



## Te Tari Toko i te Tumu Whakawā | The Office of the Chief Justice

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### MEDIA STATEMENT

#### ***File and Pay: Lawyers and other court users can now lodge court documents and payments electronically***

The Ministry of Justice, which is responsible for providing operational and technological support to the Courts, is providing a new service that allows court participants to file documents and pay associated filing fees online. The File and Pay service is available from 28 October 2020 and can be accessed through the [Courts of New Zealand website](#).

File and Pay will first be implemented in the Court of Appeal and the High Court for filing and payment. Payment only will be available for the following District Court applications: dissolution of marriage, civil enforcement and civil proceedings.

File and Pay will also be available temporarily for other jurisdictions when there is a need to ensure business continuity, for example a change in pandemic alert levels or during a natural disaster.

The File and Pay service is a simple web form that allows participants to upload documents and pay associated filing fees with a credit or debit card. Participants will be sent a GST receipt to the email address they enter with their submission.

Following a submission, the participant will interact with the court as they do currently. If the filing is refused or rejected by the court, they will be contacted as usual by email, phone or by post.

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