



## Robing Policy

### Queensland Courts & Tribunals

In this Policy, “robes” has the following meaning:

- A barrister’s robes consist of a black stuff gown, a junior’s bar jacket, a white jabot or wing collar with bands, and a short wig.
- A KC’s or SC’s robes consist of a black silk gown, a silk’s bar jacket, a white jabot or wing collar with bands, and a short wig.
- Despite the policy, if the judge does not wear a wig, counsel need not wear a wig.
- The policy is subject to the preferred practice of individual judicial officers. If in doubt, contact the judge’s associate or magistrate’s clerk.
- The clothing worn by barristers in court should be unobtrusive and consistent with the wearing of robes.

#### Supreme Court of Queensland

	Robes	Wigs
<b>Ceremonial Occasions</b>	Yes	Yes KCs and SCs may wear full-bottomed wigs
<b>Court of Appeal</b>	Yes	No
<b>Crime</b>		
Trial	Yes	Yes
Sentence proceedings	Yes	Yes
Pre-trial applications	Yes	Yes
Delivery of reserved judgment	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Yes
<b>Civil</b>		
Any matter listed under “Civil Jurisdiction Trials and Hearings” in the Law List	Yes	Yes

Delivery of reserved judgment	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Yes
<b>Applications</b>	No	No
<b>Reviews</b> (in any List)	No	No

1. Most judges do not robe for short matters before 10am. If uncertain, contact the judge's associate.

### **Mental Health Court**

Robes are not worn for any hearings in the Mental Health Court.

### **Industrial Court of Queensland<sup>2</sup>**

	<b>Robes</b>	<b>Wigs</b>
Trials	Yes	No
Appeals	Yes	No
All other final hearings	Yes	No
Reviews and mentions	No	No

2. See Industrial Court of Queensland Practice Direction No. 7 of 2021

### **Queensland Industrial Relations Commission**

Robes are not worn for any hearings in the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission.

### Land Court of Queensland

	<b>Robes</b>	<b>Wigs</b>
Hearings (including any application with or without witnesses)	Yes	No
Delivery of judgment	Yes	No
Reviews	Yes	No
Court managed expert evidence (CMEE) conferences	No	No

### Land Appeal Court

	<b>Robes</b>	<b>Wigs</b>
Hearings (including any application with or without witnesses)	Yes	No
Delivery of judgments	Yes	No
Reviews	Yes	No

### District Court of Queensland

	<b>Robes</b>	<b>Wigs</b>
<b>Ceremonial Occasions</b>	Yes	Yes KCs and SCs may wear full-bottomed wigs
<b>Crime</b>		
Trial	Yes	Yes
Sentence proceedings	Yes	Yes
Pre-trial applications	Yes	Yes

	<b>Robes</b>	<b>Wigs</b>
Delivery of reserved judgment	Yes	Yes
Criminal List Reviews	Yes	Yes
<b>Civil</b>		
Any matter listed under “Civil Jurisdiction Trials and Hearings” in the Law List	Yes	Yes
<b>Appeals</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>Applications</b>	No	No
Delivery of reserved judgment (civil, appeals, applications)	Yes	Yes

### **Planning and Environment Court**

	<b>Robes</b>	<b>Wigs</b>
Hearings	Yes	No
All other proceedings (reviews, mentions, applications in a proceeding or delivery of judgment in applications)	No	No

### **Childrens Court of Queensland (constituted by Judge)**

	<b>Robes</b>	<b>Wigs</b>
All hearings	Yes	Yes

## Magistrates Courts of Queensland

	<b>Robes</b>	<b>Wigs</b>
Ceremonial Occasions	Yes	No
Civil trials	Yes	No
Committal hearings (including applications to cross-examine)	Yes	No
Criminal trials (including pre-trial applications)	Yes	No
Murri Court	No	No
Court Link and QDAC Callovers and Reviews	No	No
Court Link Long Pleas	Yes	No
Sentence Hearings (Long Pleas)	Yes	No
Mentions, reviews and callovers	No	No
Arrest Court	No	No
Civil applications	No	No
Coroners Court	No	No
Childrens Court	No	No

Note: Civil includes Domestic and Family Violence matters.

## Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal

Robes are not worn for any hearings in QCAT.

### **Revision History:**

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