

PRACTICE DIRECTION NO. 1 OF 1999

1. The Uniform Civil Procedure Rules will commence on 1 July 1999.
2. The Court recognises that the substantial differences between the UCPR and the formerly applicable Rules of Court will inevitably, especially during the early life of the UCPR, give rise to a degree of administrative difficulty and uncertainty.
3. The Court is concerned to avoid the expense and inconvenience involved in the making of applications to the Court.
4. The Court acknowledges that the difficulties which will from time to time arise will not necessarily be confined to the next step or application after 1 July 1999.
5. The Court has an implied power to make practice directions in such circumstances.
6. Accordingly, for the first three months of the operation of the UCPR, that is, until 1 October 1999, litigants will be allowed reasonable latitude in their utilisation of the UCPR.
7. Provided it is apparent they have made reasonable efforts to comply with the UCPR and related forms, the absence of strict compliance with those rules or forms will ordinarily be excused. The Registrar is hereby authorised to act consistently with this Practice Direction.

Repeated

CHIEF JUDGE
4 May 1999