
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2010 No. 2955

The Family Procedure Rules 2010

PART 27

HEARINGS AND DIRECTIONS APPOINTMENTS

Reasons for a decision [F1: proceedings before a lay justice or justices]

- 27.2.**—(1) This rule applies to proceedings [F2: in the family court before a lay justice or justices].
- (2) After a hearing, the court will make its decision as soon as is practicable.
- (3) The court must give written reasons for its decision.
- (4) Paragraphs (5) and (6) apply where the functions of the court are being performed by—
- (a) two or three lay justices; or
 - (b) by a single lay justice in accordance with these rules and Practice Direction 2A.
- (5) The [F3: justices' legal adviser] must, before the court makes an order or refuses an application or request, make notes of—
- (a) the names of the [F4: lay] justice or justices constituting the court by which the decision is made; and
 - (b) in consultation with the [F5: lay] justice or justices, the reasons for the court's decision.
- (6) The [F3: justices' legal adviser] must make a written record of the reasons for the court's decision.
- (7) When making an order or refusing an application, the court, or one of the [F6: lay] justices constituting the court by which the decision is made, will announce its decision and—
- (a) the reasons for that decision; or
 - (b) a short explanation of that decision.
- (8) Subject to any other rule or practice direction, the court officer will supply a copy of the order and the reasons for the court's decision to the persons referred to in paragraph (9)—
- (a) by close of business on the day when the court announces its decision; or
 - (b) where that time is not practicable and the proceedings are on notice, no later than 72 hours from the time when the court announced its decision.
- (9) The persons referred to in paragraph (8) are—
- (a) the parties (unless the court directs otherwise);
 - (b) any person who has actual care of a child who is the subject of proceedings, or who had such care immediately prior to the making of the order;
 - (c) in the case of an emergency protection order and a recovery order, the local authority in whose area the child lives or is found;
 - (d) in proceedings to which Part 14 applies—

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- (i) an adoption agency or local authority which has prepared a report on the suitability of the applicant to adopt a child;
- (ii) a local authority which has prepared a report on the placement of the child for adoption;
- (e) any other person who has requested a copy if the court is satisfied that it is required in connection with an appeal or possible appeal.

F7(10)

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in rule 27.2 heading substituted (22.4.2014) by [The Family Procedure \(Amendment No. 2\) Rules 2014 \(S.I. 2014/667\)](#), rules 1, **19(a)** (with rule 45)
- F2** Words in rule 27.2(1) substituted (22.4.2014) by [The Family Procedure \(Amendment No. 2\) Rules 2014 \(S.I. 2014/667\)](#), rules 1, **19(b)** (with rule 45)
- F3** Words in rule 27.2 substituted (6.4.2020) by [The Family Procedure \(Amendment\) Rules 2020 \(S.I. 2020/135\)](#), rules 1, **27**
- F4** Word in rule 27.2(5)(a) inserted (22.4.2014) by [The Family Procedure \(Amendment No. 2\) Rules 2014 \(S.I. 2014/667\)](#), rules 1, **19(c)(i)** (with rule 45)
- F5** Word in rule 27.2(5)(b) inserted (22.4.2014) by [The Family Procedure \(Amendment No. 2\) Rules 2014 \(S.I. 2014/667\)](#), rules 1, **19(c)(ii)** (with rule 45)
- F6** Word in rule 27.2(7) inserted (22.4.2014) by [The Family Procedure \(Amendment No. 2\) Rules 2014 \(S.I. 2014/667\)](#), rules 1, **19(d)** (with rule 45)
- F7** Rule 27.2(10) omitted (22.4.2014) by virtue of [The Family Procedure \(Amendment No. 2\) Rules 2014 \(S.I. 2014/667\)](#), rules 1, **19(e)** (with rule 45)

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- rule 3.8(1)(k)(iii) word substituted by [S.I. 2023/1324 rule 11\(g\)\(iv\)\(cc\)](#)
- rule 3.8(1)(k)(iii) words inserted by [S.I. 2023/1324 rule 11\(g\)\(iv\)\(bb\)](#)
- rule 3.8(1)(k)(iii) words omitted by [S.I. 2023/1324 rule 11\(g\)\(iv\)\(dd\)](#)
- rule 3.8(1)(k)(ii) word substituted by [S.I. 2023/1324 rule 11\(g\)\(iii\)](#)
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- rule 3.8(1)(l) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1324 rule 11\(h\)\(ii\)](#)
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