



Magistrates Court of Western Australia

Practice Direction Number 2 of 2021 **Audio Appearances in Civil Proceedings**

This Practice Direction does not apply to proceedings under the [Restraining Orders Act 1997](#) or applications under the [Road Traffic \(Authorisation to Drive\) Act 2006](#).

For matters listed for trial and any applications pursuant to the [Civil Judgments Enforcement Act 2004](#), a party seeking to appear by audio link is to submit a Form 23 Application together with an affidavit in support in accordance with the applicable Rules.

In relation to all other matters, a party seeking to appear by audio link, is to submit the request in writing (including by email) to the Registrar at the relevant Court location no later than 12 noon on the working day prior to the scheduled appearance.

The request should specify the reason for the request and provide the parties contact details.

The request will be referred to a Registrar at the location who may grant the application or refer it to a Magistrate.

Until such time as a party is advised that the application is granted, they should be prepared to appear in person.

Where a party is given leave to appear by audio link, a failure to answer the call from the Court will be treated in the same manner as a failure to appear in person.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven Heath', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Steven Heath
Chief Magistrate

Dated: 30 March 2021