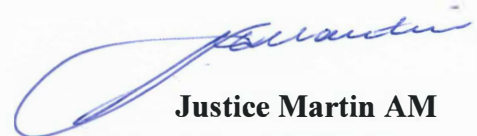


SUPREME COURT OF QUEENSLAND
PRACTICE DIRECTION NUMBER 12 OF 2024

EXCUSAL FROM JURY SERVICE

1. This Practice Direction is issued under s 13 of the *Jury Act 1995* (Qld).
2. For the purpose of s 21(1)(f) of the *Jury Act*, in deciding whether to excuse a person from jury service, in addition to the matters specified in s 21(1), the sheriff or judge must have regard to whether:
 - (a) jury service would be contrary to or incompatible with a genuine religious belief or conscientious position held by the person; or
 - (b) jury service would result in substantial financial hardship to a business that employs the person or otherwise contracts with the person for their services.
3. A person seeking excusal under s 21(1) of the *Jury Act* must provide appropriate documentary evidence to support the application for excusal.
4. For the purposes of s 21(2) of the *Jury Act*, the sheriff or judge is empowered to permanently excuse a person from jury service where the person produces a medical certificate issued by a duly qualified medical practitioner that indicates permanent excusal is appropriate on identified medical grounds.
5. For the purposes of s 18(6) of the *Jury Act*, if satisfied it is appropriate to do so, the sheriff may excuse a person from jury service upon an application made other than on the application form provided with the notice to prospective jurors, or orally, provided adequate reasons for the request and, if necessary, supporting documentary evidence, are provided.



Justice Martin AM
Senior Judge Administrator

11 March 2024