

Federal Court prioritising health and safety in light of Covid-19, and also issues new Special Measures Information Note

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Abstract:

The Federal Court has issued further updates on its website regarding its services during the continuing development of COVID-19.

- It has, from 24 March 2020, closed its public facing counters and stopped providing face to face services. However, the court is still working in registry, remotely or via the phone or online and will provide face to face services if urgent. If the latter is a necessity, the court can be contacted on 1300 720 980.
- It has issued a note, the Special Measures Information Note (SMIN-1), which sets out arrangements for the continued operation of the Federal Court during the COVID-19 outbreak in Australia. The Court is acting responsibly by ensuring to prioritise the health and safety of the community, and in particular, parties, practitioners, judges and staff, and the families of all of these groups. It requires cooperation with the note of all court users and addresses a number of issues including filing of unsworn affidavits and a triage process for newly filed judge matters and urgent matters.

See the updates [here](#)

The Federal Circuit Court has also listed updates and information regarding changes to its services, see [here](#) for a list of notices, including Notices to the profession regarding courtroom and courtroom procedure. It is recommended to keep checking this website for any further changes, particularly in light of the updates from the Federal Court.