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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

PRACTICE DIRECTION

RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT OF MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS (COURTPAY)

This Practice Direction is issued pursuant to Part 4 of the Family Proceedings Rules 1998 (hereinafter “the Rules”) and is applicable to all maintenance payments made pursuant to an Order of the Court in family proceedings or in any application.

The objective of this Practice Direction is to provide for the receipt and disbursement of all maintenance payments to be conducted electronically in light of current challenges and risks associated with in-person activities at court locations given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Accordingly, the following measures shall take effect:

1. This Practice Direction is to be read in conjunction with:
 - a. The Practice Direction published in Vol. 57 No. 69 dated May 24, 2018 titled CourtPay System for the Payment in and out of Court of Maintenance Payments by Electronic Data Transfer (hereinafter “the 2018 CourtPay Practice Direction”);
 - b. The Practice Direction published in Gazette Vol. 58 No. 122 dated September 6, 2019 titled Family Law (Guardianship of Minors, Domicile and Maintenance) Act Chapter 46:01 (CourtPay System for the Payment into and out of Court of Maintenance Payments by Electronic Data Transfer) (hereinafter “the 2019 CourtPay Practice Direction”); and

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c. Any Practice Direction (COVID-19 Emergency Directions) in force for the time being;

And such directions shall continue to be in force unless a direction contained hereunder is expressed to supersede same or to apply notwithstanding an earlier direction to the contrary.

2. Notwithstanding the Guidelines for the Drafting of Orders for Maintenance and the direction on variations to orders for payment of maintenance in court contained in the 2018 and 2019 CourtPay Practice Directions, the receipt and disbursement of all maintenance payments shall be conducted electronically via the CourtPay system with effect from the date of this Practice Direction.
3. All payments pursuant to Paragraph 2 shall be received into and disbursed from the Judiciary's Custodial Account.
4. A Payor or Payee not yet registered for CourtPay, shall register within the shortest possible time to facilitate their next due receipt of or payment for maintenance at <https://eservices.ttlawcourts.org/convert2courtpay/>.
5. Where a Payee is not yet registered for CourtPay, any funds received from the Payor shall be held in escrow in the Judiciary's Custodial Account until such time that the Payee registers for CourtPay.
6. A Payor or Payee who wishes to obtain information on CourtPay may contact the Judiciary by sending an email to convert2CourtPay@ttlawcourts.org or calling the CourtPay hotline at 866-CPAY (2729).
7. A Payee who does not have a bank account for the receipt of funds, shall be provided with a Visa enabled pay card to facilitate the receipt of funds.
8. Any Payor registered for CourtPay shall be required to pay the associated transaction fees listed at Schedule 1 to the 2018 and 2019 CourtPay Practice Directions.
9. Any Payor or Payee registering for CourtPay shall be required to:
 - a. accurately complete all fields and provide all information required on the registration portal at <https://eservices.ttlawcourts.org/convert2courtpay/> when registering for CourtPay;
 - b. satisfy themselves as to the accuracy and completeness of the information provided and shall bear responsibility for any errors or inefficiencies contained therein; and
 - c. inform the court office of any change in their personal details including address, email address, telephone number, account number, or method by which funds will be paid by the Payor and received by the Payee.

Dated this 11th day of May, 2021

/s/ Ivor Archie
Chief Justice

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
PRACTICE DIRECTION**

OPERATIONS AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

This Practice Direction is issued pursuant to Rule 1.5 of the Environmental Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure 135/2002.

Since the outset of the Covid-19 Pandemic in Trinidad and Tobago, the Environmental Commission of Trinidad and Tobago (hereinafter referred to as the Court) has implemented measures to prevent the spread of the of the Corona Virus, and has also issued Practice Directions so as to guide the Court's users, staff, attorneys at law and stakeholders on the protocols implemented and its impact on the operations of the Court.

The Court remains committed to adherence and enforcement of all regulations and policies implemented by the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in the fight against the spread of Covid-19.

Accordingly the following directions shall take effect:

EFFECTIVE DATES

- (1) This Practice Direction came into effect on **10th May, 2021** and shall be read together with **Practice Direction No. 117 of 2020, save and except Rule 3(a) – Filings.**

OPERATIONS OF THE COURT

Filings

- (2) Rule 3 (a) of Practice Direction No. 117 of 2020 "Resumption of Operations of the Environmental Commission and Pursuant Corona Virus (Covid-19) Protocols will be **replaced** with the following Rule:-

Effective 10th May, 2021, **ALL** filings are to be made via use of the Dropbox located at the entrance to the Registry of the Court. This Dropbox shall be used to submit **ALL** documents to the Court.

The documents will be processed by the following working day and persons will then be contacted for collection of filed documents.

Documents for filing are to be placed in an envelope before submission into the Dropbox. The front of the envelope are to include the date and time of submission and a contact number. The date and time on the envelope will be recorded as the date and time of filing.

Dated this 10th day of May, 2021

/s/ **His Honour Sunil Sookraj**

Chairman

Environmental Commission of Trinidad and Tobago

NOTICE

The Elections and Boundaries Commission wishes to advise that all identification cards issued by the Commission, which have already expired and those due to expire in 2021, shall be valid until December 31, 2021. No action is required to be taken by the holders of such cards to extend their validity.

This extension of the expiry date of identification cards is instituted in accordance with Registration Rules 31(5) and (6) of the Representation of the People Act, Chapter 2:01



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**Elections and Boundaries
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