



Coronavirus

SHERIFFDOM OF TAYSIDE, CENTRAL AND FIFE

Order of Court No 5 of 2021

in respect of Justice of the Peace Court Criminal Business – Refixing Diets

In relation to the following categories of summary criminal business calling in the weeks specified in column A of the Schedules to this Order, certain diets have been assigned for days which are no longer suitable to the court, namely:

1. All cases calling in the cited courts (including all cases calling for sentence);
2. All cases calling in the intermediate diet courts (excepting those where the accused is in custody);
3. All cases calling in the summary trials courts (excepting those where the accused is in custody);

In accordance with the power set out in section 137ZB of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 ("the 1995 Act"), the court will, of its own accord, discharge the said diets assigned for the dates specified in column A of the Schedule to this order and fix new diets as follows:

1. In respect of cases calling in the cited courts in a week on a day specified in column A of Schedule 1 to this order a new diet will be fixed for the week set out in column B of the same row in the Schedule 1;
2. In respect of all cases calling in the intermediate diet courts (excepting those where the accused is in custody) in a week specified in column A of Schedule 2 to this order, a new intermediate diet will be fixed for the week set out in column B of the same row in Schedule 2 and the trial diet will also be discharged and a new trial diet will be fixed for the week set out in column C of the same row in the Schedule 2;

3. In respect of all cases calling in the summary trials courts where an intermediate diet has been held (excepting those where the accused is in custody) in a week specified in column A of Schedule 2 to this order, a new intermediate diet will be fixed for the week set out in column B of the same row in Schedule 2 and the trial diet will also be discharged and a new trial diet will be fixed for the week set out in column C of the same row in Schedule 2;

The Sheriff Clerk will intimate to parties the new date fixed in terms of section 137ZB forthwith;

Although no cited courts will sit in this period, where letter pleas have been tendered the court in accordance with the powers set out in section 137ZB of the 1995 Act will, of its own accord (i) fix a diet to allow such cases to call for the purpose of sentencing or further procedure or (ii) fix an intermediate diet, a pre-intermediate diet meeting, and a trial diet, as appropriate.

Local guidance will be intimated for the processing of letter pleas in each of the Courts in the Sheriffdom.

Summary Sheriff McKay

25 February 2021

SCHEDULE 1

CITED COURTS

DATES APPLICABLE TO ALL TAYSIDE, CENTRAL AND FIFE COURTS

COLUMN A	COLUMN B w/c or any other suitable week thereafter
w/c 1 March 2021	w/c 19 April 2021
w/c 8 March 2021	w/c 26 April 2021
w/c 15 March 2021	w/c 3 May 2021
w/c 22 March 2021	w/c 10 May 2021
w/c 29 March 2021	w/c 17 May 2021

SCHEDULE 2.

INTERMEDIATE DIETS, WHERE THE TRIAL DIET IS SET TO CALL BEFORE THE 1ST APRIL and for TRIALS WHICH HAVE HAD AN INTERMEDIATE DIET PERTAINING TO THAT TRIAL PRIOR TO 1 MARCH

DATES APPLICABLE TO ALL TAYSIDE, CENTRAL AND FIFE COURTS

COLUMN A	COLUMN B (ID) w/c or any other suitable week thereafter	COLUMN C (Trial) w/c or any other suitable week thereafter
w/c 1 March 2021	12 July 2021	26 July 2021
w/c 8 March 2021	19 July 2021	2 August 2021
w/c 15 March 2021	26 July 2021	9 August 2021
w/c 22 March 2021	2 August 2021	16 August 2021
w/c 29 March 2021	9 August 2021	23 August 2021