



## **Procedure - Second Appearance of Category 4 Offences in the High Court over the Christmas Period 2017-2018**

### **As at 30 November 2017**

This memorandum explains how the second appearance of a Category 4 offence in the High Court will occur for December 2017, January 2018 and February 2018.

When a defendant is charged with a Category 4 offence, the second appearance is to be held in the High Court within 15 working days from the defendant's first appearance in the District Court.

Normally, a specified day of the week (and time) is set aside in each High Court registry to deal with any required second appearances.

These arrangements are varied for late December 2017 and January 2018.

With only limited exceptions, the High Court does not sit from 20 December until 31 January. Further, section 5 of the Criminal Procedure Act 2011 (CPA) (interpretation of a working day) states the period commencing on 25 December in one year and ending on 15 January in the next year are not to be counted as working days (CPA break).

Rule 1.7 of the Criminal Procedure Rules 2012 allows time-frames between CPA hearings to be extended.

### **Procedure**

There will be no second appearance hearings for Category 4 offences after Friday 15 December 2017 and before Monday 15 January 2018 (a 4-week break).

Outside that period second appearance hearings will take place in December 2017, January 2018 and February 2018 as shown below. Hearings will be scheduled for 9.00 am unless otherwise advised.

### **Auckland Circuit**

#### **Auckland Registry**

Wednesdays 6 and 13 December 2017.  
Wednesdays 17, 24 and 31 January 2018.  
Wednesdays 7, 14, 21 and 28 February 2018.

Local District Courts: Auckland, Manukau, North Shore, Waitakere, Papakura and Pukekohe.

#### **Whangārei Registry**

Thursdays 7 and 14 December 2017  
Thursdays 18 and 25 January 2018  
Thursdays 1, 8, 15 and 22 February 2018.

Local District Courts: Whangārei, Dargaville, Kaikohe and Kaitaia.

## **Rotorua and Tauranga Registries**

Wednesdays 6 and 13 December 2017.  
Wednesdays 17, 24 and 31 January 2018.  
Wednesdays 7, 14, 21 and 28 February 2018.

Local District Courts: Rotorua, Taupo and Tokoroa.  
Local District Courts: Tauranga, Opotiki and Whakatane.

## **Hamilton Registry**

Tuesdays 5 and 12 December 2017.  
Tuesdays 16, 23 and 30 January 2018.  
Monday 5 February and Tuesdays 13, 20 and 27 February 2018.

Local District Courts: Hamilton, Huntly, Morrinsville, Te Awamutu, Te Kuiti, Thames, Waihi and Taumarunui.

## **Wellington Circuit**

### **Wellington Circuit Registries (Wellington, Napier, Palmerston North, Whanganui, Gisborne, New Plymouth, Nelson and Blenheim)**

Mondays 4 and 11 December 2017.  
Monday 15 January, Tuesday 23 January and Monday 29 January 2018.  
Mondays 5, 12, 19 and 26 February 2018.

Local District Courts (Wellington):	Wellington, Porirua, Hutt Valley, Masterton and Chatham Islands.
Local District Courts (Napier):	Napier, Hastings and Waipukurau.
Local District Courts (Palmerston North):	Palmerston North, Levin and Dannevirke.
Local District Courts (Whanganui):	Wanganui, Marton and Taihape.
Local District Courts (New Plymouth):	New Plymouth and Hawera.
Local District Courts (Gisborne):	Gisborne, Ruatoria and Wairoa.
Local District Courts (Nelson):	Nelson.
Local District Courts (Blenheim):	Blenheim and Kaikoura.

## **Christchurch Circuit**

### **Christchurch Registry**

Fridays 8 and 15 December 2017.  
Fridays 19 and 26 January 2018.  
Thursday 1 February and Fridays 9, 16 and 23 February 2018.

Local District Courts: Christchurch and Rangiora.

### **Christchurch Circuit Registries (Dunedin, Invercargill, Timaru and Greymouth)**

Tuesdays 5 and 12 December 2017.  
Tuesdays 16, 23 and 30 January 2018.  
Monday 5 February and Tuesdays 13, 20 and 27 February 2018.

Local District Courts (Dunedin):	Dunedin, Alexandra and Balclutha.
Local District Courts (Invercargill):	Invercargill, Gore and Queenstown.
Local District Courts (Timaru):	Timaru, Ashburton and Oamaru.
Local District Courts (Greymouth):	Greymouth and Westport.

## **Bail Applications**

Any bail applications (along with any other urgent business) will be dealt with in the normal way during the Christmas period.

For urgent applications during the Christmas New year please refer here: [Urgent applications](#)

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