

Quick reference guide: Criminal division modes of appearance

As directed in Practice Direction No. 1 of 2025

	Proceedings with the accused on bail or summons		Proceedings with the accused in custody	
Proceeding type	Unrepresented accused	Practitioners (inc. prosecutors & defence) and represented accused	Represented or unrepresented accused	Practitioners (inc. prosecutors & defence)
Applications (except bail applications)	Unrepresented accused in person.	Practitioners and represented accused may appear in person or online if the accused is represented Prosecutors must appear in person if the accused is unrepresented.	Accused online.	Practitioners may appear in person or online if the accused is represented. Prosecutors must appear in person if the accused is unrepresented.
Assessment and Referral Court (ARC) proceedings	Participants and all practitioners in person.	Participants and all practitioners in person.	N/A	N/A
Booked in bail applications	N/A	N/A	Accused online.	Practitioners in person.
Committal hearings	Unrepresented accused in person.	May be listed in person or online as directed. Parties must seek a direction as to mode of hearing and appear as directed.	Accused online.	Practitioners in person.
Committal mentions	Unrepresented accused in person.	Practitioners and represented accused may appear in person or online if the accused is represented Prosecutors must appear in person if the accused is unrepresented.	Accused online.	Practitioners may appear in person or online if the accused is represented. Prosecutors must appear in person if the accused is unrepresented.

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Contest mentions	Unrepresented accused in person.	Practitioners and represented accused must appear in person.	Accused online.	Practitioners in person.
Contested hearings	Unrepresented accused in person.	May be listed in person or online as directed. Parties must seek a direction as to mode of hearing and appear as directed.	Accused online.	Practitioners in person.
Drug Court proceedings	Participants and all practitioners in person.	Participants and all practitioners in person.	N/A	N/A
First remand hearings	N/A	N/A	See Practice Direction No. 1 of 2024 for directions.	See Practice Direction No. 1 of 2024 for directions.
Koori Court proceedings	Participants and all practitioners in person.	Participants and all practitioners in person.	N/A	N/A
Mention	Unrepresented accused in person.	Practitioners and represented accused may appear in person or online. Exceptions apply, see paragraphs 19–21.	Accused online.	Practitioners may appear in person or online if the accused is represented. Prosecutors must appear in person if the accused is unrepresented.

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Plea hearings	Unrepresented accused in person.	Practitioners and represented accused may appear in person or online. Exceptions apply, see paragraphs 19–21.	Accused online.	Practitioners in person.
Proceedings in JR lists	Unrepresented accused in person.	Practitioners and represented accused may appear in person or online if the accused is represented Prosecutors must appear in person if the accused is unrepresented.	N/A	N/A
Special mention	Unrepresented accused in person.	Practitioners and represented accused may appear in person or online if the accused is represented Prosecutors must appear in person if the accused is unrepresented.	Accused online.	Practitioners may appear in person or online if the accused is represented. Prosecutors must appear in person if the accused is unrepresented.
Judicial supervision hearings (CISP, bail review, deferral of sentence, CCO judicial monitoring)	Unrepresented accused in person.	Practitioners and represented accused must appear in person.	N/A	N/A

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