

L.N. 114 of 2024

Court Proceedings (Electronic Technology) (District Court) (Electronic Fees) (Amendment) Rules 2024

(Made by the Chief Justice under section 29 of the Court Proceedings (Electronic Technology) Ordinance (Cap. 638))

1. Commencement

These Rules come into operation on 31 October 2024.

2. Court Proceedings (Electronic Technology) (District Court) (Electronic Fees) Rules amended

The Court Proceedings (Electronic Technology) (District Court) (Electronic Fees) Rules (Cap. 638 sub. leg. E) are amended as set out in rules 3, 4 and 5.

3. Rule 8A added

Part 3, after rule 8—

Add

“8A. e-fees payable for applications for certified copies of Hong Kong Judgments

The following e-fee is payable for an application under section 33(1) of the Mainland Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters (Reciprocal Enforcement) Ordinance (Cap. 645)—

- (a) during a period other than the concessionary period—the prescribed fee mentioned in section 33(2)(b) of that Ordinance;

(b) during the concessionary period—a fee of an amount equivalent to 80% of that prescribed fee.”.

4. Rule 9 amended (rounding rule for e-fees payable during concessionary period)

Rule 9(8), definition of *concessionary fee*—

Repeal

“or 8(1)(b)”

Substitute

“, 8(1)(b) or 8A(b)”.

5. Rule 10 amended (specific fee payable instead of general fee)

Rule 10, Chinese text—

Repeal

“一般費用” (wherever appearing)

Substitute

“一般電子費用”.

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Chief Justice

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Explanatory Note

The Court Proceedings (Electronic Technology) (District Court) (Electronic Fees) Rules (Cap. 638 sub. leg. E) (**Cap. 638E**) provide for the fees payable in respect of court-related matters carried out by means of a designated information system (*e-fees*) in the District Court.

2. These Rules amend Cap. 638E to provide for—
 - (a) the e-fee payable for an application for a certified copy of a Hong Kong Judgment under the Mainland Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters (Reciprocal Enforcement) Ordinance (Cap. 645); and
 - (b) a concession of 20% for that e-fee during a concessionary period.
3. These Rules also make minor textual amendments to Cap. 638E.