

**PRACTICE DIRECTION NUMBER 5 OF 2022**  
**FOR THE SUPREME COURT OF QUEENSLAND AND**  
**THE DISTRICT COURT OF QUEENSLAND**

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**ADDITIONAL CRITERION FOR EXCUSAL FROM JURY SERVICE OR**  
**DISCHARGE FROM JURY**

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1. This Practice Direction is issued under s 51 of the *Supreme Court of Queensland Act 1991* (Qld) and s 13 of the *Jury Act 1995* (Qld), after consulting with the Chief Judge of the District Court and the President of the Childrens Court.
2. For the purposes of s 21(1)(f) of the *Jury Act 1995* (Qld), in deciding whether to excuse a person from jury service, the Sheriff (under s 19 of the *Jury Act*) or a Judge (under s 20 of the *Jury Act*) will have regard to the person's COVID-19 vaccination status and its possible implications for jury safety and confidence, and the orderly and expeditious conduct of criminal trials.



**Justice Helen Bowskill**  
Senior Judge Administrator  
11 February 2022