

Practice Direction 32 – Higher Courts costs scale

The *Uniform Civil Rules 2020 South Australia* came into operation on 18 May 2020. Those Rules were made under the *Supreme Court Act 1935*, the *District Court Act 1991* and the *Magistrates Court Act 1991*.

The *Uniform Civil Rules 2020 South Australia* contains references to a number of costs scales.

Section 106(6) of the *Return to Work Act 2014* stipulates that an award of legal costs under that Act cannot exceed 85% of the amount that would be allowable under the relevant Supreme Court scale if the proceedings were in the Supreme Court.

This Practice Direction confirms that for the purposes of s 106(6) of the *Return to Work Act* 2014, the relevant Supreme Court scale will be the <u>Higher Courts costs scale</u> under the *Uniform Civil Rules 2020 South Australia*.

Dated this 2nd day of June 2020.

The Honourable Justice Steven Dolphin

President

South Australian Employment Tribunal