

DIRECTIVE ON FAMILY COURT SERVICES

PRETORIA

THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL COME INTO EFFECT AT MIDNIGHT ON 26 MARCH 2020 UNTIL CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON 17 APRIL 2020.

1. MAINTENANCE AND CHILDRENS COURT LITIGATION, INCLUDING ADOPTIONS:

- 1.1 IN INSTANCES THAT ONE OR MORE PARTIES (LITIGANTS) ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO ATTEND COURT FOR APPEARANCE ON AN ENROLLED MATTER AS A RESULT OF THE NATIONAL LOCKDOWN, SUCH MATTERS WILL BE POSTPONED TO A DATE AFTER 20 APRIL 2020;**
- 1.2 LITIGANTS / PARTIES THAT ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND COURT AS A RESULT OF THE LOCKDOWN MAY CONTACT THE CLERK OF THE COURT AT (012) 3194242/4036/4041/4372 IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE OUTCOME OF THEIR MATTER, ARRANGE AN ALTERNATIVE DATE OR REQUEST AN UPDATE OF THE ALLOCATED NEW DATE TO WHICH A MATTER WAS POSTPONED;**
- 1.3 FORM 36 APPLICATIONS AND ALL OTHER URGENT MATTERS MAY BE ENROLLED FOR HEARING FOLLOWING A MOTIVATION REFLECTING THE URGENCY AND IN CONSULTATION WITH THE RELEVANT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER WHO MAY BE REACHED AT (012)3194164/0730792663/0681340686;**

1.4 NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE RELIEF WILL ONLY BE PROCESSED AFTER TELEPHONIC CONSULTATION BY THE APPLICANT WITH THE RELEVANT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER WHO MAY BE REACHED AT (012) 3194242/4036/4041/4372;

2. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND HARASSMENT MATTERS:

- 2.1 ALL NEW APPLICATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED AND PROCESSED IN LINE WITH STANDARD SERVICE DELIVERY PROCESSES;**
- 2.2 RETURN DATES OF GRANTED APPLICATIONS WILL BE ALLOCATED A DATE NO LESS THAN SIXTY (60) DAYS, WITH DUE REGARD TO THE RIGHT TO ANTICIPATE AN INTERIM ORDER;**
- 2.3 MATTERS CURRENTLY ENROLLED WILL BE POSTPONED IN ABSENTIA OF PARTIES / LITIGANTS. THE CLERK OF THE COURT MAY BE REACHED AT 0681733684 OR 0825344331 OR (012)3582990 FOR CLARITY ON THE OUTCOME OF MATTERS POSTPONED IN ABSENTIA;**

FAMILY LAW SERVICES SHALL BE LIMITED TO URGENT AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES SUBJECT TO A JUDICIAL OFFICER EXERCISING A DISCRETION IN THE INTERESTS OF JUSTICE OR BEST INTERESTS OF CHILDREN; AGED; DISABILITY OR ANY OTHER VULNERABLE GROUP OF PERSONS


ACTING CHIEF MAGISTRATE

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