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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

PRACTICE DIRECTION

SUPPLEMENT TO THE PRACTICE DIRECTION (COURT OPERATIONS COVID-19 PANDEMIC DIRECTIONS WITH EFFECT FROM MARCH 14, 2022 NO. 20) ISSUED ON THE 11TH MARCH, 2022 AND PUBLISHED IN THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO GAZETTE VOLUME 61 NO. 37

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This Practice Direction is issued pursuant to Part 4 of the Civil Proceedings Rules 1998, Part 20 of the Criminal Procedure Rules 2016, Part 4 of the Family Proceedings Rules 1998, Part 22 of the Children Court Rules 2018, Rule 69 of the Petty Civil Court Rules and Rule 72 of the Non-Contentious Business Rules (as amended) and is applicable to all divisions of the Judiciary of Trinidad and Tobago including the Supreme Court and the Summary Courts.

The objectives of this Practice Direction are to:

1. Extend the deadlines for the payments of fines and court-ordered compensation payments not including maintenance in light of the continued challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic; and
2. Extend the deadline for the payment of traffic tickets received prior to May 26th, 2020 in light of the continued challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

PRACTICE DIRECTION—CONTINUED

Accordingly, the following measures shall take effect:

3. This Practice Direction is intended to supersede and/or replace the provisions of any prior Practice Direction to the extent of any inconsistency, but otherwise shall be read in conjunction with any other Practice Direction in force for the time being.

EXTENSION OF DEADLINES FOR THE PAYMENT OF FINES AND COURT ORDERED COMPENSATION PAYMENTS NOT INCLUDING MAINTENANCE

4. The deadline for making payments by persons who are unable to pay Public Health Fixed Penalties, fines or court ordered compensation payments by credit card or Visa enabled debit card is extended to October 31, 2022.
5. The deadline for persons to pay all fines due and owing at September 30, 2022 is extended to October 31, 2022. For the avoidance of doubt, this shall include all fines due and owing from March 16, 2020 to September 30, 2022 inclusive.
6. The deadline for persons to pay all **court ordered compensation payments NOT INCLUDING MAINTENANCE** due and owing at September 30, 2022 is extended to October 31, 2022. For the avoidance of doubt, this shall include all compensation payments due and owing from March 16, 2020 to September 30, 2022 inclusive.
7. The deadline for persons to pay all Public Health Fixed Penalties issued on or before October 17, 2022 is extended to October 31, 2022.
8. The adjourned dates for hearings for Public Health Fixed Penalty Notices issued between September 5, 2020 and September 30, 2022, in situations in which the fines are not paid, will be published on the Judiciary's website; in the Gazette and a national newspaper on October 1, 2022.
9. The hearings for Public Health Fixed Penalty Notices issued on or after October 1, 2022, in situations in which the fines are not paid, shall be the date as stated on the Fixed Penalty Notice.

EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR THE PAYMENT OF TRAFFIC TICKETS RECEIVED PRIOR TO MAY 26, 2020

10. The deadline for persons to pay all traffic tickets issued on or before May 26, 2020 is extended in accordance with any extension by law.

Dated this 31st day of May, 2022

/s/ Ivor Archie
Chief Justice