



Supreme Court of Victoria

Practice Note SC Gen 13

Examinations De Bene Esse

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Chief Justice has authorised the issue of the following Practice Note.
- 1.2 The purpose of this Practice Note is to set out the fees chargeable by examiners for the conduct of examinations *de bene esse*.

2. COMMENCEMENT

- 2.1 This Practice Note was issued on 1 December 2025 and commences on 1 January 2026 and will apply to examinations conducted from that date onwards.

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 In this Practice Note:
examinations de bene esse include examinations ordered by the Court pursuant to Order 41 of Chapter I of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

4. Fees Chargeable

- 4.1 The fees chargeable by examiners are to be the maximum hourly rate for work undertaken by an employee of a law practice who is not a legal practitioner doing work not requiring legal skill or knowledge, capable of performance by a clerk under Appendix A to Chapter I of the Rules charged in 6 minute units.

AMENDMENT HISTORY

30 January 2017: This Practice Note was issued on 30 January 2017 and replaced Practice Note No 3 of 2016

1 December 2025: This Practice Note was re-issued on 1 December 2025 and replaced the version issued 30 January 2017.

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