
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 759

The Criminal Procedure Rules 2020

PART 4

SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS

Service by electronic means

4.6.—(1) This rule applies where—

- (a) the person to be served—
 - (i) has given an electronic address and has not refused to accept service at that address, or
 - (ii) is given access to an electronic address at which a document may be deposited and has not refused to accept service by the deposit of a document at that address; or
- (b) the person to be served is legally represented in the case and the legal representative—
 - (i) has given an electronic address, or
 - (ii) is given access to an electronic address at which a document may be deposited.

(2) A document may be served—

- (a) by sending it by electronic means to the address which the recipient has given; or
- (b) by depositing it at an address to which the recipient has been given access and—
 - (i) in every case, making it possible for the recipient to read the document, or view or listen to its content, as the case may be,
 - (ii) unless the court otherwise directs, making it possible for the recipient to make and keep an electronic copy of the document, and
 - (iii) notifying the recipient of the deposit of the document (which notice may be given by electronic means).

[^{F1}(3) Where the person to be served under this rule is the court officer—

- (a) the address for service is the relevant court office; and
- (b) if service is by deposit under paragraph (2)(b), notice of that deposit—
 - (i) must be given only where arrangements for use of the electronic address advertised under rule 4.1(3) so require, and
 - (ii) if so required, must be given in accordance with those arrangements.]

(4) Where a document is served under this rule the person serving it need not provide a paper copy as well.

F1 Rule 4.6(3) substituted (3.4.2023) by [The Criminal Procedure \(Amendment\) Rules 2023 \(S.I. 2023/44\)](#), rules 1, 4(a)

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Commencement Information

II Rule 4.6 in force at 5.10.2020, see Preamble

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- rule 18.14-18.17 omitted by [S.I. 2024/62 rule 8\(d\)\(ii\)](#)
- rule 18.1(c)-(e) rule 18.1(d)-(f) renumbered as rule 18.1(c)-(e) by [S.I. 2024/62 rule 8\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- rule 33.47-33.50 omitted by [S.I. 2024/62 rule 9\(a\)\(ii\)](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Instrument associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Instrument (including any effects on those provisions):

- rule 2.8(4)(g)-(j) rule 2.8(4)(f)-(i) renumbered as rule 2.8(4)(g)-(j) by [S.I. 2024/62 rule 3\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- rule 3.35(4)(h) rule 3.35(4)(g) renumbered as rule 3.35(4)(h) by [S.I. 2024/62 rule 4\(e\)\(iii\)](#)
- rule 3.8(7)(8) inserted by [S.I. 2024/62 rule 4\(c\)\(iii\)](#)
- rule 3.35(8) rule 3.35(7) renumbered as rule 3.35(8) by [S.I. 2024/62 rule 4\(e\)\(v\)](#)
- rule 3.8(9) rule 3.8(7) renumbered as rule 3.8(9) by [S.I. 2024/62 rule 4\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- rule 5.4(4)(5) inserted by [S.I. 2024/62 rule 5\(a\)](#)
- rule 15.9(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2024/62 rule 7\(f\)\(i\)](#)
- rule 15.9(b) inserted by [S.I. 2024/62 rule 7\(f\)\(iii\)](#)
- rule 15.9(c)-(e) rule 15.9(b)-(d) renumbered as rule 15.9(c)-(e) by [S.I. 2024/62 rule 7\(f\)\(ii\)](#)
- rule 18.8(2)(d)(e) inserted by [S.I. 2024/62 rule 8\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- rule 33.53(5) inserted by [S.I. 2024/62 rule 9\(n\)](#)
- rule 44.3(1)(c) inserted by [S.I. 2024/62 rule 10\(c\)](#)
- rule 45.7(1)(a)(vi) inserted by [S.I. 2024/62 rule 11\(c\)\(iii\)](#)
- rule 45.7(6) inserted by [S.I. 2024/62 rule 11\(c\)\(vi\)](#)
- rule 47.24(c) word omitted by [S.I. 2024/62 rule 12\(l\)\(iii\)](#)
- rule 47.24(d)(e) substituted for rule 47.24(d) by [S.I. 2024/62 rule 12\(l\)\(iv\)](#)
- rule 47.4(f) word omitted by [S.I. 2024/62 rule 12\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- rule 47.4(f) word substituted by [S.I. 2024/62 rule 12\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- rule 47.4(g) word substituted by [S.I. 2024/62 rule 12\(a\)\(iii\)](#)
- rule 47.4(h)(i) inserted by [S.I. 2024/62 rule 12\(a\)\(iv\)](#)
- rule 47.24(iii)(iv) inserted by [S.I. 2024/62 rule 12\(l\)\(ii\)](#)
- rule 47.9(1)(h)(i) inserted by [S.I. 2024/62 rule 12\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- rule 47.20(2)(g) renumbered as rule 47.20(2)(f) by [S.I. 2024/62 rule 12\(k\)\(iii\)](#)
- rule 47.13(2)(g) rule 47.13(2)(f) renumbered as rule 47.13(2)(g) by [S.I. 2024/62 rule 12\(g\)\(iv\)](#)