

PRACTICE CIRCULAR 5 OF 2016

To All Law Firms / Law Organisations

Electronic lodgment of instruments without hard copy lodgment

Further to Practice Circular 4 of 2016, we are pleased to extend a grace period for the lodgment of Total / Partial Discharges of Mortgage in hard copy. This will give parties that wish to digitally sign these instruments time to make the necessary preparations and applications to enable them to do so.

2. The grace period is from 3 October till 31 December 2016. From 1 January 2017, the Land Titles Registry will no longer accept hard copies of Total / Partial Discharges of Mortgage unless the instruments were executed prior to 1 January 2017. For such instruments, solicitors are required to state clearly in ink the date of execution e.g. "Executed on DD/MM/YYYY" or "Executed prior to 1 January 2017".

3. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in Practice Circulars 1 of 2012 and 4 of 2016 prevents any of the hard copy instruments from being executed by the parties. However, except as provided in paragraph 2, the hard copies will not be accepted for purposes of registration.

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