

**IN THE STATE COURTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE**  
**PRACTICE DIRECTIONS**  
**AMENDMENT NO. 4 OF 2021**

It is hereby notified for general information that, with effect from 3 June 2021, the State Courts Practice Directions will be amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after Practice Direction 54 (*Exhibits to affidavits*), the following new Practice Direction 54A:

*New Practice Direction 54A*

2 These amendments stipulate requirements in connection with the swearing, signing and attestation of affidavits through a live video or television link for purposes of Order 41, Rule 13 of the Rules of Court.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2021.



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## **54A. Swearing and signing of affidavits in Singapore before, and completing of attestation by, commissioner for oaths through live video link or live television link**

- (1) A remote communication technology mentioned in Order 41, Rule 13(1) of the Rules of Court must be capable of creating a live video link or live television link through which a commissioner for oaths is able to do all of the things mentioned in Order 41, Rule 13(3) of the Rules of Court.
- (2) For the purposes of Order 41, Rule 13(2) of the Rules of Court, the deponent and the commissioner for oaths may sign the affidavit electronically by applying a security procedure that results in a secure electronic signature under section 18 of the Electronic Transactions Act (Cap. 88).
- (3) Where an affidavit is made pursuant to Order 41, Rule 13 of the Rules of Court, the affidavit should be made, as far as possible, as if the deponent were appearing before the commissioner for oaths in person, and the attestation must state that the affidavit was sworn (or affirmed) and signed in Singapore with the deponent appearing before the commissioner for oaths through a live video link or live television link, or that the affidavit was signed by the deponent and/or the commissioner for oaths electronically in Singapore, or both, as the case may be.