

We have reviewed the High Cost Cases (HCC) policies with a view to streamlining our processes and also making it easier for you to engage with us. The key changes we are proposing are summarised below.

Current status	Proposed change
<p>Grants are automatically placed under HCC (where no plea or a not guilty plea has been indicated) if the case relates to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• homicide offences</li> <li>• serious fraud offences</li> <li>• class A drugs offences where the case is a principle target of a Police Operation</li> <li>• sexual violation cases where more than two complainants allege a sexual violation offence against the aided person</li> <li>• criminal compensation matters relating to wrongful imprisonment/ applications to the Governor General to exercise the Prerogative of Mercy – s406 Crimes Act 1961</li> <li>• retrial matters and/or appeal matters where the original grant of aid was managed under the HCC framework.</li> </ul>	<p>Grants are automatically placed under HCC (where no plea or a not guilty plea has been indicated) if the case relates to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• homicide offences (including charges of Infanticide) – s158-181 Crimes Act 1961 or any re-trial of such offences</li> <li>• serious fraud offences – being all cases involving prosecution by the Serious Fraud Office or Financial Markets Authority, or any re-trial of such offences</li> <li>• sexual violation cases where three or more complainants allege a sexual violation offence against the aided person or any re-trial of such offences</li> <li>• criminal compensation matters relating to wrongful imprisonment/ applications to the Governor General to exercise the Prerogative of Mercy – s406 Crimes Act 1961.</li> </ul>
<p>Discretionary inclusion may be activated at any time in the duration of the grant.</p>	<p>Discretionary inclusion is available up until a second amendment request has been decided. If two amendment requests have been decided, a case will remain fixed-fee-plus until finalised.</p>
<p>High cost case plan.</p>	<p>The amendment to grant form has been redesigned and replaces the need for the high cost case plan.</p>
<p>Expert request form 50.</p>	<p>The expert request form is no longer required.</p>
<p>Expert CVs.</p>	<p>Expert CVs are no longer mandatory. They may be sought as per guidelines.</p>
<p>Management of high cost cases restricted to a small pool of staff.</p>	<p>There is now a pathway for any grants officer to be authorised to manage high cost cases, subject to level of experience.</p>
<p>Printing disclosure pre-approved to \$20 (200 pages).</p>	<p>Printing disclosure pre-approved to \$500 (5,000 pages). This applies to all case levels.</p>