

THE SYARIAH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

REGISTRAR'S CIRCULAR NO 19 OF 2020

**UPDATES ON VIDEO-CONFERENCING VIA WEBEX AND COLLECTION OF
DIVORCE CERTIFICATES FROM 2 NOVEMBER 2020**

1. The matter set out in Part 1 of this Circular is an extension of Registrar's Circular No 16 of 2020 as it relates to the use of remote communication technology for Court hearings. In view of this, Registrar's Circular No 12 of 2020 is hereby rescinded.
2. The matter set out in Part 2 of this Circular is a modification of Registrar's Circular No 17 of 2020 as it relates to the collection of certificates of divorce.

Part 1: Conduct of proceedings via remote communication technology

3. For PTC, the default mode for a solicitor to mention a case is via Webex. No request needs to be made to the Court Registry, and no email invitation will be sent by the Court officer, in advance of the scheduled PTC date. From 2 November 2020, solicitors are to join the Court session for PTC using the following details:

Meeting ID: 166 978 7245

4. For hearings before a President or Registrar, if the Court has given permission or directed for the matter to be conducted via Webex, from 2 November 2020, solicitors are to join the Court session using the following details:

For Senior President Guy Ghazali
Meeting ID: 166 251 4012

For President Muhammad Fazalee Ja'afar
Meeting ID: 166 235 9189

For President Raihanah Halid
Meeting ID: 166 498 9458

For any ad-hoc President
Meeting ID: 166 445 0935

For Registrar's matters (other than PTC)
Meeting ID: 166 978 7245

5. To facilitate the above, the Court's Hearing List for each week will be made available on the website (under "Resources" tab) every preceding Friday (e.g. the Hearing List for the week beginning 2 November 2020 will be published on Friday 30 October 2020). The Hearing List provides information on the President or Registrar hearing the matter, and for the purposes of Webex connection, the Meeting ID for that Court session.

6. Where the Court has given permission or direction for a matter to be conducted via Webex, a solicitor and his/her client and related parties, if any (such as witnesses and children) may not use a physical Courtroom and facilities in the Court's premises.

7. If, at the conclusion of a matter which is conducted via Webex, a party is required to make payment to the Court (e.g. for a Decree/Order of Court or certificate of divorce, or for the registration of divorce), such payment must be made not later than 3 working days after the date of receipt of the collection slip.

Part 2: Collection of certificates of divorce

8. A party may opt to collect a certificate of divorce that is made and issued by the Court on or after 2 November 2020 via email or in hard copy. The option must be made at the time of making payment for the certificate of divorce. If a party does not indicate his/her option, the default mode for collection of the certificate of divorce is via email.

9. If collection of the certificate of divorce is via email, either on a party's option or by default, paragraphs 11 and 12 of Registrar's Circular No 17 of 2020 will apply to the party. If a party opts to collect the certificate of divorce in hard copy, collection is from the Court Registry on the date indicated in the collection slip.

10. Court users and members of the public who wish to seek clarification on this matter may call 63548371 or email MCCY_Syariah@mccy.gov.sg. For general information on court processes and procedures, they may visit our website at www.syariahcourt.gov.sg.

Dated this 26th day of October 2020



SHAHRINAH ABDOL SALAM
REGISTRAR
SYARIAH COURT

