

The Family Justice Courts are committed to the fair and timely resolution of family cases. The Family Justice Courts target compliance with the timelines prescribed in this Courts Charter in at least 80% of the cases.

Type of Proceedings	Timeline ¹
Service of Summons of Family Violence	Within 1 day of filing date
Application (with Expedited Order)	
Service of Summons of Family Violence	Within 3 days of filing date
Application (without Expedited Order)	
First Mention of Family Violence Application (with	Within 1 week of filing date
Expedited Order)	
First Mention of Family Violence	Within 2 weeks of filing date
Application (without Expedited Order)	
First Mediation/Mention (whichever is earlier) of	Within 3 weeks of filing date
Family Maintenance Application	
First Case Conference for Contested Divorce	Within 4 weeks of date of set down
First Case Conference for Ancillary Matters of	Within 6 weeks of date of grant of
Divorce	Interim Judgment
First Mediation/Family Dispute Resolution	Within 4 weeks of an order/direction
Conference (whichever is earlier) for Divorce	for the matter to be mediated
First Hearing of Family Violence Application	Within 4 weeks of last mention
First Hearing of Maintenance Application	Within 4 weeks of last mention
First Hearing of Uncontested Divorce	Within 4 weeks of date of set down
First Hearing of Contested Divorce	Within 4 weeks of last Case
	Conference
First Hearing of Originating Summons Case	Within 4 weeks of last Case
	Conference
First Hearing of Probate Application	Within 4 weeks of filing date
Delivery of Judgment	Within 4 weeks of conclusion of
	hearing or tendering of written
	submissions after the hearing,
	whichever is later
Preparation of Grounds of Decision	Within 3 months of date of filing of
	appeal
Family Conferencing for Youth Courts Case	Within 2 weeks of date of panel
	discussion
First Hearing of Youth Arrest Case	Within 2 weeks of last Pre-Trial
	Conference
First Mention of Family Guidance Order Case	Within 4 weeks of filing date
First Mention of Care Protection Order Case	Within 3 weeks of filing date

¹ Otherwise stated, all the timelines are in working days