

Queensland Courts and Tribunals Online Services Portal

Registry Committal User Guide for Prosecution Agencies

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Before starting

A registry committal is conducted pursuant to Sections <u>114</u> and <u>115</u> of the <u>Justices Act</u> <u>1886</u>. This administrative process in criminal proceedings permits the Clerk of the Court to commit a legally represented defendant to the Supreme or District Court to stand trial or to be sentenced with the consent of both Defence and Prosecution. Legally represented defendants, upon application to the court and with the agreement of the prosecuting agency, may transfer their matters to the higher court without appearing in court, and without requiring the court to determine whether the evidentiary threshold for committal has been met.

The Registry Committal online application aims to streamline the application and approval process by enabling collaboration between defence and prosecution digitally pre-lodgement. The workflow follows the legal requirement for lodging registry committals, and includes integrated data sources (QWIC), rules driven alerts and notifications, trackable process and automated distribution of outcomes and documents.

Only legal practitioners, law firm or prosecuting agency staff and registry staff are permitted to use the registry committal process. Self-represented litigants are not legally able to commit a matter via Registry Committal. They must use the court committal process to commit an indictable offence to a higher court.

To undertake a registry committal using the online application, users must be registered to use the Courts and Tribunals Online Services Portal. The User guide explaining how to set up and join an organisation is available on the portal.

Requirements and Considerations

The Registry Committal application is a web-based platform accessed via the Courts and Tribunals Online Services Portal.

Requirements and considerations when using the Registry Committal:

- Online Services Portal requires internet access
- Chrome, Edge, Firefox or similar web browser is recommended
- Email address is required to receive notifications and documents
- File uploads are limited to 20mb

Registry Committals Dashboard

The Registry Committals dashboard provides visibility and access to all existing Registry Committal applications for a user's organisation.

Note: registered users have visibility of all applications associated with the law firm/organisation the user's profile is linked to.

How to access the Registral Committal Dashboard

 Logon to the Queensland Courts and Tribunals Online Service Portal (OSP) – for instructions refer to Guide for External Registry Committal users or Guide to Internal Registry Committal users.

The Queensland Courts and Tribunals Online Services Portal displays.

• Click Registry Committal tile



The Registry Committals Dashboard displays.



- 1. OSP Profile (log out)
- 2. Organisation details
- 3. OSP Home page
- 4. Searching existing list of Registry committals within the Organisation (law firm)
- 5. Status filter defaults to filter by Prosecution Review status, select an alternative status from the drop down list if required
- 6. Application number unique identifier for registry committal application
- 7. Details name of registry committall application
- 8. Next Court Date
- 9. Status Draft, Verified, Completed

10. Actions - view a Registry Committal to view/edit/submit

Prosecutor – Registry Committal Process

All registry committal applications are initiated by a defence lawyer. The prosecution team's role is to review and approve any Registry Committal application submitted by a defence lawyer, so it can progress to the Registry Process stage of the workflow.

If errors are identified in the application, it can be returned with an explanation to the defence lawyer for correction. Please be clear and concise when explaining the issue or error, so the problem can be corrected without delay. An application to proceed via registry committal may go back and forth several times between the defence lawyer and the prosecutor until it is approved.

Note: The Original Bail Undertaking is not required by the prosecuting agency. It is not required to be presented with the original indictment at the time of the indictment presentation. A copy of the bail undertaking will be provided, the original will remain on the court file.



How to complete a Prosecution review

• Click Registry Committal tile from the OSP Home page

The Registry Committal dashboard displays, with the **Prosecution Review** status applied to the filter by default.

My applications				
View and manage all	the registry applications for your organisation. Select an Status filter Prosecution Review	application to get s	tarted.	
Application number	Details	Next Court Date	Status	Actions
RC-3169	MAG00048072232\MAG00048072232	-	Prosecution Review	Review
RC-3167	MAG00048072232\MAG00048072232	-	Prosecution Review	Review
RC-3144	- MAG00038261240\MAG00039663082	-	Prosecution Review	Review

Other filter options include:

- Prosecution Review submitted to prosecution for review and approval
- Registry Process approved by prosecution to the registry, registry processing on QWIC
- Verify with the registry Clerk of the Court for grant/refuse action
- Completed registry committal either granted or refused

•	Click Review button,	beside the ap	oplication in	Prosecution	Review status
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The Review application screen displays.

