

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 72

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE ACT, CHAP. 4:01  
THE FAMILY AND CHILDREN DIVISION ACT, 2016

RULES

MADE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE UNDER SECTION 78 OF THE SUPREME  
COURT OF JUDICATURE ACT AND SECTION 60(1) OF THE FAMILY  
AND CHILDREN DIVISION ACT, 2016, SUBJECT TO NEGATIVE  
RESOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT

THE FAMILY PROCEEDINGS (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2020

1. These Rules may be cited as the Family Proceedings Citation (Amendment) Rules, 2020.
2. In these Rules, “the Rules” means the Family Proceedings Rules, Interpretation 1998.
3. Part 2 of the Rules is amended in Rule 2.3 in the definition of “filing” by—
  - (a) inserting a comma after the words “delivering it”;
  - (b) deleting the word “or” before the words “posting it”; and
  - (c) inserting the words “or sending it by other electronic means” after the words “posting it”.
4. Part 7 of the Rules is amended in Rule 7.3 by deleting the word “or” after the word “transmission” and inserting after the words “prepaid post” the words “or by any other electronic means”.
5. Part 36 of the Rules is amended in Rule 36.12 by inserting after sub-rule (2), the following sub-rule:
  - (3) Notwithstanding Rule 36.12(1), the fees specified in Appendix B shall not be taken in respect of filings by electronic means until 31st July, 2020 or such other date that the Chief Justice may direct by Practice Direction.”
6. Part 40 of the Rules is amended in Rule 40.3—
  - (a) in the heading, by inserting after the words “Days on which” the words “the physical”;

- (b) by renumbering Rule 40.3 as 40.3(1);
- (c) in the renumbered sub-rule (1), in the chapeau, by inserting after the word “The” the word “physical”; and
- (d) by inserting after sub-rule (1), the following new sub-rule:

“(2) Notwithstanding sub-rule (1), a document may be filed by electronic means at any time in accordance with such Practice Direction that may be issued by the Chief Justice.”.

Dated this 7th day of April, 2020.

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