

South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Practice Directions

The President of the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal makes the following Practice Directions under rule 9 of the *South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Rules 2014*.

These practice directions are to be read in conjunction with Directions 1 to 22 inclusive, made on 29 March 2015 and amended by further directions made on 5 July 2016 and 26 April 2019.

Part 9 COVID-19 Practices and Procedures

1. These practice directions commence on 14 April 2020 and apply to proceedings that have commenced in the Tribunal, or are commenced in the Tribunal, after that date. These practice directions operate until 31 July 2020 unless sooner revoked or amended.
2. For the purposes of ensuring the safe and expeditious determination of the proceedings, the Tribunal will determine on its own initiative and without consulting the parties whether any hearing that has been determined to be held:
 - will be held in public or in private; and
 - will be conducted wholly or partly by electronic means including but not limited to telephone conference or video conference.
3. Pursuant to Rule 9, Rule 12 of the *South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Rules 2014* is modified for the period 6 April 2020 until 31 July 2020, to read as follows:

Rule 12

- (a) Subject to these Rules, an application or other document may be given to the Tribunal by electronic means, including email or by means of a computerised case management system or any other means that the Tribunal makes available for this purpose.
- (b) A registrar may refuse to receive a document that is presented to the Tribunal for lodgement in paper or other physical form and may direct that the document be lodged with the Tribunal in a specified electronic form.

4. Practice Directions 14 and 20 made on 5 July 2016 are suspended for the period 14 April 2020 until 31 July 2020 inclusive.



Justice Judy Hughes
President, South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal

14 April 2020