

Small Claims Tribunals Act 1974

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These regulations were repealed by the *Courts Legislation Amendment and Repeal Act 2004* 3 s. 12 (No. 59 of 2004) as at 1 May 2005 (see s. 2 and *Gazette* 31 Dec 2004 p. 7128).

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1. Citation

These regulations may be cited as the *Small Claims Tribunals Regulations 1975*¹.

[Regulation 1 amended in Gazette 27 October 1989 p.3914.]

1A. Interpretation

In these regulations —

"financially disadvantaged person" means a person who produces, or in respect of whom there is produced, to an officer of the Tribunal authorized in that behalf, evidence to the satisfaction of that officer showing that the person holds —

- (a) a Health Care Card;
- (b) a Health Benefit Card;
- (c) a Pensioner Health Benefit Card;
- (d) a Veteran Health Benefit Card;
- (e) a War Widow Concession Fare Certificate,

issued by the Department of Social Security or the Department of Veterans' Affairs of the Government of the Commonwealth —

- (f) a Rates Concession Card, issued by the Department for Community Welfare² in this State; or
- (g) an entitlement to the Special Rate of Pension granted under Schedule 2 of the *Repatriation Act 1920* (as amended) of the Commonwealth.

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[Regulation 1A inserted in Gazette 16 December 1983 p.4896.]

2. Forms

The Forms set out in the Schedule to these regulations are prescribed for the respective purposes stated therein but in each case a form to the like effect may be used.

3. Fees

The following fees are prescribed —

| | \$ |
|---|----|
| For filing a small claim — | |
| financially disadvantaged person | 9 |
| other persons | 27 |
| For certifying under section 22(3)(a) of the Act a copy of an | |
| order | 13 |
| On an application for a rehearing under section 34(2) of the | |
| Act | 27 |

[Regulation 3 inserted in Gazette 30 Jun 1989 p.1973; amended in Gazette 1 Aug 1990 p.3658; 13 Dec 1991 p.6172; 14 Aug 1992 p.4010; 30 Dec 2003 p. 5717.]

3A. Fixed amount

For the purposes of paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of the definition of "small claim" in section 4(1) of the Act, the "fixed amount" is prescribed as \$6 000.

[Regulation 3A inserted in Gazette 12 April 1991 p.1605.]

4. Appointment of agent

A party to a proceeding before a Small Claims Tribunal who wishes to be represented by an agent shall lodge with the registrar, before the hearing of the proceeding, a statement in writing which —

- (a) specifies the proceeding;
- (b) sets out the reasons why the party wishes to be represented by an agent;

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- (c) sets out the name and occupation of the proposed agent; and
- (d) states that the proposed agent has sufficient knowledge of the issue in dispute and is vested with sufficient authority to bind the party.

5. Transfer of proceedings

Upon an order being made under section 17A of the Act to transfer proceedings to another court the registrar shall forward a copy of the claim and a copy of the order, both certified by the registrar as true copies, to the appropriate officer of the court to which the proceedings are to be transferred.

[Regulation 5 inserted in Gazette 28 September 1984 p.3194.]

6. Costs

An order for costs under section 35(2) of the Act shall not exceed \$100.

[Regulation 6 inserted in Gazette 28 September 1984 p.3194.]

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Schedule

Form 1

SCTForm 1

| | Claim No |
|------------------------|------------|
| WESTERN AUSTRALIA | Date Filed |
| Small Claims Tribunals | Fee \$ |
| Act 1974 | Receipt No |
| (Section 24) | Officer |
| CLAIM FORM | |

I/WE, the claimant(s) named below, give notice that I/WE wish to refer this claim to a Small Claims Tribunal. I/WE tender the application fee with this claim.

