

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

SUPREME COURT PRACTICE DIRECTIONS 2021

AMENDMENT NO. 3 OF 2025

It is hereby notified that amendments have been made to Parts 2, 3, 12 and 18 and Appendix C of the Supreme Court Practice Directions 2021. The amendments are summarised below:

- (1) amendments to paragraph 20 on Filing directions to the Accountant-General for payment in or payment out or furnishing security for costs by depositing monies in the Registry;
- (2) amendments to paragraph 32 on Establishment of Electronic Filing Service and appointment of electronic filing service provider;
- (3) amendments to paragraph 33 on Appointment of agent to establish service bureau;
- (4) amendments to paragraph 108 on Judgment in default;
- (5) amendments to paragraph 156 on Applications for admission as an advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court under the Old Law;
- (6) amendments to paragraph 156A on Applications for admission as a lawyer (non-practitioner) or an advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court under the New Law; and
- (7) amendments to Appendix C (Registrar, Deputy Registrar, Senior Assistant Registrars, Divisional Registrars and Deputy Divisional Registrars).

2 The amendments mentioned in paragraphs 1(1), 1(2), 1(3), 1(4), 1(5) and 1(6) will take effect on 1 January 2026. The amendments to Appendix C mentioned in paragraph 1(7) concerning the appointment took effect on 1 October 2025. The amendments to Appendix C mentioned in paragraph 1(7) concerning the cessation of appointment took effect on 1 November 2025. All the amendments mentioned in paragraph 1 will be reflected at <https://epd2021-supremecourt.judiciary.gov.sg/> from 1 January 2026.

3 Please find attached a document reflecting the marked-up amendments to the Supreme Court Practice Directions 2021.

Dated this 23rd day of December 2025.



JILE TAN
REGISTRAR
SUPREME COURT

Supreme Court Practice Directions 2021 (Amendment No. 3 of 2025)

Part 2: Registry, Administration and Finance

20. Filing directions to the Accountant-General for payment in or payment out or furnishing security for costs by depositing monies in the Registry

(1) Where monies are to be paid into Court pursuant to a judgment or order of court, a copy of the judgment or order must be attached to the draft Direction to Accountant-General for Payment In and filed into the case file via the Electronic Filing Service for approval by the Court. The Direction to Accountant-General for Payment In must be in Form 44(a) of Appendix A of these Practice Directions.

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Direction to Accountant-General for Payment In or Payment Out for matters in the General Division

(4) Where the Direction to Accountant-General for Payment In has been approved, the party or his or her solicitors (as the case may be; collectively “the Payment In Party”) must send a copy of the approved Direction to Accountant-General for Payment In and the relevant judgment or order of court to VITAL by email to VITAL_FS_Receivable@vital.gov.sg. Upon successful receipt of the documents, VITAL will provide instructions on how electronic payment is to be effected. A receipt will be issued by VITAL to the Payment In Party when payment is received by the Accountant-General.

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Furnishing security for costs by depositing monies in the Registry for matters in the Appellate Division and the Court of Appeal

(6) Where a party wishes to furnish security for costs for an appeal or an application filed in the Supreme Court Appellate Division or the Court of Appeal by depositing monies in the Registry, he or she ~~must deposit the monies in one of the following manners:~~ should refer to the payment information on the Singapore Courts website at <https://www.judiciary.gov.sg/services/e-platforms/online-payment-portal>.

(a) ~~By electronic payment: The party is to send his or her case details by email to the Finance Division of the Judiciary at FPD_Revenue@judiciary.gov.sg. The party will be provided with a QR code or the bank account details for electronic payment to be made. Upon receipt of monies, a receipt will be emailed to the party by the Finance Division of the Judiciary.~~

(b) ~~By making payment at the Supreme Court: The party will be required to complete a requisite form when he or she attends at the Supreme Court. The accepted payment modes at the Payment Terminals are Cash, Cashier's Order (made payable to "Registrar Supreme Court/AG"), NETS, and credit card. Upon payment at the counter, a receipt will be issued to the party.~~

The party must provide proof of such deposit when filing the appeal or application.

