

SUPREME COURT OF THE

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

NOTICE TO PRACTITIONERS

Changes to Civil Hearing Listing Practice and Central Civil Listing Dates 2025

Practitioners are advised that from 1 July 2024 the Supreme Court is implementing the following changes to the procedure for listing Civil Hearings.

- 1. Listing Hearings will now proceed by way of callover to list matters for hearing in future central civil blocks. Each Listing Hearing Callover will be held at 9.00am on the following dates:
 - a. Thursday 31 October 2024 for the February 2025 sittings;
 - b. Thursday 5 December 2025 for the March 2025 sittings;
 - c. Thursday 30 January 2025 for the May 2025 sittings;
 - d. Thursday 6 March 2025 for the June 2025 sittings;
 - e. Thursday 17 April 2025 for the July 2025 sittings;
 - f. Thursday 5 June 2025 for the August 2025 sittings;
 - g. Thursday 24 July 2025 for the September/October 2025 sittings;
 - h. Thursday 4 September 2025 for the November/December 2025 sittings; and
 - i. Thursday 30 October 2025 for the early 2026 sittings.
- 2. Matters will generally only be listed in a Listing Hearing Callover if the parties have engaged in formal alternative dispute resolution prior to the Listing Hearing Callover.
- 3. For matters that are currently listed for a Listing Hearing:
 - a. these matters are required to comply with directions for the filing and service of listing hearing questionnaires and the requirements of the *Court Procedures (Fees)*Determination 2024 as currently made;
 - b. the Listing Hearing listing will be maintained, at which the matter will be:

- i. referred for court ordered mediation, if the parties have not already booked or otherwise participated in a private mediation; and
- ii. listed in the next Listing Hearing Callover after the mediation date.
- c. Any party with a current Listing Hearing date that seeks a listing for the purposes of being referred to court ordered mediation at an earlier stage may approach the Court to have the matter re-listed accordingly.
- 4. General timetabling directions or directions to remediate non-compliance will not ordinarily be made at a Listing Hearing Callover. Matters requiring such directions may be referred to the directions list and otherwise adjourned to the next Listing Hearing Callover.
- 5. Going forward, the timeframe for Plaintiffs to file Statements of Particulars and parties to file Listing Hearing Questionnaires will be referable to the Listing Hearing Callover, unless otherwise ordered.

The Central Civil listing periods for 2025 are as follows:

February sittings:

- Week commencing 10 February 2025; and
- Week commencing 17 February 2025.

March sittings:

- Week commencing 17 March 2025; and
- Week commencing 24 March 2025.

May sittings:

- Week commencing 5 May 2025;
- Week commencing 12 May 2025; and
- Week commencing 19 May 2025.

June sittings

- Week commencing 2 June 2025;
- Week commencing 9 June 2025;
- Week commencing 16 June 2025; and
- Week commencing 23 June 2025.

July sittings:

- Week commencing 30 June 2025;
- Week commencing 7 July 2025; and
- Week commencing 14 July 2025.

August sittings:

- Week commencing 11 August 2025; and
- Week commencing 18 August 2025.

September/October sittings:

- Week commencing 22 September 2025;
- Week commencing 29 September 2025;
- Week commencing 13 October 2025; and
- Week commencing 20 October 2025.

November/December sittings:

- Week commencing 17 November 2025; and
- Week commencing 24 November 2025.
- Week commencing 1 December 2025.

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