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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2016 No. 972**

**The Non-Contentious Probate (Amendment) Rules 2016**

**Amendments to the Non-Contentious Probate Rules 1987**

2.—(1) In rule 5 (personal applications), after paragraph (8) insert—

“(9) In any case where an application is made under rule 5A (alternative procedure for personal applications), this rule applies with the exceptions and modifications provided by that rule.”.

(2) After rule 5, insert—

**“Alternative procedure for personal applications**

**5A.**—(1) A personal applicant may apply for a grant at any registry under this rule if invited to do so by that registry.

(2) An application under this rule must be made by completing and sending an online application form in accordance with instructions given by the registry.

(3) Where an application is made under this rule, rule 5 applies with the following exceptions and modifications—

- (a) paragraphs (1), (7) and (8) do not apply;
- (b) paragraph (5) applies as if for the words “the district judge or registrar may approve” there were substituted “required by instructions given by the registry”; and
- (c) paragraph (6) applies as if for the words after “information” there were substituted “required by instructions given by the registry”.

(4) Where an application is made under this rule, rule 8 does not apply, and—

- (a) the application must be verified by a statement of truth by the applicant in the online application form;
- (b) rule 10(1)(a) applies as if for “signatures of the applicant and the person before whom the oath is sworn” there were substituted “signature of the applicant”;
- (c) rule 27(1) applies as if at the end there were inserted “or, where the application is made under rule 5A, the applicant shall confirm in accordance with instructions given by the registry that such notice has been given”.

(5) Where original documents are required by instructions given by the registry to be sent in support of the application, they must be sent separately to the registry in accordance with such instructions.”