



# MAGISTRATES COURT OF TASMANIA

## Practice Direction 3 of 2022 Criminal and General Division Court Practices Civil Division Court Practices

- Practice Direction No. 1 of 2022 is revoked on 21 September 2022.
- Practice Direction No. 5 of 2020 is revoked on 21 September 2022.
- This Practice Direction will commence on 21 September 2022.

### GENERAL

- The requirement to wear a face mask in public areas of court buildings has been removed. Wearing of masks is optional.
- Restrictions on the numbers of people entering court buildings are no longer in place, including restrictions on reasons for attending Court.
- Details relating to the conditions of entry to the Magistrate Court buildings are available on the Magistrates Court [website](#).

### CRIMINAL AND GENERAL DIVISION

- Appearances before the Court in the Criminal and General Division are in person unless in the magistrate directs otherwise.
- Magistrates may approve applications for appearances by audio and audio visual links wherever appropriate.
- Lawyers who wish to appear by audio or audio visual link, or whose clients wish to, must complete the audio/audio visual conference booking form.
- If you do not have a lawyer and you wish to appear by audio or audio visual link, you must complete a booking form.
- The audio/audio visual conference booking form is available on the Court's website at: [Conference Booking Form](#). You must complete a booking form and return it to the Court at least 2 days before your court date if possible.
- If you are unable to complete the audio/audio visual conference booking form you may provide your email/telephone details to the Court using the contact details listed on the Magistrates Court [website](#).
- There will be no fee for audio and audio visual links.

## **CIVIL DIVISION**

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**C J Geason**  
**Chief Magistrate**

20 September 2022