- Status filter Prosecution Review	× •
Prosecution Review	
Registry Process	t
Verify	-
Completed	

Complete each section of the Review application form as required

Brisbane Polic	e P A Services > Registry Committals > View
Review ap	plication
Awaiting pro	secution approval
A registry co	mmittal application has been forwarded to your prosecution agency for approval.
Please read t	hrough the application details below and either approve or reject each charge.
Alternatively,	if you notice an issue with the application you can choose to reject the application.
Prosecution a	pproval summary
Actioned charges:	⊘ 0 approved ⊗ 0 rejected ⑦ 2 awaiting action
Application de	etails
Status:	Prosecution Review (step 2 of 5) (i)
Reference number:	RC-3169
Committed from:	Brisbane Magistrates Court
Committed to:	Brisbane District Court
Next court date:	-

a) Prosecution approval summary section

This section highlights the status of all charges associated with the current application and updates in real time as changes occur to the application.

As the user scrolls down through the form, this section converts into a floating toolbar that remains visible at the top of the page.

No action required



b) Application details section

This section provides information on the application's; current **Status**, **Reference number**, **Committed from**, **Committed to** and **Next court date**.

Review only, no action required

c) Defendant details section

This section provides a summary of details on the defendant including; Name, DOB, Contact details, Plea and Custody status.

• Review only, no action required

0 approved	⊗ 0 rejected ⑦ 2 awaiting action
Detendant det	ails
Defendant:	
DOB:	
Phone Number:	
Email:	
Address:	
Plea:	No plea
In Custody:	No
Acknowledgements:	The defendant consents to proceed via registry committal on the charges listed below.
	The defendant does not intend to call witnesses or given evidence.
	The defendant has been given copies of the written statements.
	• The defendant consents to the Clerk of the Court ordering the defendant be committed for trial or sentence without the written statements (including evidence of an affected child under the Evidence Act 1977, part 2, division 4A) being filed in the court.
	 The defendant acknowledges that the functions of the clerk of the court for a registry committal do not include considering or deciding whether the evidence before the clerk of the court is sufficient to put the defendant on trial for the indictable offence.
	• The defendant consents to the matter being committed for trial/sentence to the Brisbane District Court in accordance with sections 108(2) or 113(4) and 115(7) or 115(8) of the Justices Act 1886.

d) List of charges section

This section lists each of the charges assigned to the application.

When an application contains multiple charges, the chevron icons in the top right corner (\checkmark ,) will expand or collapse the individual charge to help the user focus on one charge at a time. Additionally, the **Expand All** and **Collapse All** buttons will, show and hide all charges respectively.

• Click Approve or Reject beside each charge in the application

List of charge	S
registry application.	is charged with the following offences which are not to be heard summarily and have been included in this Expand All Collapse All
✓ Committed	Assaults Occasioning Bodily Harm - Criminal Code MAG00048072232 (charge 2 of 2)
Offence date:	On 14/03/2023
Offence location:	New Farm
Next court date:	Not provided
Offence details:	That on the 14th day of March 2023 at New Farm in the State of Queensland one u <i>View more</i>
	✓ Approve × Reject

Note: if choosing to **reject** a charge, a reason supporting the rejection must be provided. E.g. "the defence have chosen Supreme Court rather than District court, please amend and resubmit'

e) Legal Practitioner details section

This section provides details on the legal defence team.

• Review only, no action required

f) Prosecution details section

This section provides details on the legal prosecution team.

• Review only, no action required

g) Supporting documentation section

This section provides details on any supporting documentation provided with the application. Documents such as; Bench charge sheet, Transmission sheet, Verdict and judgement record will potentially be attached to this section.

