

## Coroners (Witnesses' Allowances) (Amendment) Rules 2017

(Made by the Chief Justice under section 54 of the Coroners Ordinance (Cap. 504) subject to the approval of the Legislative Council)

### 1. Commencement

These Rules come into operation on a day to be appointed by the Chief Justice by notice published in the Gazette.

### 2. Coroners (Witnesses' Allowances) Rules amended

The Coroners (Witnesses' Allowances) Rules (Cap. 504 sub. leg. E) are amended as set out in rules 3, 4 and 5.

### 3. Rule 3 amended (allowances for professional witnesses)

(1) Rule 3(1)—

**Repeal**

“\$2,415”

**Substitute**

“\$2,770”.

(2) Rule 3(2)—

**Repeal**

“\$1,205”

**Substitute**

“\$1,385”.

### 4. Rule 4 amended (allowances for expert witnesses)

(1) Rule 4(1)—

**Repeal**

“\$2,415”

**Substitute**

“\$2,770”.

(2) Rule 4(2)—

**Repeal**

“\$1,205”

**Substitute**

“\$1,385”.

### 5. Rule 5 amended (allowances for loss of remuneration or expenses incurred)

(1) Rule 5(1)—

**Repeal**

“\$445”

**Substitute**

“\$515”.

(2) Rule 5(2)—

**Repeal**

“\$220”

**Substitute**

“\$255”.



Chief Justice

10 February 2017

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### Explanatory Note

These Rules amend the Coroners (Witnesses' Allowances) Rules (Cap. 504 sub. leg. E) to increase the maximum rates of allowances for the following classes of witnesses at inquests under the Coroners Ordinance (Cap. 504)—

- (a) witnesses practising specific professions and attending to give professional evidence;
- (b) expert witnesses attending to give expert evidence;
- (c) witnesses attending to give evidence (other than professional or expert evidence) and losing remuneration or incurring expenses as a result.