

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA

URGENT COURT DIRECTIVE

13 – 17 OCTOBER 2025

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE MENTZ AJ

Judge's secretary: Nyameka Mhlaba

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1. The Practice Directive dealing with urgent applications will be strictly applied. **Practitioners are reminded of the normal Rules and practice pertaining to the bringing of urgent court applications and are urged to take note of the Memorandum to Practitioners *in re: Procedure in the Pretoria Urgent Motion Court.***
2. Matters that were not ready at the close of the roll on **Thursday 9 October 2025** at **12h00** or where the Judge's secretary has not been invited to Caselines, will not be allocated and will be struck unless exceptional circumstances are present and explained in an affidavit. If any problems are experienced, the judge's secretary must be contacted timeously. In the absence thereof, where links have not been populated timeously or no link has been received, the matter will be struck from the roll/removed.

3. Master bundles must be properly indexed and paginated. Each document must be individually identified, including annexures. If not, the application will be struck from the roll.
4. In all applications a practice note must be filed setting out the following:
 - 4.1 A brief summary of grounds for urgency or absence thereof.
 - 4.2 Nature of the relief sought (without repeating the notice of motion).
 - 4.3 Total number of pages.
 - 4.4 A brief summary of the factual and legal issues involved.
 - 4.5 An indication what portion of the papers must be read.
 - 4.6 Whether there has been service by the sheriff and if not, why not.
 - 4.7 Whether the matter is opposed.
 - 4.8 Estimated duration of the matter.
 - 4.9 Contact details of all the legal practitioners, to include cell phone numbers and email addresses.

FAILURE TO FILE a Practice Note and a Certificate of Urgency will result in the matter being struck from the roll, unless there is good cause of exceptional circumstances.

5. All matters will be called in open court on **Tuesday 14 October 2025 at 10h00** **unless** a matter has been specifically allocated by **Monday 13 October 2025** in which case counsel only need to appear on the allocated dates and times. An allocated roll will be made available during the course of the day on Monday 13 October 2025.
6. Allocation of a matter does not mean that the matter is considered sufficiently urgent to be heard on the merits. Submissions will still need to be made regarding the grounds of urgency at the hearing.

7. In all opposed applications, heads of argument must be uploaded onto Caselines no later than **Monday 13 October 2025 at 12h00**.
8. Save with the leave of the Judge, **no documents** (other than heads of argument and practice notes) may be uploaded after close of the roll on Thursday 9 October 2025 at 12:00.
9. Parties must have a copy of the draft order to be handed up in court.
10. Where matters have settled, the Judge's secretary needs to be notified immediately.