



SUPREME COURT OF YUKON

NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION AND PUBLIC

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Exemptions from Court Filing Fees and Photocopy Fees

1. Court filing fees

The following Government of Yukon departments are exempt from payment of court filing fees to Court Services:

- (a) Department of Justice;
- (b) Employment Standards Office when filing a certificate under s. 81 of the *Employment Standards Act*, RSY 2002, c.72;
- (c) Department of Health and Social Services when filing documents and requesting certified true copies in relation to adoptions; and
- (d) Residential Tenancy Office when filing orders pursuant to s. 88 of the *Residential Landlord and Tenant Act*, SY 2012, c.20. The Residential Tenancy Office is required to pay any fees for writs of garnishment or writs of execution.

The reasons for the exemptions are:

- (a) Department of Justice - It is responsible for all litigation matters for other Government of Yukon departments. All court filing fee payments are deposited in the Yukon government general revenue. Payment of court filing fees to Court Services by the Department of Justice means the Yukon government would be paying itself. There is currently no administrative mechanism to allow for the Department of Justice to recover its costs from other government departments for court filings or other legal matters. Payment of court filing fees by the Department of Justice would reduce the budget available for justice programs and services, including court services and operations.
- (b) Employment Standards Office - Public service assistance to employees who have not received benefits to which they are entitled.

- (c) Department of Health and Social Services - Public service assistance to adopted children or parents of adopted children in obtaining court information or court orders for various purposes.
- (d) Residential Tenancy Office - Many people using the Residential Tenancy Office procedures are of modest means and court filing fees may be an unjust barrier to potential remedies.

2. Photocopying Fees

The Department of Justice is exempt from payment of any Court Services photocopy fees on files where it is a party or intervenor for the same reasons as set out above. If the photocopy request is for a matter in which the Department of Justice is not a party or intervenor, they shall be required to pay photocopying fees.

The Department of Health and Social Services is exempt from photocopy fees for adoption matters for the reasons noted above.



Chief Justice S.M. Duncan