



FAMILY COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

PRACTICE DIRECTION

(No. 4 of 2020)

eLODGMET OF DIVORCE APPLICATIONS FOR SAME-SEX MARRIAGES AND MODIFIED FORMS

Preamble

All Divorce Applications (including those in respect of same-sex marriages) may now be eLodged via the Commonwealth Courts Portal.

Practice Direction

1. To the extent this Practice Direction is inconsistent with any previous Practice Directions or Information Notes concerning Divorce Applications and/or same-sex marriages, this Practice Direction shall prevail.
2. Paragraph 2 of Practice Direction No. 2 of 2016 is revoked with immediate effect.
3. All documents and correspondence relating to a Divorce Application may be eLodged via the Commonwealth Courts Portal, and must be eLodged if lodged by a solicitor.
4. The following directions apply to all Divorce Applications sought to be filed after 23 November 2020:
 - (a) Divorce Applications for same-sex marriages can now be eLodged via the Commonwealth Courts Portal, and must be eLodged if lodged by a solicitor.
 - (b) Effective 24 November 2020, the Form 3 Application for Divorce and Form 3A Response to an Application for Divorce have been modified and are approved for use in Western Australia. Interactive and electronic copies of these forms are available on the Court's website.
 - (c) From 1 January 2021, the earlier versions of the Form 3 Application and Form 3A Response will no longer be accepted for filing.
5. This Practice Direction:
 - (a) is subject to any order to the contrary; and
 - (b) is effective immediately.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "G Sutherland".

**GAIL SUTHERLAND
CHIEF JUDGE**

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23 NOVEMBER 2020**