

## PRACTICE DIRECTION NUMBER 5 OF 2016

### SUPREME COURT OF QUEENSLAND

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#### APPLICATIONS FOR EXCUSAL FROM JURY SERVICE

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1. This Practice Direction specifies criteria for applications for excusal from jury service under s 21(1)(f) of the *Jury Act 1995* (the Act).
2. For the purpose of s 21(1)(f) of the Act, in deciding whether to excuse a person from jury service, the Sheriff must have regard to whether:
  - a. jury service would be contrary to or incompatible with a genuine religious belief or conscientious position held by the person;
  - b. jury service would result in substantial financial hardship to a business which employs the person.
3. For the purposes of s 21(1)(f) of the Act, a person seeking excusal must provide appropriate documentary evidence to support his or her application for excusal.



**Catherine Holmes**  
Chief Justice  
3 March 2016