



COVID-19: PROBATE COURT MATTERS

Updated: Thursday, April 9, 2020

Until further notice, the Probate Court will not accept any new applications for grants, unless it is deemed to be an urgent or essential matter by a judge. This is in line with the [March 19, 2020, directive](#) that the Supreme Court adopt an essential services model during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Probate proceedings are heard across the province by Justices of the Supreme Court and the Registrar of Probate.

If you feel your matter is urgent and requires immediate action or attention, please write a letter explaining the circumstances and email it to your local Registrar of Probate. A judge will review your letter and provide further instructions through the Registrar of Probate.

All estates previously scheduled will continue, unless a judge decides a reprioritization is needed. Estates take approximately four weeks to process, unless a judge decides to reprioritize the matter.

Until further notice, no new dates will be offered for passing accounts or contentious matters, unless a judge deems it to be urgent.

The Registrar of Probate will not accept Affidavits of Service – Notices of Grant (Form 28) until the Probate Court resumes normal operations.

Counsel should contact their local Probate Court office to extend the filing deadline for the Inventory (Form 29). If you already have your Form 29 signed and sworn, please hold on to these documents for filing when the Probate Court resumes normal operations.

Contact information for all Probate Court offices is available on the Courts' website at https://www.courts.ns.ca/Courthouse_Locations/Courthouse_Locations_Map.htm.

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