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Costs in Poland

Case n° 3 (in 3 B- the country when the mother sues the father is Poland - in that case, the fees, expenses and conditions are the same than in case A. According to that, there is no need to fill in the table).

Costs for Court, Appeals and Alternative Dispute Resolution

Case Study	Court			Appeals			ADR	
	Initial court fees	Transcription fees	Other fees	Initial court fees	Transcription fees	Other fees	Is this option open for this type of case?	Costs
Case A	In the case of maintenance, the action at law is free of all costs	For each copy, copies of judgements with enforcement, copies of judgement with legal force - 6 PLN. If those documents are in a foreign language - 12 PLN per page.	--	In the case of maintenance, the action at law is free of all costs	--	--	Parties are free to opt for ADR.	If the court accepts the enforceability clause, 50 PLN

Costs for lawyer, bailiff and expert

Case Study	Lawyer	Average costs	Bailiff	Pre-judgement costs	Post-judgement costs	Expert	Cost According to the calculations of the expert
	Is representation compulsory?		Is representation compulsory?			Is use compulsory?	
Case A	No	Minimum 60 PLN	no	--	--	No	

Costs for witness compensation, pledge or security and other relevant fees

Case study	Witness compensation	Cost	Pledge or security	Cost
	Are witnesses compensated?		Does this exist and when and how is it used?	
			Yes. The value of the object of the litigation is calculated so that, if payment is made in instalments, the value is the total of the year. Polish law (Code of Civil Procedure) considers that maintenance is a pecuniary, periodically repeated claim: 1. if the sum of maintenance is equal to one year of payment, the whole sum is the object of litigation. 2. if the maintenance payment continues for less than one year, the whole sum is considered the object of litigation.	
Case A	Yes	Costs of transport, lost earnings, accommodation, according to Articles 85 to 88 of the Act on Judicial Costs in Civil Cases		Depends on the value of the object of the litigation

Costs for legal aid and other reimbursement

Case study	Legal Aid	Reimbursement	Are there instances when legal aid should be
	When and under what conditions is it applicable?	When is support total?	Conditions?
	A party exempted from legal costs can apply for legal aid. The court decides if the participation of a professional attorney is needed	Depends on court decision	If the costs are excessive or will cause financial hardship to the party
Case A			Can the winning party obtain reimbursement of litigation costs?
			If reimbursement is not total, what is percentage in general?
			What costs are never reimbursed?
			Are there instances when legal aid should be the legal aid organisation?
			Balance of costs higher than what was essential and appropriate to the case
Case A			--

Costs for translation and interpretation

Case study	Translation	Interpretation	Other costs specific to cross-border disputes?

	When and under what conditions is it necessary?	Approximate cost?	When and under what conditions is it necessary?	Approximate cost?	Description	Approximate cost?
Case A	If documents are submitted to the court in another language	According to the Minister of Justice's Regulations of 24 January 2005	--	--	--	--

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