for Courts of Law has, under section 6 of the Rules Board for Courts of Law Act, 1985 (Act No. 107 of 1985) and section 18 of the Criminal and Related Matters Amendment Act, 2021 (Act No. 12 of 2021), and with the approval of the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, made the rules in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE:

[] Words or expressions in bold type in square brackets indicate omissions from the existing rules.

_____ Words or expressions underlined with a solid line indicate insertions into the existing rules.

Definition

1. In this Schedule "the Rules" means the Rules Regulating the Conduct of the Proceedings of the Several Provincial and Local Divisions of the High Court of South Africa published under Government Notice No. R. 48 of 12 January 1965, as amended by Government Notice Nos. R. 235 of 18 February 1966, R. 2004 of 15 December 1967, R. 3553 of 17 October 1969, R. 2021 of 5 November 1971, R. 1985 of 3 November 1972, R. 480 of 30 March 1973, R. 639 of 4 April 1975, R. 1816 of 8 October 1976, R. 1975 of 29 October 1976, R. 2477 of 17 December 1976, R. 2365 of 18 November 1977, R. 1546 of 28 July 1978, R. 1577 of 20 July 1979, R. 1535 of 25 July 1980, R. 2527 of 5 December 1980, R. 500 of 12 March 1982, R. 773 of 23 April 1982, R. 775 of 23 April 1982, R. 1873 of 3 September 1982, R. 2171 of 6 October 1982, R. 645 of 25 March 1983, R. 841 of 22 April 1983, R. 1077 of 20 May 1983, R. 1996 of 7 September 1984, R. 2094 of 13 September 1985, R. 810 of 2 May 1986, R. 2164 of 2 October 1987, R. 2642 of 27 November 1987, R. 1421 of 15 July 1988, R. 210 of 10 February 1989, R. 608 of 31 March 1989, R. 2628 of 1 December 1989, R. 185 of 2 February 1990, R. 1929 of 10 August 1990, R. 1967 of 17 August 1990, R. 1262 of 30 May 1991, R. 2410 of 30 September 1991, R. 2845 of 29 November 1991, R. 406 of 7 February 1992, R. 1883 of 3 July 1992, R. 109 of 22 January 1993, R. 960 of 28 May 1993, R. 974 of 1 June 1993, R. 1356 of 30 July 1993, R. 1843 of 1 October 1993, R. 2365 of 10 December 1993, R. 2529 of 31 December 1993, R. 181 of 28 January 1994, R. 411 of 11 March 1994, R. 873 of 31 May 1996, R. 1063 of 28 June 1996, R. 1557 of 20 September 1996, R. 1746 of 25 October 1996, R. 2047 of 13 December 1996, R. 417 of 14 March 1997, R. 491 of 27 March 1997, R. 700 of 16 May 1997, R. 798 of 13 June 1997, R. 1352 of 10 October 1997, R. 785 of 5 June 1998, R. 881 of 26 June 1998, R. 1024 of 7 August 1998, R. 1723 of 30 December 1998, R. 568 of 30 April 1999, R. 1084 of 10 September 1999, R. 1299 of 29 October 1999, R. 502 of 19 May 2000, R. 849 of 25 August 2000, R. 373 of 30 April 2001, R. 1088 of 26 October 2001, R. 1755 of 5 December 2003, R. 229 of 20 February 2004, R. 1343 of 12

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Insertion of rule 68A in the Rules

2. The following rule is hereby inserted after rule 68 of the Rules:

"Tariff of fees and allowances for intermediaries in proceedings other than criminal proceedings"

68A. The tariff of fees and allowances for intermediaries appointed in terms of section 37A(1) of the Act appearing at proceedings other than criminal proceedings, and who are not in the full-time employment of the State shall be as follows:

(1) Fee for appearing in court:

- (a) An intermediary appointed to render assistance to a witness in proceedings other than criminal proceedings, shall be entitled, for appearing in court, including time spent in court: R180,00 per hour or part thereof, subject to a maximum of R1 440,00 per day.
- (b) The fee contemplated in paragraph (a) shall be calculated from the beginning of the hour at which the intermediary is required to appear in court to the end of the hour at which the intermediary is excused from court.

(2) Transport, travelling and parking or toll allowances:

An intermediary, appointed to render assistance to a witness in proceedings other than criminal proceedings, shall be entitled—

(a) to the following transport and travelling expenses for each journey actually and necessarily taken between the court house and his or her residence or place of business:

- (i) For use of public transport, an amount equal to the fare for the least expensive transport along the shortest route; or
- (ii) for use of private transport, an allowance as prescribed from time to time for the Public Service: Provided that the maximum amount allowed shall not exceed that permitted for a 1551 - 1750 cc petrol or diesel engine capacity; and

(b) upon satisfactory proof having been produced to the Registrar of the Court or Taxing Master, to the reimbursement for his or her reasonable actual expenses incurred in respect of parking and toll fees:

Provided that, for an intermediary who resides and carries on business at different physical locations, the transport or travelling allowance shall be calculated from the place of residence or place of business, whichever is closer to the court house, or such other place to which the intermediary is summoned, as the court may direct in terms of section 37A(3).

(3) Subsistence allowance:

(a) Subject to paragraphs (b), (c) and (d), an intermediary who is, for the purpose of rendering intermediary services to a witness, absent from his or her residence and—

- (i) is obliged to be absent from his or her residence for 24 hours or longer, shall be entitled to the allowances as prescribed from time to time for the Public Service; or
- (ii) is obliged to be absent from his or her residence for less than 24 hours, shall be entitled to the reasonable actual expenses incurred:

Provided that the claim is accompanied by the necessary corroborative documents to support the expenses, as prescribed from time to time for the Public Service, or to the satisfaction of the Registrar of the Court or Taxing Master.

(b) The allowances provided for in paragraph (a) are payable for the full period for which the intermediary is absent from his or her residence for purposes of appearing in court.

(c) In calculating the period of absence for purposes of paragraph (a), an intermediary is allowed 24 hours for each distance of 600 kilometres or part thereof travelled.

- (d) The allowance provided for in paragraph (a) is not payable if the fare of an intermediary includes the cost of meals and accommodation."

Commencement

3. These rules come into operation on **01 October 2022**.