PLEASE PRINT OR WRITE CLEARLY

| 1. | PERSON(S) MAKING CLAIM [CLAIMANT(S)] | | | | | | |
|----|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss | | | | | | |
| | Family Name | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | Given Names | | | | | | |
| | Address | | | | | | |
| | Postcode | | | | | | |
| | Telephone Number: (H) (W) | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| 2. | TRADER AGAINST WHOM THE CLAIM IS MADE. [RESPONDENT] | | | | | | |
| | Full Trading Name | | | | | | |
| | Address | | | | | | |
| | Postcode | | | | | | |
| | TRADER No. 22 (if any) | | | | | | |
| | Full Trading Name | | | | | | |
| | Address | | | | | | |
| | Postcode | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| 3. | Date of transaction or when problem arose | | | | | | |
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| 4. | What remedy (Order(s)) are you s | seeking? |
|----|---|---|
| | Refund \$ 🗖 | Compensation \$ Cost of having work |
| | Relief from Payment | performed by another |
| | \$ | contractor \$ |
| | Other (please state) | \$ |
| 5. | Total of claim \$ (Must be less than \$6 000) Has the matter been dealt with by | the Ministry of Consumer Affairs? |
| | Yes 🗆 | No 🗖 |
| 6. | If Yes, please quote file number . Was the purchase/hiring of goods/su | upply of services for your own Private use. |
| | Yes 🗖 | No 🗖 |
| 7. | Has any legal action been taken b | y either you or the trader |
| | Yes 🗖 | No 🗖 |
| | If Yes, please give details includi | ng the name of the court. |
| 8. | Please give full details of your cla | aim (attach additional sheets if needed). |
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| 9. | Signature of Claimant(s) | |
| | | |
| | Date | |
| | A copy of this Claim Form will b | e sent to the other party. |

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Form 2

Small Claims Tribunals Act 1974 (Section 23)

NOTICE TO REGISTRAR THAT AN ORDER HAS NOT BEEN COMPLIED WITH

To Registrar, Registry of Small Claims Tribunals, Willmar House, 600 Murray Street, West Perth, 6005.

(Claimant)

V

(Respondent)

Claim (brief details): —

| On the, 19, | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| an order was made by the Small Claims Tribunal at | | | | | | | |
| whereby it was ordered (brief details): — | | | | | | | |
| I hereby give notice that the order in question has not been complied with | | | | | | | |
| except as follows | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Dated at, thisday of, 19 | | | | | | | |

| Signature | of Party | | |
|-----------|----------|------|--|
| Address | | | |
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Form 3 Small Claims Tribunals Act 1974 (Section 27) NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

| Signe | d: | •••• | •••• | ••• | ••• | ••• | ••• | ••• | ••• | ••• | ••• | ••• | ••• | ••• | • | ••• | ••• | ••• | ••• | ••• | ••• |
|-------|----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Date: | | | | | ••• | | ••• | ••• | | ••• | | | ••• | ••• | ••• | ••• | ••• | ••• | ••• | ••• | • |

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Form 4

Small Claims Tribunals Act 1974 (Section 34)

APPLICATION FOR REHEARING

| То | Registrar, |
|--------|---|
| | Registry of Small Claims Tribunals, |
| | Willmar House, |
| | 600 Murray Street, |
| | West Perth, 6005. |
| CLA | IMANT (Name and address) |
| RESE | v PONDENT (Name and address) |
| | |
| | |
| The a | bove claim having been heard in my absence on the |
| | , 19, I hereby make application for a rehearing |
| the cl | laim on the following grounds: |

| (a)* | | |
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Signature of Applicant

Set out in full detail the reason for the applicant's failure to present his (a)* case to the Tribunal and where possible supported with documents to support those reasons.

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Form 5 Small Claims Tribunals Act 1974 (Section 17)

Claim No.

of 19 .

BETWEEN:

Claimant

and

Respondent

CERTIFICATE BY REGISTRAR

..... (name of party) having been served with a summons issued by the Local Court at which relates to the same issue in dispute as an issue in dispute before this Tribunal, I hereby certify that the claimant lodged a claim against the respondent with respect to that issue in dispute in the Small Claims Tribunal at on the day 19 of The particulars of the issue in dispute in the claim are: *On the day of the Small Claims Tribunal 19 made the following order with respect to the claim: This certificate was issued by me on the day of 19 .

.....

REGISTRAR

*Delete if no order has been made.

NOTE:

- (1) This certificate may be filed free of charge in the office at the Local Court from which the summons was issued.
- (2) A party filing this certificate must return the attached Form 6 to the Registrar of Small Claims Tribunals.

