

Explanatory Statement

Court Procedures Amendment Rules 2022 (No 1)

Subordinate Law SL2022-2

Issued by Authority of the Rule-Making Committee

The Rule-Making Committee (currently comprising the Chief Justice, Justice Elkaim, Acting Chief Magistrate Campbell and Magistrate Theakston) may make rules in relation to the practice and procedure of the ACT Courts and their registries pursuant to section 7 of the *Court Procedures Act 2004*. The Courts and the Joint Rules Advisory Committee have conducted a consultative review of the rules which has resulted in the amendments contained in *the Court Procedures Amendment Rules 2022 (No 1)*.

They amend:

- Rules 3005, 3006, 3010, 3021, and 3022, to change the way in which a notice of intention to apply for a grant of probate, letters of administration (no will), letters of administration (with will), and reseal of a foreign grant is required to be published; and
- Rules 3156, 3157, 3158, 3159, 3160 and 3201, and insert new rules 3156(3) and 3157A, to introduce separate requirements for an application for adoption of a person 18 years or older that better reflect the nature and circumstances of these applications.

The amendments will commence on 1 March 2022