

PARTY / PARTY COST ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE

The Legal Profession Uniform Law does not change the procedure for party / party cost assessments in Western Australia.

Section 144 of the *Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Bill 2020*¹ contemplates an application for assessment of costs being made in accordance with, inter alia, any practice direction (or Rules) of the Supreme Court.

At present, the procedure and form for an assessment of costs is set out at 4.7 of the Consolidated Practice Directions of the Supreme Court,² together with a form of the application.

The current regime for costs assessment is effectively being transplanted from the Legal Profession Act 2008 (WA) to the new Uniform Law.

¹ This Bill lapsed at the prorogation of the West Australian Parliament on 7 December 2020. It is anticipated an identical Bill will be introduced in the next session of the Parliament.

² https://www.supremecourt.wa.gov.au/C/consolidated_practice_directions.aspx

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