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Form 6 Small Claims Tribunals Act 1974 (Section 17)

NOTICE

TO: THE REGISTRAR OF SMALL CLAIMS TRIBUNALS

Take notice that on theday of19I filed the certificate attached to this form in the Local Court at

Dated this day of

19 .

.....

Claimant Respondent

[Schedule amended in Gazette 28 September 1984 pp.3194-5; 27 November 1992 pp.5738-9.]

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Notes

This is a compilation of the *Small Claims Tribunals Regulations 1975* and includes the amendments made by the other written laws referred to in the following table.

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Citation Gazettal Commencement Small Claims Tribunals Act 7 Mar 1975 7 Mar 1975 p. 844-7 Regulations 1975 12 Aug 1977 12 Aug 1977 p. 2668 17 Nov 1978 1 Jan 1979 p. 4320 Small Claims Tribunals Amendment 28 Aug 1981 1 September 1981 (see r. 2) Regulations 1981 p. 3589 Small Claims Tribunals Amendment 18 Dec 1981 1 January 1982 (see r. 2) Regulations (No. 2) 1981 p. 5248 Small Claims Tribunals Amendment 16 Dec 1983 1 January 1984 (see r. 2) Regulations 1983 p. 4896 Small Claims Tribunals Amendment 28 Sep 1984 28 Sep 1984 (see r. 3 and Gazette Regulations 1984 p. 3194-5 28 Sep 1984 p. 3154) Small Claims Tribunals Amendment 13 Jun 1986 1 Jul 1986 (see r. 2) p. 1997 Regulations 1986 Small Claims Tribunals Amendment 30 Jun 1989 1 Jul 1989 (see r. 2) Regulations 1989 p. 1973 27 Oct 1989 27 Oct 1989 Small Claims Tribunals Act Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 1989 p. 3914 Small Claims Tribunals Amendment 1 Aug 1990 1 Aug 1990 Regulations 1990 p. 3658 Small Claims Tribunals Amendment 12 Apr 1991 12 Apr 1991 Regulations 1991 p. 1604-5 13 Dec 1991 13 Dec 1991 Small Claims Tribunals Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 1991 p. 6172 Small Claims Tribunals Amendment 14 Aug 1992 14 Aug 1992 Regulations 1992 p. 4010

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| Small Claims Tribunals Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 1992 | 27 Nov 1992 p. 5738-9 | 27 Nov 1992 |
| Small Claims Tribunals Amendment Regulations 2003 | 30 Dec 2003 p. 5717 | 1 Jan 2004 (see r. 2) |
| These regulations were repealed by 2004 3 s. 12 (No. 59 of 2004) as at 1 l p. 7128) | the Courts Legis | - |

² Now see Department of Family and Children's Services.

³ The Courts Legislation Amendment and Repeal Act 2004 Pt. 3 reads as follows:

Part 3 — Small Claims Tribunals Act 1974 repealed

- **13.** Transitional provisions
 - In this section —
 "commencement" means the commencement of this Part.
 - (2) If immediately before commencement a small claim is pending before a Small Claims Tribunal, then on commencement the small claim is to be taken to be an action within the civil jurisdiction of the Magistrates Court and may be heard and determined accordingly subject to the *Magistrates Court (Civil Proceedings) Act 2004.*
 - (3) If immediately before commencement an order made by a Small Claims Tribunal is in force under the *Small Claims Tribunals Act 1974*, then on commencement the order is taken to be an order made by the Magistrates Court and has effect accordingly.
 - (4) The repeal of the Small Claims Tribunals Act 1974 does not prevent an application or order being made under the Suitors' Fund Act 1964 in relation to a claim that was before a Small Claims Tribunal before commencement.
 - (5) On commencement and for the purposes of subsection (4) the Magistrates Court has jurisdiction to make any order under the *Suitors' Fund Act 1964* that a Small Claims Tribunal would have had jurisdiction to make under that Act immediately before commencement.
 - (6) A reference in a written law or book, document or writing to a Small Claims Tribunal is, unless the contrary intention appears, to

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be construed as if it had been amended to be a reference to the Magistrates Court.

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Defined terms

Defined terms

[This is a list of terms defined and the provisions where they are defined. The list is not part of the law.]

| Defined term | Provision(s) |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| financially disadvantaged person | 1A |
| fixed amount | |

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