

INFORMATION ON NEW REDUCED FEE

The *High Court of Australia (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2010* introduces a new flat fee of \$100 to be paid by individuals who were previously exempt from the payment of filing fees in the High Court of Australia. All proceedings filed on or after Monday, 1 November 2010 will attract the new fee, known as the "reduced" fee, where the individual falls into one of the following categories:

- Applicants who have been granted legal aid;
- Holders (but not dependants) of a concession card, that is:
 - ~ A health care card;
 - ~ A pensioner concession card;
 - ~ A seniors health card; or
 - ~ Any other card issued by Centrelink or the Department of Veterans' Affairs that certifies entitlement to Commonwealth health concessions.
- Applicants who are legally detained;
- A child under the age of 18;
- Applicants who receive youth allowance or Austudy; or
- Applicants who receive Abstudy.

The \$100 fee will be payable at the time of filing the proceeding. The existing provisions relating to applications for a partial (two-thirds) waiver of the filing fees and hearing fees on the basis of financial hardship remain in force.

Further information on the fees payable for each type of proceeding is available on the High Court of Australia website at http://www.hcourt.gov.au/filing_03.html

The *High Court of Australia (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2010* and accompanying Explanatory Statement are available at [ComLaw Legislative Instruments - High Court of Australia \(Fees\) Amendment Regulations 2010 \(No. 2\) \(SLI 2010 No. 245\)](http://www.comlaw.gov.au/View/ComLawLegislativeInstruments/HighCourtOfAustraliaFeesAmendmentRegulations2010No2) (www.ComLaw.gov.au).