

IN THE SYARIAH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

REGISTRAR'S CIRCULAR NO. 1 OF 2023

IMPLEMENTATION OF FURTHER NEW E-SERVICES

1. Further new E-Services will be implemented through the SYC Portal on the Syariah Court's website on the dates set out below or such later date as the Court may direct.

| | <u>Description of E-Services</u> | <u>Implementation date</u> |
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| (a) | Filing of the following notices in divorce proceedings: i. Notice of Ceasing to Act as Solicitor ii. Notice of Ceasing to Act as Solicitor & Cancellation of Grant of Aid | 29 November 2023 |
| (b) | Filing of amended memorandum of defence in divorce proceedings | 8 December 2023 |
| (c) | Filing of amended summons in divorce proceedings | 28 December 2023 |

2. In respect of E-Services for filing of summons and affidavit-in-support in divorce proceedings, the following additional types of summons will be implemented on the date set out below or such later date as the Court may direct.

| | <u>Description of E-Services</u> | <u>Implementation date</u> |
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| (a) | Filing of the following type of summons and affidavit-in-support in divorce proceedings: i. Application for Miscellaneous Interim Order(s) ii. Application to Represent a Person under Disability | 20 December 2023 |

Amended Memorandum of Defence

3. An amended memorandum of defence must be composed and filed using the electronic template for the form in E-Services.

Amended Summons

4. An amended summons to any application must be prepared using the relevant form in the current Practice Directions read with the Muslim Marriage and Divorce

Rules (MMDR) and/or the form of that application available on the website, and uploaded in E-Services for filing.

Notice of Ceasing to Act as Solicitor

5. A Notice of Ceasing to Act as Solicitor may be filed only after the Court has made an order pursuant to rule 37(6) of the MMDR. Attention is drawn to Rules 37(6) and 37(8) of the MMDR.

6. A Notice of Ceasing to Act as Solicitor and Cancellation of Grant of Aid must be filed:

- (a) by the Legal Aid Bureau (LAB), where LAB is the solicitor for the cause or matter; or
- (b) by the law firm of the assigned solicitor, where the assigned solicitor is the solicitor for the cause or matter.

Transition

7. Any document filed before the respective implementation dates in this circular or pursuant to directions given by the Court before the respective implementation dates in this circular using any other applicable E-Service may be accepted by the Registry.

8. A document falling within paragraph 7 may be rejected by the Registry if it is filed or resubmitted more than 2 months from the respective implementation dates in this circular.

General

9. Court users and members of the public who wish to seek clarification on this matter may call 63548371 or email [MCCY Syariah@mccy.gov.sg](mailto:MCCY_Syariah@mccy.gov.sg). For general information on court processes and procedures, they may visit our website at www.syariahcourt.gov.sg.

Dated this 15th day of November 2023



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