• Review only, no action required

Legal practition	er details	θ
Practitioner name:	arran Torran	
Practitioner firm:		
Email:	press consequences and	
Phone:		
Acknowledgement:	 I confirm I hold instructions to act on behalf of the defendant in the above selected matters. I confirm I am instructed to make an application to proceed via registry committal on behalf of the defendant. 	

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Prosecution details

Prosecuting agency: Brisbane Police Prosecutions Corps

Prosecuting name:

Prosecuting email:

Supporting documentation

No supporting documentation provided

h) Prosecution approval section

This is the final section on the form and depending on the choices made in the List of charges section will display different information

If all charges are approved

- Tick both boxes
- Click Submit approval

Prosecution approval	h
I, with Brisbane Police Prosecutions Corps, confirm the details as outlined, part 2, division 4A, given under requirement of that division) is intended to be given in written statements. *	the
I, with Brisbane Police Prosecutions Corps, consent to the matter being committed for trial/sentence to the Brisbane District Court in accordance with sections 108(2) or 113(4) and 115(7) or 115(8) of the Justice Act 1886. *	9
Submit approval	
Reject application	

The **Application approved** message will display, confirming the application has been successfully processed.

View app	olication	
	Application approved	
	The application has been approved and has proceeded to the next stage to be processed.	
	Return to dashboard	

Notification is sent to the defence lawyers, the application progresses to the **Registry Process** stage of the Registry Committal application process and registry staff will receive notification that their action is required.

Note: if the form is not complete when Submit approval is clicked, a **Please check your answers** message will display, providing details on the mandatory information that has yet to be provided.

Prosecution app	oroval summary		
Actioned charges:	2 approved	🛞 0 rejected	O awaiting action
Please che Please che Prosecutio Prosecutio	eck your answers on acknowledgement: M on consent: Must be co	Aust be completed	

If one or more charges are rejected

Click Return for amendments

Prosecution approval
▲ Charge summary
You have approved 1 and rejected 1 charge.
As a charge has been marked as rejected, this application will not proceed.
The application will be sent back to Acme Lawyers to fix any errors before resubmitting if required.
Return for amendments
Reject application

Notification is sent to the defence lawyers, informing them that based on the "reason for rejection" information provided in the **List of charges** section, amendments are required before resubmitting.

If there's an issue with the application

• Click Reject application

Prosecution approval summary Image: Original system Image: Origina	
Prosecution approval	
I, with Brisbane Police Prosecutions Corps, confirm the details as outlined , part 2, division 4A, given under the requirement of that division) is intended to be given in written statements. *	
I, with Brisbane Police Prosecutions Corps, consent to the matter being committed for trial/sentence to the Brisbane District Court in accordance with sections 108(2) or 113(4) and 115(7) or 115(8) of the Justice Act 1886. *	
Submit approval	
Reject application	

The following warning message displays.

Rejecting an application should only be done when you notice an issue with the application. If there is an issue with a specific charge, please press 'Cancel' below and select 'Reject' on the specific charge instead.	Prosecution approval
	Rejecting an application should only be done when you notice an issue with the application. If there is an issue with a specific charge, please press 'Cancel' below and select 'Reject' on the specific charge instead.

- Enter a reason for rejecting the application
- Click Reject application

Prosecution approval

Rejecting an application should only be done when you notice an issue with the application.
If there is an issue with a specific charge, please press 'Cancel' below and select 'Reject' on the specific charge instead.
Reason for rejecting application *

Reason for rejecting application *	
Cancel Reject application	

The **Application rejected** message will display, confirming the application has been successfully rejected.

Viev	w application	
	Application rejected The application has been rejected and returned to Acme Lawyers to fix any errors before resubmitting if required. Return to dashboard	

Notification is sent to the defence lawyers that the application has been rejected. The application will appear in the defence lawyer's dashboard in a **draft** status, where the defence lawyer can then delete the application.

Further information

All Registry Committal training documentation is available from the Registry Committal page on the <u>Queensland Courts website</u>.

Learning resources include:

- Registry Committal User Guides (Defence, Prosecution, Registry)
- Registry Committal Quick Reference Guides (Defence, Prosecution, Registry)
- Registry Committal screen capture videos (Defence, Prosecution, Registry)