



THE PROVINCIAL COURT
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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PRACTICE DIRECTION

MANDATORY PARENTING AFTER SEPARATION

Purpose

To identify the court registries that are subject to the Rule 21 mandatory parenting after separation program.

Application

This practice direction applies to the list of Provincial Court registries as found on the JusticeBC website at <http://www.justicebc.ca/en/fam/help/pas/who.html>.

Directions

1. The Provincial Court registries identified on the JusticeBC website at <http://www.justicebc.ca/en/fam/help/pas/who.html> are considered “designated registries” for the purpose of Rule 21 of the *Provincial Court (Family) Rules*.
2. Parties to certain applications¹ filed in designated registries must attend a three hour Parenting after Separation Program (the “Program”).
3. Parties are referred to the Program by registry staff.
4. In registries that are both a family justice registry pursuant to Rule 5² of the *Provincial Court (Family) Rules* and a Program registry, attendance in the Program, should, where possible, occur prior to the meeting with a Family Justice Counselor.

¹ Rule 21(3) sets out applications covered by this rule. Rule 21(4), (5), (6) and (7) set out the exceptions.

² The following are family justice registries: Kelowna, Nanaimo, Surrey, and Vancouver (Robson Square).

History of Practice Direction

- Original practice direction dated December 20, 2002.
- Amended practice direction dated February 23, 2015 (changes to wording and formatting only).
- January 8, 2020: Housekeeping update to remove “duration” section as contained information duplicated in “History of Practice Direction” section.

I make this practice direction pursuant to my authority under the *Provincial Court Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 379, Rule 20(13) of the *Provincial Court (Family) Rules*, B.C. Reg. 417/98 and the *Provincial Court Practice Directions Regulation*, B.C. Reg. 188/98.

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