

**No. S 402****ONLINE SAFETY  
(RELIEF AND ACCOUNTABILITY) ACT 2025****ONLINE SAFETY  
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(DAMAGES IN COURT PROCEEDINGS)  
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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 103 of the Online Safety (Relief and Accountability) Act 2025, the Minister for Law makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations are the Online Safety (Relief and Accountability) (Damages in Court Proceedings) Regulations 2026 and come into operation on 29 June 2026.

**Definitions**

2. In these Regulations —

“child abuse image or recording” has the meaning given by section 14(2);

“intimate image or recording” has the meaning given by section 13(2);

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“section” means a section of the Act.

### **Specified torts and online harmful activities under section 96(2)**

3.—(1) The following torts are specified for the purposes of section 96(2)(a)(i) and (b)(i):

- (a) the tort of intimate image abuse mentioned in section 83;
- (b) the tort of image-based child abuse mentioned in section 84.

(2) The following online harmful activities are specified for the purposes of section 96(2)(a)(ii) and (b)(ii):

- (a) intimate image abuse;
- (b) image-based child abuse.

### **Maximum limit specified under section 96(3)**

4. For the purposes of section 96(3), the maximum limit of damages that a court may award under section 96(1) in each set of proceedings brought under section 94(5) in relation to one or more applicable online harmful activities (as defined in section 93(1)) related to the tort mentioned in section 94, is \$500,000.

### **Minimum amount of damages under section 96(4)**

5.—(1) The following torts and online harmful activities are specified for the purposes of section 96(4):

- (a) the tort of intimate image abuse mentioned in section 83;
- (b) the tort of image-based child abuse mentioned in section 84;
- (c) intimate image abuse related to the tort mentioned in section 90, 91 or 94;
- (d) image-based child abuse related to the tort mentioned in section 90, 91 or 94.

(2) For the purposes of section 96(4), a minimum amount of \$5,000 in damages is specified for each child abuse image or recording or

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each intimate image or recording (as the case may be) that is the subject of a claim mentioned in that provision.

(3) In awarding the minimum amount of damages mentioned in paragraph (2), it is not necessary for the court to require any evidence to be adduced to prove that the tort or online harmful activity had caused damage to the victim of the tort or online harmful activity.

(4) To avoid doubt, paragraph (2) does not prevent the court from awarding damages exceeding the minimum amount mentioned in that paragraph.

**Prescribed maximum limit of enhanced damages under section 98(4)(a)**

6.—(1) For the purposes of section 98(4)(a), the prescribed maximum limit of enhanced damages that may be awarded under section 98(1) or (2) for a claim by the victim is a sum equal to 2 times the total amount of the damages (including general, special, punitive and aggravated damages) that is awarded by the court under section 96(1) to the victim for the claim.

(2) To avoid doubt, paragraph (1) does not prevent the court from awarding enhanced damages that are less than the maximum limit mentioned in that paragraph.

Made on 24 June 2026.

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