

IN THE STATE COURTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE
STATE COURTS PRACTICE DIRECTIONS 2014
AMENDMENT NO. 3 OF 2026

It is hereby notified for general information that amendments have been made to Part XVI of the State Courts Practice Directions 2014. The amendments are summarised below:

(1) amendments to Practice Direction 114 on Absence from Court on medical grounds.

2 The amendments will take effect on 1 June 2026 and will be reflected at <https://epd2014-statecourts.judiciary.gov.sg/> from 1 June 2026.

3 Please find attached a document reflecting the marked-up amendments to the Practice Directions 2014.

Dated this 18th day of May 2026.



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State Courts Practice Directions 2014 (Amendment No. 3 of 2026)

PART XVI: GENERAL MATTERS

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114. Absence from Court on medical grounds

(1) If —

- (a) any party to proceedings;
- (b) any witness; or
- (c) any counsel;

is required to attend Court (including any hearing conducted by way of live video or live television link, ~~and whether in open court or in chambers~~) and wishes to absent himself ~~or herself~~ from Court on medical grounds, he ~~or she~~ must tender or cause to be tendered to the Court an original medical certificate. ~~Where a~~ The medical certificate ~~cannot~~ may be tendered in person, ~~it may be tendered~~ or by any electronic means which the Court may permit.

(2) Any medical certificate tendered to the Court under paragraph (1) must:

- (a) state the name ~~and Medical Council or Dental Council Registration Number~~ of the medical ~~practitioner or dental~~ practitioner who issued the certificate;
- (b) state the name of the hospital or clinic at which ~~it the certificate~~ was issued;
- (c) state the contact details of the medical ~~practitioner or dental~~ practitioner and also of the hospital or clinic;
- (d) be signed by the medical ~~practitioner or dental~~ practitioner ~~or, if the medical certificate is electronically generated, state that no signature is required~~ ;
- ~~(e) — contain a diagnosis of the patient concerned accompanied by a brief description of the symptom(s) and condition(s) forming the basis for the statement in sub-paragraph (2)(f) below (unless the diagnosis cannot or should not normally be disclosed);~~

- (fe) contain a statement to the effect that the person ~~to~~ in respect of whom the certificate is issued is medically unfit to attend Court, and specify the date(s) on which the person is medically unfit to attend Court;
 - (f) contain a diagnosis of the patient concerned accompanied by a brief description of the symptom(s) and condition(s) forming the basis for the statement in subparagraph (2)(e) above (unless the diagnosis cannot or should not normally be disclosed); and
 - (g) bear the date on which ~~it~~ the certificate was ~~written~~ issued and, where this date differs from the date of consultation, ~~this must be~~ clearly ~~disclosed~~ disclose the difference; ~~and~~.
 - (h) ~~be the original document issued by the medical practitioner, if it was issued by the medical practitioner in hard copy.~~
- (3) If any information specified in paragraph (2) is not stated in the medical certificate itself, such information must be included in a memorandum attached to the medical certificate. ~~This memorandum must:~~
- (a) state the name and Medical Council or Dental Council Registration Number of the medical practitioner or dental practitioner who issued the certificate;
 - (b) state the name of the hospital or clinic at which it was issued; and
 - (c) be signed by the medical practitioner or dental practitioner or, if the memorandum is electronically generated, state that no signature is required.
- (4) All information and details in any medical certificate or memorandum must be clearly and legibly printed.
- (5) If any requirement set out in paragraphs (2) to (4) is not complied with, the Court may reject the medical certificate and decline to excuse the attendance of the person ~~to~~ in respect of whom the medical certificate was issued. The Court may then take any action it deems appropriate.
- (6) The Court may, if it deems fit, take steps to contact the medical ~~practitioner or dental~~ practitioner who appears to have issued a medical certificate for the purpose of

authenticating the medical certificate and, where necessary, the ~~party tendering the medical certificate~~ person in respect of whom the medical certificate is issued must provide such assistance to the Court as may be necessary to facilitate such authentication.