

Guidelines



Guidance on the Assigning of Hearing Costs

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Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance to the discipline committee and to a panel in the context of a discipline hearing on the assessment of hearing and investigation costs against members.

Policy

The discipline panel has the discretion whether or not to require costs to be paid by a member who is found to have incompetently engaged in the practice of professional forestry, engaged in conduct unbecoming a member or contravened the Foresters Act or the association bylaws or resolutions. As a general rule, council recommends that the panel assigned to hear the case should require the subject member to pay the actual cost of the hearing incurred by the association and any investigation costs incurred by the association.

Subject to the bylaws, the panel assigned to hear a case may recommend to the registrar the time allowed for payment of costs and any extension of time for payment of costs that may be required.

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