

L.N. 189 of 2022

Court Proceedings (Electronic Technology) (Magistrates' Court) (Electronic Fees) (Amendment) Rules 2022

(Made by the Chief Justice under section 29 of the Court Proceedings (Electronic Technology) Ordinance (Cap. 638))

1. Commencement

These Rules come into operation on 21 December 2022.

2. Court Proceedings (Electronic Technology) (Magistrates' Court) (Electronic Fees) Rules amended

The Court Proceedings (Electronic Technology) (Magistrates' Court) (Electronic Fees) Rules (Cap. 638 sub. leg. F) are amended as set out in rule 3.

3. Rule 2 amended (interpretation)

Rule 2—

Repeal the definition of *concessionary period*

Substitute

“*concessionary period* (寬減期) means the period of 5 years beginning on the earliest date specified under section 32(2) of the Ordinance in relation to the Magistrates' Court;”.

Andrew CHEUNG
Chief Justice

30 September 2022

Explanatory Note

The Court Proceedings (Electronic Technology) (Magistrates' Court) (Electronic Fees) Rules (Cap. 638 sub. leg. F) (**Cap. 638F**) provide for a concession for the fees payable for certain court-related matters that are carried out by means of a designated information system (*e-fees*) in the Magistrates' Court during the concessionary period. The concessionary period is defined in rule 2 of Cap. 638F.

2. These Rules amend the definition of *concessionary period* in that rule 2 in order to allow concessionary e-fees to be payable in the Magistrates' Court for the period of 5 years beginning on the earliest date on which the use of electronic technology is implemented in relation to a type or description of proceeding in the Magistrates' Court.