

PRACTICE DIRECTION AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the existing Practice Directions supplementing the Family Procedure Rules 2010 are made by the President of the Family Division under the powers delegated to him by the Lord Chief Justice under Schedule 2, Part 1, paragraph 2(2) of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005, and are approved by [Parliamentary Under Secretary of State / Minister of State], Ministry of Justice.

The amendments to the existing Practice Directions come into force on 30 December 2019.

Signed:

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Sir Andrew McFarlane

The President of the Family Division

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_____ Date: _____

Name:

[Parliamentary Under Secretary of State/ Minister of State]

Ministry of Justice

PRACTICE DIRECTION 36L – PILOT SCHEME: PROCEDURE FOR USING AN ONLINE SYSTEM TO COMPLETE CERTAIN STAGES OF CERTAIN PROCEEDINGS FOR A MATRIMONIAL ORDER

(1) In paragraph 1.5(f) for “13 January 2020” substitute “5 April 2020”.

(2) In paragraph 12.7 for “Rule 7.32” substitute “Rule 7.32(1)(a)”.

PRACTICE DIRECTION 36M – PILOT SCHEME: PROCEDURE FOR USING AN ONLINE SYSTEM TO GENERATE AND FILE APPLICATIONS AND UPLOAD DOCUMENTS IN CERTAIN PUBLIC LAW PROCEEDINGS RELATING TO CHILDREN

(1) For the title of the Practice Direction substitute-

“PRACTICE DIRECTION 36M – PILOT SCHEME: PROCEDURE FOR USING AN ONLINE SYSTEM TO GENERATE, FILE AND CONTINUE APPLICATIONS IN CERTAIN PUBLIC LAW PROCEEDINGS RELATING TO CHILDREN”.

(2) In paragraph 1.3-

(a) in sub-paragraph (b) after “making” insert “and continuing”; and

(b) in sub-paragraph (e) for “31 December 2019” substitute “31 August 2020”.

(3) After paragraph 5.2 insert-

“Modification of Part 29 FPR

5A.1 After rule 29.13(1) insert-

“(1A) Where the pilot scheme referred to in Practice Direction 36M applies, service under paragraph (1) or otherwise may be effected by the court sending each party an email, to the address given for service in accordance with Practice Direction 6A, containing a weblink from which the judgment or order may be accessed and downloaded.”.

(4) After paragraph 6.1 insert-

“Modification of Practice Direction 6A

6A.1 After paragraph 4.1 insert-

“4.1A Paragraphs 4.2 to 4.6 also apply where-

- (a) the pilot scheme referred to in Practice Direction 36M applies; and
- (b) service of a judgment or order by the court is to be effected in accordance with rule 29.13(1A), as inserted by Practice Direction 36M.

4.1B Where paragraph 4.1A applies, references in paragraphs 4.2 to 4.5 to service of a document by email include service of a judgment or order by the court sending by email a weblink from which the judgment or order may be accessed and downloaded.”.