(7) Where security for costs is to be paid out to any party pursuant to the Rules of Court 2021 or an order or direction of the Court, the party entitled to payment of the security may write to the Registry to request payment out. ~~Once the request for payment out is approved by the Registry, the party entitled to the payment must send a copy of the Registry's approval to the Finance Division of the Judiciary at FPD_Revenue@judiciary.gov.sg. The Finance Division of the Judiciary will provide instructions on the documents to be furnished to process the release of the monies.~~

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Part 3: Electronic Filing and Service

32. Establishment of Electronic Filing Service and appointment of electronic filing service provider

In exercise of the powers conferred by Order 28, Rules 2 and 3 of the Rules of Court 2021, the Registrar, with the approval of the Chief Justice, has established an Electronic Filing Service known as the Integrated Electronic Litigation System or eLitigation and accessible at <https://www.elitigation.sg>, and has appointed ~~CrimsonLogic Pte Ltd as the~~ an Electronic Filing Service provider whose contact details are available at <https://www.judiciary.gov.sg/services/elitigation>.

33. Appointment of agent to establish service bureau

Pursuant to Order 28, Rule 5 of the Rules of Court 2021, the Registrar has appointed ~~CrimsonLogic Pte Ltd as~~ an agent to establish a service bureau or service bureaux at such address or addresses in Singapore as may be deemed suitable, whose contact details are available at <https://www.judiciary.gov.sg/services/elitigation>.

Part 12: Judgments and Orders

108. Judgment in default

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(2) A party filing an application for judgment in default in Form 11 or 14 of Appendix A of these Practice Directions must also file a memorandum of service in Form 12 of Appendix A of these Practice Directions, a draft of the judgment which the party seeks to apply for, a note of costs (where applicable under Appendix 1 to Order 21 of the Rules of Court 2021), and, where the judgment is for possession of immovable property, a certificate by the party's solicitor (or where the party is not legally represented, an affidavit) stating that no relief is sought in the nature of reliefs under Order 52, Rule 1 of the Rules of Court 2021.

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Part 18: Matters Under The Legal Profession Act 1966

156. Applications for admission as an advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court under the Old Law

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(6) An applicant who is not able to comply with the applicable timelines may apply for an abridgment of time (“abridge~~e~~ment application”). An abridgment application must be made by way of a summons, supported by an affidavit, and filed through the Electronic Filing Service at least 14 days before the applicant’s intended admission hearing date (“Intended Call Date”). The abridge~~e~~ment application is to be served **on the same day using the immediate service function available on the Electronic Filing Service** on the Attorney-General, the Law Society of Singapore and the Singapore Institute of Legal Education, any of whom may object to the abridge~~e~~ment application.

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156A. Applications for admission as a lawyer (non-practitioner) or an advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court under the New Law

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(6) An applicant who is not able to comply with the applicable timelines may file an abridge~~e~~ment application. An abridgment application must be made by way of a summons, supported by an affidavit, and filed through the Electronic Filing Service at least 14 days before the applicant’s intended admission hearing date (“Intended Admission Date”). The abridge~~e~~ment application is to be served **on the same day using the immediate service function available on the Electronic Filing Service** on the Attorney-General, the Law Society of Singapore and the Singapore Institute of Legal Education, any of whom may object to the abridge~~e~~ment application.

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Appendix C

Para. 10(4)

**Registrar, Deputy Registrar,
Senior Assistant Registrars,
Divisional Registrars and Deputy Divisional Registrars**

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DEPUTY DIVISIONAL REGISTRARS

Deputy Divisional Registrar	Name	Appointment date
Court of Appeal and Appellate Division of the High Court	Mr Rajaram Vikram Raja	2 January 2021
	Ms Elaine Liew	15 July 2022
	Mr Randeep Singh	1 July 2023
	Ms Lim Sai Nei	2 May 2024
	Mr Elton Tan	1 October 2025
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