

SUPREME COURT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

PRACTICE DIRECTION NO. 3 OF 2014

***FIRST CRIMINAL DIRECTIONS DATE FOLLOWING COMMITTAL TO
THE SUPREME COURT***

On the committal of an accused person for trial or sentence, the Magistrates Court will set an appearance date for the accused person to appear in the Supreme Court in accordance with rule 4731(3) of the *Court Procedures Rules 2006*. The appearance date will usually be a Thursday criminal directions date at 9.30am before the Registrar.

1. If the accused person is granted bail in the Magistrates Court

If the accused person is granted bail, the court must, in accordance with rule 4731(4) of the Court Procedures Rules, require the accused person, as a condition of the bail, to appear before the Supreme Court on the appearance date.

If the accused person is granted bail, and required to appear before the Supreme Court on the appearance date, being a Thursday criminal directions date before the Registrar, the accused person **must** appear before the Court in order to meet that condition of the bail.

If the accused person is legally represented, and wishes to be excused from attending on the appearance date, the accused person's legal representative may make an application under s.30 of the *Bail Act 1992* by email direct to the Registrar requesting that the accused person be excused from attending before the Court on the appearance date. The Registrar may excuse the accused person from attending before the Court, and will advise the legal representative by email whether or not the application is granted, and note the file accordingly.

2. If the accused person is remanded in custody

If the accused person is remanded in custody on the committal of that person from the Magistrates Court and required to appear before the Supreme Court on the first appearance date, then, unless the Supreme Court otherwise orders, the accused person need not be transported to attend on the appearance date and an order will be made in chambers remanding the accused person to a date to be advised by the Registrar.

By direction of the Judges.

Annie Glover
Registrar

18 November 2014