

QCAT Practice Direction No. 8 of 2020

COVID-19 ARRANGEMENTS FOR QCAT MATTERS (other than those to which Practice Directions 3, 6 and 7 of 2020 apply) from Monday, 3 August 2020

Updated on 2 September 2020

1. This Practice Direction replaces Practice Direction 4 of 2020.
2. This Practice Direction applies to all QCAT matters other than those to which Practice Directions 3, 6 and 7 of 2020 apply.
3. From 3 August 2020, and until further notice, Directions Hearings and Compulsory Conferences shall be conducted by telephone, unless otherwise ordered by the Tribunal in particular cases.
4. From 3 August 2020, and until further notice, mediations shall be conducted by telephone, unless otherwise ordered by the Tribunal in particular cases.
5. Subject to the discretion of the member or adjudicator conducting each hearing, it is expected that all matters in which notices of hearing by remote means (by telephone or video-conference) were issued before 1 September 2020 will be heard remotely.
6. Parties should file documents in the manner (including over the counter and by post) as described on the QCAT website at: <https://www.qcat.qld.gov.au/applications/lodging-your-application-and-forms>

PERSONAL APPEARANCES BEFORE QCAT

7. In all matters in which a person appears in person before a QCAT member or adjudicator, each person shall, before being admitted to the hearing room, provide written details of their full name, address, and contact telephone number and written confirmation that the person:
 - a) has not been diagnosed with COVID-19;
 - b) is not presently awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test;
 - c) has not been in close contact with another who already has COVID-19 such as to require the person to self-quarantine (in accordance with Queensland Government guidelines and recommendations);
 - d) is not suffering any of the symptoms of COVID-19; and

- e) has not returned from overseas, or Queensland Government declared hotspots, within the preceding 14 days.



*Hon Justice Martin Daubney AM
President*

2 September 2020