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PRACTICE DIRECTION

SUPPLEMENT TO THE PRACTICE DIRECTION (COURT OPERATIONS WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 NO. 21) ISSUED ON THE 19th SEPTEMBER, 2022 AND PUBLISHED IN THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO GAZETTE VOLUME 61 NO. 161

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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 deadline for the payments of Public Health Fixed Penalty Notices and court-ordered fines to facilitate ease of access to a range of payment options including cash alternatives;
2. Extend the deadline for the payments of court-ordered compensation not including maintenance to facilitate ease of access to a range of payment options including cash alternatives; and
3. Extend the deadline for the payment of traffic tickets received prior to May 26th, 2020 to facilitate ease of access to a range of payment options including cash alternatives.

Accordingly, the following measures shall take effect:

4. 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 NOT INCLUDING MAINTENANCE AND COURT ORDERED COMPENSATION PAYMENTS

5. Persons can pay Public Health Fixed Penalties and fines by credit card or Visa enabled debit card from any internet-enabled device by accessing <https://courtpay.ttlawcourts.org/>.
6. The deadline for making payments by persons who are unable to pay Public Health Fixed Penalties and fines by credit card or Visa enabled debit card is extended to January 31, 2023.
7. The deadline for persons to pay all fines due and owing at December 31, 2022 is extended to January 31, 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, this shall include all fines due and owing from March 16, 2020 to December 31, 2022 inclusive.
8. The deadline for persons to pay all **court ordered compensation payments NOT INCLUDING MAINTENANCE** due and owing at December 31, 2022 is extended to January 31, 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, this shall include all compensation payments due and owing from March 16, 2020 to December 31, 2022 inclusive.
9. The deadline for persons to pay all Public Health Fixed Penalties issued on or before January 17, 2023 is extended to January 31, 2023.
10. The hearings for Public Health Fixed Penalty Notices issued between September 5, 2020 and January 17, 2023, where the fines are not paid, are advised that dates of all adjourned matters will be published on the Judiciary website and in the Gazette and a national newspaper on January 31, 2023.
11. The hearings for Public Health Fixed Penalty Notices issued on or after January 18, 2023, where 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

12. 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 30th day of September, 2022

I. ARCHIE
Chief Justice