



MINISTER OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE RELATIONS DIRECTIVE

Issued under Section 39(1) of the *Financial Administration Act*

Subject: **Affidavit Fee: All Ministries**

This directive authorizes all ministries to charge fees for the services described below.

NATURE OF SERVICE

A fee shall be charged where an officer or employee of the province, by virtue of office or employment, provides services to the public by acting as a commissioner for taking affidavits for British Columbia, as described in the *Evidence Act*. Certain exemptions to this directive have been granted (see attached Schedule A).

RATES TO BE CHARGED

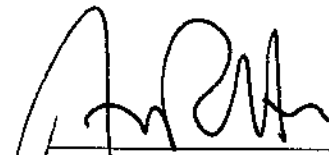
A fee of \$15 will be charged for each oath administered, or for each affidavit, declaration or affirmation taken.

FEE TYPE

These fees are classified as type 4 fees, which include fees for services offered in competition with the private sector. Fees should be competitive with fees for similar services provided by the private sector and must at least recover costs.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE

April 1, 1997.



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Attachment

File No. 97.02 (replaces File No. 96.07)

Schedule A

Affidavits Exempt from Fees

- Statements from witnesses or experts for testimony on behalf of the Crown in criminal trials. Includes any statement sworn on behalf of the government at the Crown's request.
- Statements required from income assistance recipients where an affidavit is required to establish eligibility for benefits. This also includes statements from indigent individuals applying for debtor assistance or bankruptcy and statements from indigent seniors applying for provincial or federal social assistance.
- Statutory declarations related to forged cheques.
- Court of Revision member oaths, and Oaths of Office sworn under the *Public Service Act*. Includes any affidavit sworn by an employee for government purposes.
- Statements sworn under the *Family Relations Act* in relation to family maintenance enforcement or a written separation agreement.
- Statements pertaining to a variety of filings for vital statistics purposes where the filing fee includes the cost of the affidavit.
- Solemn declarations required under the *Election Act*.
- Solemn declarations required under the *Recall and Initiative Act*.
- Declarations required from recipients of protection orders where a sworn statement is required to establish the validity of that order.
- Statements sworn by process servers that notice of hearing documents were served to registered owners of motor vehicles.
- Declaration sworn under the Administrative Driving Prohibition Program that a driver's licence has been lost, stolen or destroyed when filing an application for review.
- Under the Vehicle Impoundment Program:
 - declaration sworn by a vehicle owner that his/her vehicle was stolen;
 - declaration sworn by a vehicle impoundment lot owner that a lien on an impounded vehicle exceeds the value of the vehicle and that the owner has been informed that the vehicle will be disposed of if the lien is not paid.