



**REGIONAL COURT
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

REGIONAL COURT: KWAZULU-NATAL

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**OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL COURT PRESIDENT KWAZULU-NATAL
DIVISION**

**TO: ALL JUDICIAL OFFICERS IN THE REGIONAL COURT KWAZULU-NATAL
THESE DIRECTIVES ARE ISSUED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE DELEGATED
AUTHORITY OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 8[3] OF THE
SUPERIOR COURT ACT 2013. THEY ARE TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION AND
COMPLIANCE WITH THE DIRECTIVES ISSUED BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE DATED
17TH APRIL 2020.**

**The measures referred to in the Directives issued on 25th March 2020
remain in force during the extended lockdown period and are as
follows:**

CRIMINAL COURTS

1. No trials unless determined as urgent by the Acting Regional Court President and or her delegate will be conducted during the lockdown period. All Witnesses shall be stopped and informed about these changes as soon as possible by the litigants concerned [NPA/ Legal Aid South Africa/ Legal representatives

2. Cases on the roll during the lockdown period are to be provisionally postponed to a date after the said period.
3. A warrant of arrest may be authorised to stay to the aforementioned date in respect of an accused person not in custody and who fails to attend court.
4. All accused in custody shall be dealt with via the AVR system where it is available.
5. Those centres which do not have the AVR system, the Presiding Officer may remand such cases and the accused in absentia and order the requisition of the accused to a date not longer than 7 days after the period of lockdown and, thereafter for a period of only 14 days at a time until the lapse of the state of lockdown as declared by the President.

CIVIL COURTS

- i. No Civil trials to proceed during the period of lockdown. New dates to be scheduled by the Judicial Officer for all cases already enrolled until further notice.
2. No proceedings will be conducted during the lockdown period unless determined as urgent by the Acting Regional Court President and or her delegate. A roster of Regional Magistrates on duty for urgent applications will be kept with the Registrar, Office of the Regional Court President or the Coordinator at the civil seat.

These Directives are to be implemented with immediate effect from 17 April 2020 subject to further directives published by the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services after consultation with the Chief Justice.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Marks', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**S. MARKS
ACTING REGIONAL COURT PRESIDENT
KWAZULU NATAL**

17 APRIL 2020