

Commencement of jurisdictional rise of District Court and Small Claims Tribunal

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

With effect from December 3, 2018, the civil jurisdictional limits of the District Court (DC) and the Small Claims Tribunal (SCT) will be increased as follows:

(a) increasing the general financial limit of the civil jurisdiction of the DC from \$1 million to \$3 million;

(b) increasing the financial limit for land matters of the DC from \$240,000 to \$320,000 in terms of the annual rent or the rateable value or the annual value of the land;

(c) increasing the limit for the equity jurisdiction of the DC where the proceedings do not involve or relate to land from \$1 million to \$3 million;

(d) increasing the limit for the equity jurisdiction of the DC where the proceedings wholly involve or relate to land from \$3 million to \$7 million; and

(e) increasing the limit for the SCT from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

On the same day, i.e. December 3, the fee schedule of filing of claims at the SCT will be amended as follows:

Current range of claim amount	Revised range of claim amount	Fee (\$)
for a claim that does not exceed \$3,000	for a claim that does not exceed \$5,000	20
for a claim that exceeds \$3,000 but does not exceed \$17,000	for a claim that exceeds \$5,000 but does not exceed \$25,000	40
for a claim that exceeds \$17,000 but does not exceed \$33,000	for a claim that exceeds \$25,000 but does not exceed \$50,000	70
for a claim that exceeds \$33,000 but does not exceed \$50,000	for a claim that exceeds \$50,000 but does not exceed \$75,000	120