

In Singapore International Arbitration Centre (“**SIAC**”) arbitration, parties must budget for the following heads of cost: (1) **SIAC fees**; (2) **legal fees**; (3) **expert fees**; (4) **hearing costs**; and (5) **other costs**. The typical amounts of each of these costs, as well as the timing of their payment, are summarised in the table below:

Head of Cost	Sub-Head	Amount	Timing of Payment
SIAC Fees	Filing Fee	SGD 3,270 (for Singapore parties) / SGD 3,000 (for overseas parties); non-refundable (Rule 6.3(i), 2025 SIAC Rules).	Payable with the Notice of Arbitration. SIAC will not proceed until payment is received.
	Administration Fee	Based on the amount in dispute, according to the 2025 Schedule of Fees. Ranges from SGD 5,000 for disputes up to SGD 100,000 to a maximum of SGD 150,000 for disputes exceeding SGD 1 billion. Can be estimated using the <u>SIAC Cost Calculator</u> .	Payable from the deposits requested by SIAC as the case progresses.
	Arbitral Tribunal Fees and Expenses	Calculated based on the amount in dispute (Rules 56.1, 57.1, 57.2 of 2025 SIAC Rules). For example, up to SGD 5,000 for disputes of SGD 50,000 and up to SGD 2,000,000 per arbitrator for disputes above SGD 1 billion.	Payable from the deposits, typically in equal shares by both parties.
	Tribunal Secretary Fees (If Any)	Fees approved by SIAC, which form part of the tribunal’s overall costs and are drawn from the deposits held by SIAC.	Payable from the deposits as the arbitration proceeds.
	Emergency Arbitration Fee (If Any)	Application Fee: SGD 5,350 (incl. 9% GST) for Singapore parties or SGD 5,000 for overseas parties. Deposit: SGD 30,000 toward the emergency arbitrator’s fees and	Payable with the Emergency Arbitration application. SIAC may request further deposits if costs increase.

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		expenses (Schedule 1, 2025 SIAC Rules).	
Legal Fees		Can vary widely depending on the firm retained – for the sake of transparency and predictability, Aceris Law has made available online its own <u>Arbitration Legal Fee Calculator</u> , based on the amount in dispute.	Payable according to the schedule agreed between the party and its lawyers, often monthly, though a retainer fee is often due up-front.
Expert Fees (if necessary)		Can vary significantly depending on the firm retained and the number of experts, and the depth of analysis required.	Payable according to the schedule agreed between the party and the experts.
Hearing Costs		Can vary widely depending on the length and location of the hearing, whether it is held in-person or online, the number of witnesses, etc., typically between USD 1,500 and USD 15,000 per party.	Generally payable at the time of the hearing.
Other Costs (as needed)		Can include fees for printing and mailing submissions; the cost of complying with document production requests, translations, etc.	Payable as they arise.