

PRACTICE DIRECTION

S 43 ALCOHOL COURT S 201A JUSTICES ACT

Background

The purpose of this Practice Direction is to consolidate listing procedures concerning cases referred to the *Alcohol Court* and the Court Referred Drug Intervention and Treatment ("CREDIT" (NT)) programme in the Darwin Court.

Change in Listing *Alcohol Court* and *CREDIT (NT)* Matters

1. To date *Alcohol Court* and CREDIT (NT) matters have been listed outside of usual court hours.
2. On and from 3 April 2008, both *Alcohol Court* matters and CREDIT (NT) matters will be heard each Thursday, commencing 10.00am.
3. When a case is referred for assessment to the *Alcohol Court* or CREDIT (NT) programme, a date on a Thursday will be allocated that is at least *10 days* after the date of referral.
4. Although exceptions may be made for particular circumstances, generally the *Alcohol Court* and CREDIT (NT) Thursday list will proceed in the following order:
 - mentions and adjournments,
 - progress reports, reviews and breach reports,
 - initial assessments and determinations on admission to the programmes, including, where relevant, bail applications,
 - final reports,
 - pleas and final orders.

Transitional

The parties to any matters currently listed in the *Alcohol Court* or CREDIT (NT) programme at a 9.00am listing are encouraged to approach the Listing Registrar Nichols Place, ☎8999 7115 and if appropriate make application to re-list their matters in accordance with this Practice Direction. The *Alcohol Court* and CREDIT (NT) will continue to be convened at the previous times until the remaining matters have been completed or adjourned to a Thursday list in accordance with this Practice Direction.



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CHIEF MAGISTRATE**

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