



## Family Court of Western Australia

# MODIFIED RULES AND FORMS

## Practice Direction (No. 6 of 2025)

### NOTING THAT:

This Practice Direction is published pending the formal amendment of the Family Court Rules 2021 (WA) and the Court's Case Management Guidelines.

1. This Practice Direction applies from 10 July 2025.
2. To the extent of any inconsistency, this Practice Direction prevails over the Family Court Rules 2021 (the Rules) and the Court's Case Management Guidelines.
3. For the purposes of subsection 60I(7) of the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cth) and subsection 66H(6) of the *Family Court Act 1997* (WA) a party may file a certificate only within 12 months after the latest family dispute resolution or attempted family dispute resolution.
4. For the purposes of Rule 143(4) an address for service must include a current email address for a party, provided that if the party is a self-represented party, then the email address must at all times be the same email address as the party's Western Australia eCourts Portal Notification Email address.
5. For the purposes of Rule 211 an Undertaking as to Disclosure is to be signed by a party in the presence of an adult witness who must state their full name, address and occupation.

6. If a party filing a Form 4 Notice of Child Abuse and Family Violence (or Risk) believes that disclosing their address or the address of the children on the Form 4 would compromise their safety, the contact details may be provided on a separate document which will need to be elodged separately on the eCourts Portal as “Correspondence in support to a Form 4”.
7. Effective 10 July 2025 the following forms have been modified and are approved for use in Western Australia:
  - i. Form 8 - Notice of Address for Service
  - ii. Form 9 - Notice of Ceasing to Act
  - iii. Form NP7 - Application for reduction of payment of divorce or decree of nullity – general
  - iv. Form NP8 - Application for reduction of payment of divorce or decree of nullity – financial hardship
  - v. Form NP9 - Request for deferral of court fees
  - vi. Form NP10 - Request for refund of court fees
  - vii. Form NP12 - Callover Certificate
  - viii. Form NP13 - Application for exemption from fees – general
  - ix. Form NP14 - Application for exemption from fees – financial hardship
  - x. Form NP15 – Undertaking as to Disclosure.
8. From 11 August 2025 the earlier versions of the forms will no longer be accepted for filing.
9. For further information and to obtain interactive or electronic copies of the forms, parties are referred to the Court’s website at [www.familycourt.wa.gov.au](http://www.familycourt.wa.gov.au).



The Honourable Justice Sutherland, Chief Judge  
Family Court of Western Australia

Dated: 9 July 2025