

Magistrates Courts

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Bowen Court closure and registry arrangements – 26 June 2026 to 30 June 2027

Introduction

1. Rule 976 of the *Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 1999* provides the Registry must be open on each day other than a Saturday, Sunday or court holiday. However, the court or the registrar may direct that the registry is to be open or closed at other times.
2. The Bowen Courthouse building at 30 Williams Street, Bowen will temporarily close for renovations from 26 June 2026 to 30 June 2027 inclusive, with the possibility of further extension.
3. For the purposes of that rule, this Practice Direction is to facilitate court and registry arrangements in Bowen during this closure period.

Closure & arrangements

4. The Bowen Magistrates Court and registry will continue to operate at its current location (30 Williams Street, Bowen) until close of business on Thursday 25 June 2026.
5. The Bowen Magistrates Court and registry will be temporarily closed on Friday 26 June and Monday 29 June 2026 to facilitate relocation works.
6. During this closure period, parties may contact the registry by telephoning (07) 4793 5300 or emailing courthouse.bowen@justice.qld.gov.au.
7. Urgent Childrens Court matters and domestic and family violence (DFV) applications will be dealt with in accordance with current arrangements during this closure period.

8. The Bowen Magistrates Court and registry will reopen at 8:30am on Tuesday 30 June 2026 at temporary premises located at 50 Livingstone Street, Bowen. Contact details will remain unchanged.

9. The Bowen Magistrates Court will sit from these premises on the dates specified in the calendar published on the Queensland Courts website: https://www.courts.qld.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0010/885691/mc-bowen-2026.pdf



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