

## PRACTICE DIRECTION NUMBER 8 OF 2020

### SUPREME COURT OF QUEENSLAND

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#### MAXIMUM HOURLY RATE TO BE CHARGED BY COURT APPOINTED COSTS ASSESSORS

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1. Rules 713 and 743F *Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 1999* provide that, in circumstances where parties do not agree on which costs assessor should carry out a costs assessment, a party may apply to the Registrar for appointment of a costs assessor for the costs assessment or alternatively may apply to the court for directions.
2. Pursuant to r 743O and effective for all applications pursuant to Rules 713 and 743F(3) filed from 6 April 2020 onwards, the maximum hourly rate chargeable by a costs assessor appointed by the Registrar will be the rate provided in item 9, schedule 1 Scale of Costs - Supreme and District Court, *Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 1999*.
3. If the rate provided in the preceding paragraph is different from the appointed costs assessor's rate as advertised on the courts' website [https://www.courts.qld.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0010/89956/register-approved-cost-assessors.pdf](https://www.courts.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/89956/register-approved-cost-assessors.pdf), the hourly rate paid to that costs assessor will be the lower of the two rates.



**Catherine Holmes**

Chief Justice

1 April 2020