

History of the BC Small Claims Rules

The Small Claims Act came into existence in 1969 with the Provincial Court Act, SBC 1969, c.28, Part IV, s. 20.

However, it was not a new act. The act that existed prior to that time was the *Small Debts Court Act*, RSBC 1960, c. 359. The title of this act was changed to become the *Small Claims Act* by the *Provincial Court Act*, SBC 1969, c. 28, s. 36(2)(c).

The rules for the *Small Debts Court* continued on under the *Small Claims Act*. At this point, the rules were not a regulation. They are found in the body of the Act itself, RSBC 1960, c. 359, beginning at section 15.

Schedule of Fees Payable in Provincial Court, BC Reg #673/75*

Effective November 1, 1975 Enabling Act: *Small Debts Courts Act*, RSBC 1960, c. 359 *Small Claims Act*, RSBC 1960, c. 359 [title changed by SBC 1969, c. 28, s. 36(c)(i)]

*Repealed & Replaced by BC Reg #515/77, effective November 1, 1977.

Small Claims Forms Regulation, BC Reg #478/77*

Effective November 15, 1977 Enabling Act: *Small Claims Act*, RSBC 1960, c. 359

*Repealed & Replaced by BC Reg #478/90, effective February 25, 1991

Schedule of Fees Payable in Provincial Court, BC Reg #515/77*

Effective November 1, 1977 – replacing BC Reg#673/75 Enabling Act: *Small Claims Act*, RSBC 1960, c. 359

Amendments to:

Rule	Nature	BC Reg #	Effective Date
	Amended by	597/79	Jan. 1, 1980
	Amended by	200/82	May 1, 1982

*Repealed & Replaced by BC Reg #100/88, effective March 31, 1988.

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Form for Appeal Regulation, BC Reg #412/82*

Effective September 7, 1982 Enabling Act: *Small Claims Act*, RSBC 1979, c.387 (**Rep. & Repl. By** SBC 1989, c. 38) *Small Claims Act*, SBC 1989, c. 38 *Small Claims Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 430

Amendments to:

Rule	Nature	BC Reg #	Effective Date
	Amended by	196/90	July 1, 1990

*Repealed by BC Reg #288/97, effective September 1, 1997

Schedule of Fees Payable in Provincial Court, BC Reg #100/88*

Effective March 31, 1988, replacing BC Reg #515/77 Enabling Act: *Small Claims Act*, RSBC 1979, c.387 (**Rep. & Repl. By** SBC 1989, c. 38) *Small Claims Act*, SBC 1989, c. 38

*Repealed & Replaced by BC Reg #478/90, effective February 25, 1991

Small Claims Rules, BC Reg #478/90*

Effective February 25, 1991 – replacing BC Regs #478/77 and 100/88. Enabling Act: *Small Claims Act*, SBC 1989, c. 38

Amendments to:

Rule	Nature	BC Reg #	Effective Date
r.1 (2)	Amended by	137/93(1)	May 10, 1993
r. 3(3)	Amended by	137/93(2)	May 10, 1993
r.7 (3)	Repealed & Replaced by	39/92 (1)	February 26, 1992
r.12 (7)	Repealed & Replaced by	39/92 (2)	February 26, 1992
r.18 (9)	Repealed & Replaced by	39/92 (3)	February 26, 1992
r.18 (11)	Repealed & Replaced by	39/92 (4)	February 26, 1992
Schedule A			
ltem 1	Repealed & Replaced by	137/93(3)	May 10, 1993
Item 1.1	New	137/93(3)	May 10, 1993
Item 1.2	New	137/93(3)	May 10, 1993
Schedule B			
Form 1	Repealed & Replaced by	39/92 (5)	February 26, 1992

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	Repealed & Replaced by	137/93(4)	May 10, 1993
Form 2	Repealed & Replaced by	39/92 (5)	February 26, 1992
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Form 3	Repealed & Replaced by	39/92 (5)	February 26, 1992
Form 6	Repealed & Replaced by	39/92 (5)	February 26, 1992
Form 12	Repealed & Replaced by	39/92 (5)	February 26, 1992

*Repealed & replaced by BC Reg #261/93, effective October 1, 1993.

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