

NOTICE

COURT OF KING'S BENCH OF MANITOBA

RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE COURT OF KING'S BENCH RULES

On June 10, 2026, the Court of King's Bench Statutory Rules Committee approved amendments to King's Bench Rules 4.02, 27.02, 70.24(12), 70.24(17), 74.06(2)(e), 74.06(3)(d), Forms 4A, 4C and 70BB, and Item 2 of Form 76G of the French Version of the King's Bench Rules.

The amended Rules and Forms come into force on September 1, 2026.

On June 29, 2026, the Court of King's Bench Statutory Rules Committee approved an amendment to subrules 70.24(6) and 70.24(31.1) to provide that the Associate Chief Justice (Family Division) may issue practice directions related to those Rules, which amendments come into force immediately.

Civil Proceedings

Rule 4.02.1 is added after Rule 4.02 to require that the covering page for each pleading, other than an originating process, and any notice of motion in a proceeding involving more than two parties must identify whose pleading or motion it is below the title of the proceeding (for e.g., Statement of Defence of Jane Doe, Notice of Motion of ABC Corporation).

The amendment is to help identify whose document it is where there are more than two parties. The amendment does not apply to family proceedings.

Form 4C was amended to require the email address of the lawyer who has conduct of the proceeding or the email address of a self-represented party, if available.

Rule 27.02 is replaced. The revised rule clarifies that Form 27A should be used for a counterclaim that is brought only against the plaintiff and that Form 27B should be used for a counterclaim that is brought against the plaintiff and another person who is not a party to the main action.

Family Proceedings

Subrule 70.24(12) and Form 70DD (Request For Emergent Relief) are amended to add the fourth category of emergent relief, “(d) extreme financial hardship of a party or a child of a party”, referred to in the Practice Direction issued by Associate Chief Justice Hatch on September 24, 2025.

Subrule 70.24(17) is amended to require the responding party to file their Certificate of Prerequisite Completion and triage brief no later than five days before the triage screening date.

Probate Proceedings

Clauses 74.06(2)(e) and (3)(d) are amended to indicate that where the resealing of foreign letters of administration with will annexed is requested, the proof of security required by s.49 of *The Surrogate Practice Act* must be filed.

The full text of the amendments in Manitoba Regulation numbers 66/2026 and 67/2026 can be located at:

https://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/regs/index_annual.php.

ISSUED BY:

“Original signed by Associate Chief Justice Hatch”

**The Honourable Associate Chief Justice Gwen B. Hatch
Chair, Court of King’s Bench Statutory Rules Committee
(Manitoba)**

DATE: June 30, 2026