

L.N. 60 of 2025

Rules of the High Court (Amendment) Rules 2025

(Made by the Rules Committee of the High Court under section 54 of the High Court Ordinance (Cap. 4))

1. Commencement

These Rules come into operation on 30 June 2025.

2. Rules of the High Court amended

The Rules of the High Court (Cap. 4 sub. leg. A) are amended as set out in rules 3 and 4.

3. Order 65, rule 10 amended (service of process on Sunday)

Order 65, after rule 10(1)—

Add

“(1A) Paragraph (1) does not apply in relation to the service of any process under the Court Proceedings (Electronic Technology) (High Court Civil Proceedings) Rules.”.

4. Appendix A amended (forms)

(1) Appendix A, Form No. 14, under heading “*Directions for Acknowledgment of Service*”, after paragraph 1—

Add

“1A. However, a Defendant (or a Solicitor acting on behalf of a Defendant) who is a registered user or an Organization User account holder may send the Acknowledgment of Service to the Registry of the High Court by means of an e-system in accordance with the

Court Proceedings (Electronic Technology) (High Court Civil Proceedings) Rules.

Note—

For the meaning of ***Organization User account holder*** and ***registered user***, please see rule 2 of the Court Proceedings (Electronic Technology) (High Court Civil Proceedings) Rules.”.

- (2) Appendix A, Form No. 14, under heading “**Notes for Guidance**”, paragraph 2—

Repeal

everything after “letter box”

Substitute

“, or by sending it by electronic transmission in accordance with the Court Proceedings (Electronic Technology) (High Court Civil Proceedings) Rules, is treated as having been served on the seventh day after the date of posting, insertion or sending by electronic transmission.]

(*Note*: Not applicable if the Defendant is a company served at its registered office.)”.

- (3) Appendix A, Form No. 14, under heading “**Notes for Guidance**”, after paragraph 7—

Add

“7A. A Defendant (or a Solicitor acting on behalf of a Defendant) who has received a printout of a Writ of Summons issued by the High Court in electronic form may contact the Registry of the High Court to ascertain whether the Writ of Summons had been issued by quoting its document reference number. For details, please refer to the administrative instructions issued by the Judiciary Administrator.”.

Made this 11th day of April 2025.

The Hon. Mr. Justice POON
Chief Judge of the High Court

The Hon. Madam Justice KWAN,
V-P

The Hon. Mr. Justice CHOW, JA

Simon KWANG
Registrar, High Court

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Explanatory Note

The Court Proceedings (Electronic Technology) (High Court Civil Proceedings) Rules (***Electronic Rules***) authorize the use of an e-system for certain civil proceedings in the High Court and prescribe the practice and procedure for, among other things, electronic service of documents and sending documents to the High Court by means of an e-system.

2. These Rules—

- (a) consequentially amend Order 65, rule 10 of the Rules of the High Court (Cap. 4 sub. leg. A) (***RHC***) to enable process to be served on a Sunday if it is served under the Electronic Rules; and
- (b) consequentially amend the Directions for Acknowledgment of Service and Notes for Guidance attached to Form No. 14 (Acknowledgment of Service of Writ of Summons) in Appendix A of the RHC.